**Virginia Library of the Year Award**

*(Proposal for approval by VLA Council, October 2020)*

Policies:

* The committee determines whether the award is granted in any given year.
* The award is conferred upon a Virginia library (public, academic, or special), library system, or library network for distinguished achievement in service. **The library must be a member of the Virginia Library Association**. The library board or administering body, staff, and the community or campus served shall all be involved in the work for which recognition is sought.
* The award shall be based upon such activities or accomplishments including any of the following: Leadership in implementing user services that can be emulated by other libraries; Creativity and/or innovation in programming; Development of innovative partnerships through participation in networks and systems, or cooperative programming with other types of libraries or organizations; Collections based on sound selection policies; Changes or improvements in physical facilities resulting in better services; Development of opportunities for professional growth and job satisfaction for all employees.

The Award

* The award consists of a certificate or plaque presented at the Annual Conference.