



# Friends of Libraries Section

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*FLS creates a network to connect and inspire Friends groups  
in all types of libraries to support the New York library community.*

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## **FLS Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award**

The Friends of the Library Section (FLS) of NYLA offers this annual award to honor a volunteer member or group within the library community whose efforts have contributed to the growth of libraries or Friends organizations.

The Casey Award recognizes not simply good work on behalf of libraries, but recognizes the people who go above and beyond what is asked of them. They see a need, focus on a challenge, share goals and commit to exceptional community service.

### **About the Award:**

The recipient receives a plaque or other suitable award engraved with the recipient's name and year of the award. In addition, a one-year organizational membership in FLS for the Friends of the Library group with which the individual or group is associated will be given. If an FLS Friends group membership is already in place, it will be extended by one year. This is a new benefit beginning in 2021.

### **Why is the Award Named for Dan Casey?**

The Scholarship is named in honor of Daniel W. Casey, who was known as Mr. Library for his tireless advocacy on behalf of libraries at international, national, state, county and local levels.

Dan paved the way for libraries in legislative and other government offices with his persistence in stating his belief in libraries and in better library services. His involvement in libraries began with his appointment to the Solvay, NY Public Libraries Board of Trustees in 1954. From that beginning, he went on to become President of the Solvay Public Library Board, the New York State Association of Library Boards (NYSALB) and the American Library Association. He was an honorary Life Member of the New York Library Association and served on the NYLA Council as Councilor Emeritus.

Dan served on several statewide library committees under Governors Hugh Carey and Mario Cuomo. Presidents Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan, and George H. W. Bush named him to the US Commission on Libraries and Informational Services. In 1988, Dan was appointed chair of the Commission.

Dan also gave his service to other boards including the Onondaga County Public Library, Central New York Resources Council, Syracuse University Library Associates and the Empire Friends Roundtable (EFR).

In 1995, The Empire Friends added to the many awards Dan had received by a posthumous presentation of the EFR "Library Advocacy Award" and renaming it the Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award to honor the memory of someone who worked as an effective library advocate for 41 years.

### **Application Process and Award Criteria:**

Recipients are chosen annually and consideration is based on the following:

- ✓ A completed nomination form is submitted, along with supporting materials, to the FLS Casey Award Coordinator **either** via e-mail **or** mail by the nomination deadline of June 1. Please submit in one format only, electronic or paper.
- ✓ Nominations may be submitted by a library director, Friends group, or individual associated with the library and nominee. Nomination packets can be found at [www.NYLA.org/friends](http://www.NYLA.org/friends) > Awards and Scholarships.
- ✓ The Nomination is reviewed by the Casey Award Coordinator and 2 volunteer Casey award readers, all of whom are FLS Members. Nomination forms are reviewed and rated on the following criteria: communication skills; creativity; cooperation with staff, trustees, and Library Foundation; due diligence and oversight of non-profit status; advocacy; inspiration; leadership; outreach; community relations; and marketing or promotion of the group.
- ✓ Nominators will be notified of the status of the award application in late summer.

### **Additional Details:**

The award is announced at the FLS Annual Membership Meeting (generally held in November). Recipients may choose to receive their award at that event or the award may be given at a local event. The nominator is responsible for any local award event and presentation and will attend to any details. An FLS representative will attend a local presentation whenever possible.

A Certificate of Merit may be sent to any candidate who has exhibited service worthy of commendation.

### **Questions?**

Please direct question to Helen Rados at 845-796-4738 (leave a message) or email at [hrados@gmail.com](mailto:hrados@gmail.com)



## FLS Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award Nomination Form 2021

The Friends of Libraries Section of NYLA offers this award to honor a volunteer member or group within the library community whose efforts have contributed to the growth of libraries or Friends organizations.

To submit a nomination please complete this form and email it, along with any accompanying documentation, to Helen Rados, Casey Library Advocacy Award Coordinator, at [hrados@gmail.com](mailto:hrados@gmail.com). As an alternate option, you may submit three copies of the completed form along with three sets of any supporting materials by mail to: Helen Rados, 33 Goldfarb Road, Harris, NY 12742. Please submit your nomination in one format only (electronic or paper).

For additional information about this award visit [www.nyla.org/friends](http://www.nyla.org/friends), then go to the *Awards and Scholarships* page. Email questions to Helen or contact her at 845-866-2565. Please leave a message.

All nominations must be received by 5 p.m. on **June 1**.

Name of nominee/group:

Title of nominee:

Address of nominee/group:

Phone: (day)  
(evening)

Nominee email:

Nominator's name:

Title:

Address of nominator:

Phone: (day)  
(evening)

Nominator's email:

*If the nominator is not the director of the library, please provide the following:*

Name of library director:

Email address of library director:

Please list below reasons for nominating this person/group. Be as specific as possible, i.e., years of service, positions held, accomplishments, successful fund-raisers, etc. The Casey Award Committee will review each nomination based on the following selection criteria: communication skills; creativity; cooperation with staff, trustees, and Library Foundation; due diligence and oversight of nonprofit status; advocacy; inspiration; leadership; outreach; community relations; and marketing or promotion of group.

Additionally, make sure to include relevant supporting materials, such as news releases/clippings, letter(s) to the editor, promotional materials, web presence, letter(s) of support, etc. Electronic versions are preferred. If you are sending three hard copies of supporting materials, no materials will be returned. Use as many pages as necessary.

**Thank you for your interest, participation, and support!**