



**Pennsylvania School Librarians Association  
Annual Committee Report**

Committee work covering the period  
July 2016-March 2017

**Date:** 3/30/2017

**Committee:** Awards

**Chairperson(s):** Lauren Strohecker and Melissa Daugherty

**Summary of Completed Tasks:**

- Lauren Strohecker assumed position of Co-Chair.
- The committee worked to revise and streamline its award policies.
- The committee evaluated and scored nominations for each of its principal awards.
- 2017 PSLA Award Winners are:
  - Outstanding Administrator: Dr. Sandra Lemmon, Superintendent, Southern York County School District
  - Outstanding Library Program (Individual): The Baldwin School, Bryn Mawr, PA; Lisa Lopez-Carickhoff, Lauren Friedman-Way, Sharon Nardelli, and Emily Woodward, Librarians
  - Outstanding Library Program (District): Hempfield School District, Landisville, PA
  - Outstanding PA Author/Illustrator: Jennifer L. Holm
  - “Me? A School Librarian?” Contest: Madisyn Hale, Hempfield Area High School; Nichole Owens, Sponsoring Librarian
- PA Young Readers Choice Award
  - Ellen Stolarski assumed the role of co-coordinator of the PA Young Readers Choice Award.
  - The committee met throughout the year to curate book lists for the 2017-18 program. The final list was distributed via the PSLA listserv, the schools listserv, and the website/wiki. Nominations are also open for next year’s list.

- 199 schools submitted votes during the 2016-17 program.
- 2017 winners are:
  - Grades K-3: *A Friend for Lakota: The Incredible True Story of a Wolf Who Braved Bullying*, by Jim Dutcher & Jamie Dutcher (3,506 votes)
  - Grades 3-6: *Sunny Side Up*, by Jennifer L. Holm & Matthew Holm (2,224 votes)
  - Grades 6-8: *Fish in a Tree*, by Lynda Hullaly Hunt (431 votes)
  - Young Adult: *Everything, Everything*, by Nicola Yoon (189 votes)

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lauren Strohecker and Melissa Daugherty  
Co-Chairs, Awards Committee