Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi presents an annual "Excellence in Librarianship" Award to honor a professional librarian who has demonstrated excellence in the practice of librarianship. The award recognizes a librarian who has made an outstanding contribution to the Library, to the University, or the Library Profession in any aspect of librarianship.

Award

The winner of the University "Excellence in Librarianship" Award will be recognized annually at the appropriate award ceremony and receive a $1,000 cash award. The winner will also be presented with a memento of the award.

Eligibility

All candidates are required to be full time employees in at least their 5th year of service with Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi at the time of their application. Candidates who won the award in the previous year are not eligible for a consecutive award.

Nominations

Nominations may be made by students, faculty, administrators, or librarians. Self-nominations are also encouraged.

Nomination portfolios should include the following

- Current vitae
- A 1-2 page narrative describing the nominee’s library experience and achievements.
- Documentation of excellence in the area or areas under consideration,
- Two letters of commendation from appropriate faculty, colleagues, or others able to speak to the effectiveness of the nominee

The portfolio may be submitted either electronically (faculty.senate@tamucc.edu) or in hardcopy form to the Faculty Senate Office, Library room 218.

Selection Criteria

Criteria for the Excellence in Librarianship Award include:

1. Significant contribution to the Library’s mission, effectiveness, or efficiency. Examples of excellence
in this endeavor might include the development of a new program to provide services to a group of library users, enhancing the ability of the library to perform its mission, or implementing technology that will enhance users’ ability to use the library effectively.

2. Significant contribution to the Library’s role as teacher, or instruction in the use of information resources. Examples of excellence in this endeavor might include successful outreach to a previously unserved or under-served segment of the university, development of resources to increase information literacy among students, or collaboration with faculty to improve students’ use and knowledge of library resources.

3. Significant contribution to the Library, the University, the Library Profession, or the Community-at-large, in terms of service. This includes serving on or chairing committees for the Library, the University, the Library Profession, or the Community.

4. Significant contribution in scholarly or creative works, as defined in University Procedure 12.01.99.C1.04 Descriptions of Teaching, Scholarship and Service. This includes scholarly works such as presentations, papers, or poster sessions presented at conferences or within the University. It also includes research, library-related or otherwise, written articles, or serving as editor for publications. Scholarly work may also include pathfinders, research guides, bibliographies, or web-based tutorials.

The Awards, Bylaws, and Elections (ABE) committee will review the portfolios and send a ranked list of finalists to the provost’s office for selection of a winner.

**Timeline 2015-2016**

- **November 2, 2015**
  - Competition begins

- **Noon, January 29, 2016**
  - Nomination forms due

- **February 12, 2016**
  - Finalists notified

- **Noon, February 26, 2016**
  - Final applications due

- **Mid-April, 2016**
  - Awardees recognized

**Questions:** Please contact Dr. Joseph S. Mollick, Chair, Awards, Bylaws and Elections (ABE) Committee E-mail: joseph.mollick@tamucc.edu