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

- Open date: Rolling
- Deadline: Though submissions are accepted on a rolling basis, the cutoff for the 2022 awards cycle is March 15, 2022. (Note: All submissions received after this date will be held for consideration the following award year.)
- Applicants are notified of the results via email by mid-June.

Qualifications

- Nominees must have current ILA membership.
- Nominees must admirably serve the field of literacy in some specific capacity or capacities requiring special skills, knowledge, and creative effort.
- Nominees must achieve results that demonstrate support for the field of literacy.
- Nominees must be exceptionally generous and tirelessly 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 literacyworldwide.org/membership.

How to Apply/Nominate

Begin 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.