MPLA Awards Committee October report

The MPLA Awards Committee is just beginning its duties.

• The nomination form, appearing on the MPLA website, needs just a little updating. The deadline for nominations will be January 15th, 2010, to allow those wishing to make a nomination a little more time after the holidays and to encourage school librarians to participate.

• A conference call will be scheduled in early November with committee members to review the awards process, and to discuss ways of communicating.

• Emails to MPLA members and to libraries in the MPLA area will be used to encourage participation and nominations for the five awards.

• Nominations will be solicited through state publications wherever available.

• Committee members will use Airset to view nominations as they are received. We may also use a second webconferencing site, depending on availability, at <u>www.dimdim.com</u>.

• Webconferencing and the Airset site should allow committee members an easy way to review applications. A date in late January will be set for a conference call to discuss the applications and make some determinations about the winners of each award.

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