Reader for FLS Award  
Friends of Libraries Section

**Term of office:** Appointed by Section President for a renewable one-year term. The appointment for this position does not require approval by the FLS Executive Board. Start and end dates coincide with the NYLA Annual Conference.

**Election cycle:** This position is not an elected office.

**Current Awards:** Scholarship Awards (Randall Enos Conference Scholarship, FLS Dewey Fellowship) and the Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award. Each award review committee requires a minimum of two readers to work under the direction of the Coordinator of the award.

**Recruitment and Membership Involvement:** Reader positions present an opportunity for involvement in the work of the Section for a focused period of time. Suggestions of reader candidates are encouraged from members of the FLS Board and the award coordinators. The volunteer reader must be a member of the Friends of Libraries Section. These positions should be considered entry-level and the President should strive for geographic diversity when recruiting volunteers and making the appointments. It is permissible for members of the Executive Board to serve in these positions. Consideration can be given to appointing the outgoing award coordinator as a reader to draw upon the coordinator’s experience and improve continuity.

**Timetable of Volunteer Commitment:** Award deadlines are June 1. Readers need to be available from June 1 through the middle of July to complete their work.

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

1. Upon receipt of nomination materials from the award coordinator, reviews the nomination packets utilizing criteria for the award.

2. Selects the award recipient and prepares recommendation for consideration.

3. Attends in-person or online meeting(s) (e.g., conference call, web conferencing) with other readers and the award coordinator to reach consensus on a recipient and make a final recommendation to the FLS Board.

4. Provides input and recommendations to the award coordinator for any future revisions of the criteria for the award.

**Outcome of Readers’ Work:** Determination of the award is presented by the award coordinator as a resolution to be approved by the FLS Executive Board at a regularly scheduled meeting of the FLS Board. Timetables vary depending on the award (e.g., the Dewey Fellowship must be approved by NYLA Council).