



California Librarians Black Caucus

Joyce Madkins Sumbi Emerging Leaders Award

Purpose

The **Joyce Sumbi Emerging Leaders Award** is granted to a librarian who, through his or her practice and example, provides inspiration and leadership in promoting exemplary library services to individuals of all ages and ethnicities. This award recognizes a librarian in California for worthwhile professional contributions to promote access and promotional opportunities for all. It seeks to encourage librarians to pursue mid- or high-level administrative positions in order to successfully effect change benefitting library users, potential librarians, and colleagues. Conferences, workshops, or other continuing education activities may be used to assist with this mission. The award consists of \$500.00 and a citation.

Eligible Candidates

Candidates:

- Must be a graduate with a Masters of Library Science degree from an ALA accredited college or university
- Must be currently employed in a library in California
- Must have at least five years of progressive library experience
- Must be either in a supervisory, managerial, or coordinator position
- Must be a member of a state or national library association/organization
- Must be able to attend the Leimert Park Book Village Book Fair, **June 25, 2011** in Los Angeles, CA.

Award criteria

Specific contributions may include, but are not limited to:

- Recruitment of librarians of color to the profession
- Planning or implementation of programs reaching ethnically and culturally diverse library users
- Advocacy for recruitment of ethnically and culturally diverse librarians to the profession
- Research and scholarship regarding effective models for exemplary service to library users
- Professional development programming to promote leadership and managerial qualities in librarians
- Mentoring of librarians of color to promote excellence in the profession

Award Description

Joyce Sumbi was a mentor and an inspiration to librarians throughout the state. This award is named in her honor because she was an exceptional leader, organizer, innovator, visionary, storyteller, writer-researcher and tireless community advocate for excellence in library services. She was hired in 1960 by the County of Los Angeles Public Library and served in various positions for 32 years. Mrs. Sumbi was the first African American librarian to serve as Regional Administrator of ten cities and seventeen branch libraries in the Los Angeles County area.

Submission of Applications

Nominations are due by June 15, 2011. Candidates will complete the nomination form which includes contact information and a formal statement describing the nominee's achievements. Winners are selected based on the merit and significance of their contribution(s) and their demonstrated capacity for increasing their leadership role in the profession. Send completed applications as an email attachment to: Stephanie Brasley (scholarship@clbc.org). In the subject line, put: **Sumbi Award**.

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Nomination Form**

All fields on this form are mandatory

Nominator:

Contact Name: _____

Relationship to nominee: Self _____ Colleague _____ Manager/Administrator _____ Other _____

Place of Employment: _____

Job Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

Nominee:

Nominee Name: _____

Relationship to nominee: Self _____ Colleague _____ Manager/Administrator _____ Other _____

Place of Employment: _____

Job Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

Explain in one page or less why you are nominating this person and how the individual fits the award criteria. If you are submitting any supporting materials, please limit to one additional page. Thank you.