



Georgia School Library Media Specialist of the Year

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GLMA and GAIT (Georgia Association of Instructional Technology) co-sponsor the Georgia School Library Media Specialist of the Year award to recognize K-12 library media specialists with dynamic, innovative programs and whose instructional collaborations foster student engagement and achievement. Additionally, LMSOTY finalists are leaders within their school buildings and in the greater community of library media specialists.

Rules and Procedures:

1. Applicants must be currently assigned to a building level library media center, have three or more years of experience as a library media specialist, and be a member of one of the sponsoring organizations.
2. Any member of the LMSOTY Committee who is nominated for the award must resign from the committee but not from the Board of Directors. Any member(s) of the governing board who is/are nominated for the award shall abstain from voting on matters related to the award during their term of office. Therefore, current members of the GAIT & GLMA Board of Directors are eligible for the award.
3. Administrators, teachers, parents or other library media specialists may submit recommendations for System Level Library Media Specialist of the Year to the School System Library Media Committee.
4. The School System Library Media Committee will review the recommendations and applications and select a Library Media Specialist of the Year to recognize and honor at the system level and will also handle local recognition in the news media. The system level winner should complete the online LMSOTY application no later than **March 17, 2017**.
5. Each GLMA district chair will convene a committee to review the system level applications in order to select a district winner by **April 14, 2017**. From these district winners, the Georgia Library Media Specialist of the Year (LMSOTY) will be chosen from a group of GAIT and GLMA members by **May 12, 2017**.
6. District chairs are encouraged to make recommendations from within the district. The district chair or his/her delegate should see that area newspapers are notified of the selection of this person.

Prizes for Recipients:

- **System Level Recipients** – Prize determined by each local school system.
- **District Level Recipients** - \$50.00 prize and a plaque commemorating the LMSOTY distinction
- **State Level Recipient** - \$200.00, a plaque commemorating the LMSOTY state honor, and a one-year membership to GAIT and GLMA.

Library Media Specialist of the Year Application

Please note that this form is designed for local school systems to use in determining a school system level winner. Applicants that advance to the next level are required to have a letter of recommendation.

Name:

School email:

Home / alternate email:

Home address:

School phone number:

Home / cell phone number:

Which organization do you belong to: GLMA, GAIT, or both?

School Information

School Name:

What grades does your school serve?

Approximately how many students attend your school?

School address:

Biographical Information

Please describe your educational background by listing your degrees, certifications, schools attended and dates.

Please list your professional achievements, honors, awards, publications, and/or leadership roles.

Essay Questions

For each question below, please limit your response to 1500 characters or approximately 300 words.

- 1. Vision: As a library media specialist, describe your philosophy, vision, and/or mission.**
- 2. Instructional Partnership: Describe how you build collaborative partnerships that positively impact teachers and students.**
- 3. Role of Reading: Describe how you promote a culture of reading.**
- 4. Information and Technology Literacy: Explain how you incorporate educational technology into your media program.**
- 5. Instructional Leadership: Discuss how you work with other instructional leaders to develop and implement a shared vision for your media program.**
- 6. Effective Practices for Research: As a media specialist, how do you develop research skills in your students?**
- 7. Positive Learning Environment: Describe the learning environment in your library media center.**
- 8. Professionalism: What professional learning do you engage in, and how do you contribute to the larger community of library media specialists?**

Support

Who has impacted your work as a library media specialist the most? Describe this person and how he or she has supported you.