Southern Tier Library System

Coordinated Outreach Services Advisory Council (COSAC)

**2016 GRASS ROOTS AWARD**

Given in recognition of exemplary library outreach service

Nominating Guidelines:

1. Library directors, staff, board members, volunteers, partner agencies/organizations and, above all, patrons (service recipients) may nominate a Southern Tier Library System (STLS) public library, reading center, or branch library for this award.
2. Nominations may be for a library’s overall service to outreach populations, a particular outreach program or service, or for an individual or group of individuals who make a library’s outreach program possible.
3. For the purposes of this award, services/programs must be offered to community members who belong to at least one of the eight coordinated outreach grant populations:

* People who are Blind or who have a Physical Disability
* Seniors
* People who have a Developmental or Learning Disability
* People living in Institutionalized Settings
* Members of Ethnic or Minority Groups in need of special services
* People who are Educationally Disadvantaged
* People who are Unemployed or Underemployed
* People who are Geographically Isolated

1. Applications must be emailed to Alfonso Oliveras ([oliverasa@stls.org](mailto:oliverasa@stls.org)). Information such as circulation statistics, documentation of special events, number of outreach visits to key locations, volunteer recruitment efforts, and proof of public relations and promotional efforts is encouraged in addition to anecdotal information. Supporting documents such as publicity flyers, program announcements, letters of support from program participants are encouraged and should be included.
2. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year, but must be received at STLS by the deadline date. No late applications will be accepted.
3. The Coordinated Outreach Services Advisory Committee will review applications and select the award recipient. No more than one award in each category will be given. Announcement and presentation of the award will be made at the STLS Annual Meeting.
4. Questions should be addressed to Alfonso Oliveras at STLS 607-962-3141 ext. 212; oliverasa@stls.org.

**GRASS ROOTS AWARD Application**

Library or individual nominated: Click here to enter text.

Person submitting application: Click here to enter text.

Contact info: Click here to enter text.

Nomination is for: overall library service  a specific service individual(s)

Adult Outreach population(s) being served by this program *(check all that apply)*:

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Program Description:

Click here to enter text.

Please email your application to Alfonso Oliveras, Deputy Director, at [oliverasa@stls.org](mailto:oliverasa@stls.org) by **August 31, 2016.**