



Friends of Libraries Section

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FLS Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award Nomination Packet

The Friends of Libraries Section (FLS) of the New York Library Association (NYLA) offers this annual award to honor the efforts of a volunteer member or group within the library community who have contributed to the growth of libraries or Friends of the Library organizations. With this award, FLS acknowledges not simply good work on behalf of libraries but recognizes the people who go above and beyond what is asked of them. They see a need, focus on a challenge, share goals, and commit to exceptional community service.

About the Award:

The recipient receives a plaque or other suitable award engraved with the recipient's name and year of the award. In addition, the Friends of the Library group with which the individual or group is associated will be given a one-year organizational membership in FLS. If an FLS Friends group membership is already in place, it will be extended by one year.

Nomination Process and Award Criteria:

Recipients are selected annually based on the following:

- A completed nomination form is submitted, along with supporting materials, to the FLS Casey Award Coordinator via email by the nomination deadline: 5 p.m. on June 1.
- Nomination packets can be found at www.NYLA.org/Friends > Our Awards and Scholarships. Nominations may be submitted by a library director, Friends group, or individual associated with the library and nominee.
- All nominations are reviewed by the Casey Award Coordinator and two volunteer Casey Award Readers, all of whom are FLS members. Individuals or groups are rated on the following criteria: communication skills; creativity; cooperation with staff, trustees, and, if applicable, library foundation; due diligence and oversight of nonprofit status; advocacy; inspiration; leadership; outreach; community relations; and marketing or promotion of the group.
- Nominators will be notified of the status of their proposed nomination in late summer.

Additional Details:

The award is announced at the FLS Annual Membership Meeting, held virtually, in November. Nominators and recipients may choose to have the award presented at that event or at a local event. The nominator is responsible for any local award presentation event and will attend to any planning details. An FLS representative will attend a local presentation whenever possible.

An *Honorable Mention* may be given to any candidate who has exhibited service worthy of commendation.

Questions?

Please direct questions to Lisa C. Wemett, Coordinator for the FLS Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award, at FLS.NYLA@yahoo.com. Telephone messages may be left at (315) 986-3949.

Why is the Award Named for Dan Casey?

This award was named for an advocate whose involvement in libraries began when he was appointed in 1954 to the Board of Trustees for his home library near Syracuse. Daniel W. Casey (1921-1995) went on to serve as President of the Board of the Solvay Public Library.

Dan continued to volunteer in ever-widening circles of both state and national associations of library trustees, including the New York State Association of Library Boards, Onondaga County Public Library, the Central New York Library Resources Council, and the Syracuse University Library Associates. He was elected to the councils of both the American Library Association and American Library Trustee Association, serving as President of the latter. The Board of Directors of the New York Library Association (NYLA) named him Councilor Emeritus and made him an honorary lifetime member of NYLA.

Dan advocated for libraries through his work with legislative and other government offices. He was persuasive in stating his belief in libraries and in better library services. Under New York Governors Hugh Carey and Mario Cuomo, Dan served on several statewide library committees including the NYS Board of Regents Advisory Council on Libraries.

In 1973, Richard Nixon became the first US President to name Dan to the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush reappointed Dan to this post (1985-1995) where he was an Advisory Committee Member for the 1991 White House Conference on Library and Information Services. His passion for libraries took him all over the world as a member of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). The New York Library Association recognized Dan's extraordinary contributions to library and information services by awarding him the "Outstanding Services to Libraries Award" in 1981.

Dan died suddenly in March 1995 at age 74. In October 1995, the Empire Friends added to the many awards and accolades Dan had received during his lifetime by a posthumous presentation of the "Friends Lifetime Achievement Award." The Empire Friends renamed it the "Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award" to honor the memory of one who worked as an effective library advocate for 41 years.

The nomination form and instructions are included below.



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Name of nominee/group:

Title of nominee:

Address of nominee/group:

Phone: (day) _____ (evening) _____

Nominee email:

Nominator's name:

Title:

Address of nominator:

Phone: (day) _____ (evening) _____

Nominator's email:

If the nominator is not the director of the library, please provide the following:

Name of library director:

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Email address of library director:

This library is a member of the following public library system:

The FLS Casey Award Committee will review the nomination based on each of the following selection criteria:

- communication skills
- creativity
- cooperation with staff, trustees, and if applicable, Library Foundation
- due diligence and if applicable, oversight of nonprofit status
- advocacy
- inspiration
- leadership
- outreach
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- marketing or promotion of library/group

Please provide a narrative below outlining the reasons this person/group should be considered for the award. Be as specific as possible, i.e., years of service, positions held, accomplishments, successful fundraisers, etc. Additionally, make sure to include relevant supporting materials (scans, screenshots, PDFs), such as news releases / clippings, letter(s) to the editor, promotional materials, web presence, and letter(s) in support of the nomination. **Please send all materials electronically.** Use as many pages as necessary.

Thank you for your interest, participation, and support!