



Pied Piper Award 2025

It's Time to Be Appreciated for Your Brilliant Ideas!

The Pied Piper Award recognizes excellence in the creation of an individual program that promotes service to the young people of New York State Libraries and that is replicable at other libraries. Submissions are judged on originality, program implementation, program content, and marketing. The winner will receive either a \$200.00 reward or a gift card from Barnes & Noble and have the award presented at the annual YSS Spring Conference.

Please review the criteria for submission and send all required information, including the submission form below, to the Committee Chair:

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Entries must be received by **December 6, 2024 before midnight** for programs produced between December 1, 2023 and November 30, 2024.

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Guidelines for Submission

1. All submissions must have been created and implemented in a New York State library within the twelve months prior to December 1st of the award year, i.e. between December 1, 2023 and November 30, 2024.
2. The applicant must be a current member of NYLA/YSS and working in a public library, school library, or library system in New York State. If a submission has multiple applicants, at least one applicant must be a NYLA/YSS member.
3. All materials submitted must be free of all copyright restrictions. The copyright statement on the application form must be signed.
4. Submissions should include answers to these questions:
 - a. A summary of the program and steps one could take to replicate it
 - b. Why the program addresses a need in the community
 - c. Why the program is original and creative
 - d. How your program effectively filled a need, or how you knew it was successful.
5. Submit three (3) full color sets and one (1) black and white master set of all program materials if submission is mailed, or one (1) color copy if emailed.

***Please note:**

- The winner will be announced at the 2025 YSS Spring Conference.
- The Director of the winning library will receive a letter to inform them of the award.
- YSS Executive Board members and Pied Piper Committee members may not apply for the Pied Piper Award during their term of office.
- By submitting an entry, all responsible parties agree that other librarians may use, reproduce, and/or adapt the work to their own needs, provided proper credit is given. The basic concept of the printed material or program must be relatively easy to reproduce.
- Those responsible for submission of the winning submission may be asked to do one of the following:
 - Create a presentation board to be displayed during the YSS Spring Conference.
 - Supply copies of their publication or program information for distribution to YSS members at the Spring Conference.
 - Present their program at the roundtable during NYLA Conference or the following year's YSS Spring Conference.
 - Submit the information electronically so that it may be reproduced in our YSS Newsletter or on the YSS website.



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Submission Form

Your Name: _____

Your Program's Name: _____

Library: _____

Library Director: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

By my signature below, I attest that all materials submitted for review are free of any and all copyright restrictions:

Signature

Date

Checklist:

- Submission form
- Three (3) full color set, and one (1) black and white master set of submission materials if mailed, and one (1) color copy of emailed