

The International Literacy Association (ILA) Maryann Manning Special Service Award is a nonmonetary award given annually to an individual who has demonstrated a lifelong commitment of exceptional and distinguished service to the field of literacy. ILA members apply or are nominated by peers for this award.

Submission Timeline

- Opens week of **November 15, 2020**
- Closes **March 15, 2021**
- Applicants are notified of the results via email by the **end of June 2021**

Candidate Qualifications

- Must be an ILA member
- Admirable service to the field of literacy in some specific capacity or capacities requiring special skills, knowledge, and creative effort
- Achievement of results that demonstrate support for the field of literacy
- Exceptionally generous and tireless giving of time and talents as a committee member, local/state/provincial/national chapter or affiliate officer

To become an ILA member or renew membership, please contact ILA Customer Service at 800.336.7323, 302.731.1600, or customerservice@reading.org. To join or renew online, please visit <https://literacyworldwide.org/membership>.

How to Apply/Nominate

Complete your nomination using [our online application process](#).

Review Procedures and Evaluation Criteria

- Applications will be reviewed by members of the Maryann Manning Special Service Award Committee.
- Decisions will be based on the quality of the application, relevance to the award's intent, and the quality of supporting materials.
- The award will be made only in those years when the committee concludes there is an application of high quality.

Please direct any questions to ILAAwards@reading.org.