

Florence Thorp Memorial Leadership Scholarship

Purpose: Support MICUA staff participation in the Maryland Library Leadership Institute (MLLI)

Who can apply? Librarians who have been nominated to attend the Maryland Library Leadership Institute by their Directors

Award: \$500

Application Process: Submit the following documents to the Chair, MICUA Library Directors Roundtable:

- Cover letter describing details relevant to the Scholarship application (e.g. qualifications, what you plan to gain from participating in the MLLI, etc.)
- Copy of application submitted to the Maryland Library Leadership Institute
- Letter from Library Director
 - Articulating financial need for scholarship support
- Notification of acceptance into the Institute

Evaluation of candidates:

- MICUA subcommittee of 3 members (members from institutions submitting applications will need to recuse themselves)

Evaluation Criteria:

- Leadership potential
- Active participation in the profession
 - Committee work (local, regional, national)
 - Publication (journals, blogs, etc)
 - Presentations (local, regional, national)
- Financial need

Important Dates:

- February 23 – Scholarship application documents due
- April 20 – Notification of Institute acceptance due
- May 18 – Candidates notified of actions on scholarship applications

Dedication:

This scholarship is dedicated in loving memory to our colleague Florence Thorp who passed away on October 3, 2011 after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Florence joined MICA in July, 2001 as Director of the Media Resources Collection. She was promoted in June, 2009 to Director of the Decker Library when the Library and Media Resources were merged into a single department. Florence was a gifted artist who enjoyed drawing and painting. She graduated from Hartwick College, Oneonta, with a Bachelors Degree in Art History in 1993 and, in 2000 Florence received her Master's Degree in Library

Science from Syracuse University. She was one of the best of us, a consummate professional, always with a smile and a wonderfully mischievous sense of humor. She will be tremendously missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Publicity:

- MICUA Directors listserv
- Maryland Library Leadership Institute web site
- MLA website
- MLA Listserv

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