Dan Casey, a resident of Solvay, NY, was known as “Mr. Library” for his tireless advocacy on behalf of libraries at international, national, state, county, and local levels.

His involvement in libraries began with his appointment to the Solvay Public Library’s board of trustees in 1954. From that beginning he went on to become president of the Solvay Public Library, the New York State Association of Library Boards, and the American Library Trustee Association. He was an honorary life member of the New York Library Association.


Service on other boards included the Onondaga County Public Library, Central New York Library Resources Council, Syracuse University Library Associates, and The Empire Friends Roundtable.

In 1995 the Empire Friends added to the many awards Dan had received by a posthumous presentation of the Empire Friends Library Advocacy Award and the renaming of the award in his honor.
This award honors a volunteer member or a group of the library community whose efforts have contributed to the growth of libraries or Friends of the Library organizations.

**Award Winners**

2017  
Colleen Powers  
Friends of Wadsworth Library

2016  
Anne Andrianos  
Friends of Onondaga Free Library

2015  
Don Riplinger  
Friends & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library

The Casey Award was given annually from 1993 - 2014 by the Empire Friends Roundtable. FLS is proud to continue this long-standing tradition. For a list of previous recipients or award information visit [www.NYLA.org/Friends](http://www.NYLA.org/Friends).