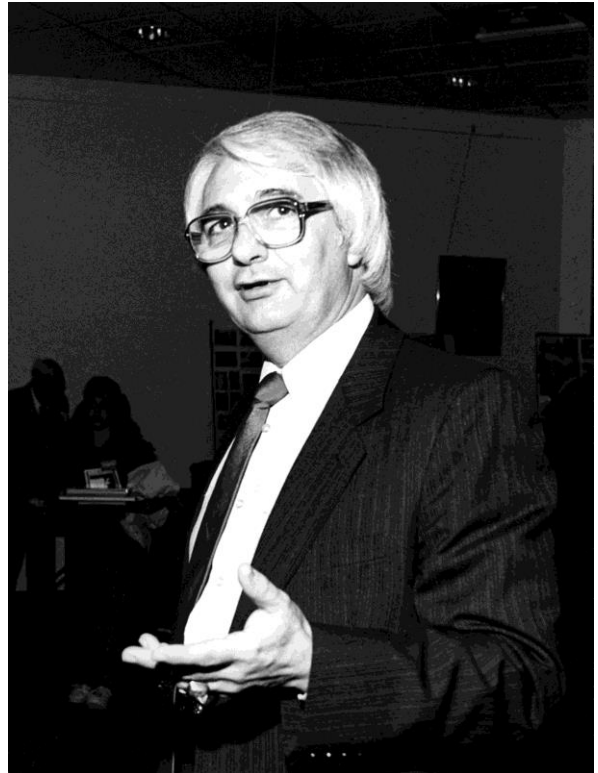


The Peter J. Bassnett Award for Professional Development

Named in honour of Peter J. Bassnett, the Peter J. Bassnett Award for Professional Development recognizes Mr. Bassnett's contributions to the development of public library services by supporting library staff pursuing a career in public libraries and rewarding eligible library staff for outstanding achievement in the areas of library/information studies, public administration, management studies and/or other studies furthering their library career.

Peter J. Bassnett was devoted to a life of books and learning. As CEO of Scarborough Public Libraries for 20 years, he oversaw the expansion of the Scarborough Public Library system and promoted the accessibility of books and libraries. While seconded to the Ontario Public Libraries Program Review, his recommendations formed a major part of the province's new Public Libraries Act in 1984.



The award provides a \$1,000 tuition scholarship to Library staff members pursuing a career in public libraries and rewards staff for outstanding achievements.

The award will be administered and its recipients chosen by the Toronto Public Library Foundation. The Foundation will disburse one or two awards of **\$1,000** annually until the Peter J. Bassnett Memorial Fund is diminished.

Notice of availability of the award will be made by **March** of the disbursement year.

Eligibility Information

Qualified candidates for the award include:

1. Permanent library staff members who have successfully completed at least one course towards their degree in library/information studies or TPL staff who are furthering their public library career through courses in public administration, management studies and/or other studies furthering their career at the library, and have completed at least one course in this area.
2. Library staff who have successfully completed the application process for the award.

Application Information

1. Complete all of the sections of this application. All information must be typed directly on the application form or on additional paper. Handwritten applications will not be considered.
2. References must accompany the application. Please do not supply more than two letters of reference. One reference should be from your current Library Service Manager, Area Manager or equivalent.
3. Applications must be received no later than **Tuesday, May 19, 2020**.

Please submit completed applications to:

Toronto Public Library Foundation, 789 Yonge Street, Toronto, ON M4W 2G8
Attn: Director, Legacy Gifts

Applications may be submitted via email to lfernandes@torontopubliclibrary.ca with the subject line: 2020 Award Application. However, the entire application with all components (application, references and transcript) must be submitted in one email.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the completed application form and supporting documentation are received by the Toronto Public Library Foundation on or prior to the deadline date.

4. Successful applicants will be notified by **Friday, July 31, 2020**.

Award Criteria

1. Applicant fulfills eligibility requirements as listed above
2. Applicant can demonstrate outstanding achievement in the areas of library/information studies, public administration and/or management studies through library service as indicated in their essay and references and through academic standing.

Dates and Deadlines

Application Deadline: Tuesday, May 19, 2020.

Notification Date: Friday, July 31, 2020. Successful candidate will be notified by the Foundation. The award will be formally presented at the Staff Recognition Event in November. The successful candidate will make every possible effort to be present at this event.

Contact Information

For more information, please contact Liza Fernandes at 416-397-5924 or lfernandes@tlp.ca.

Appendices

Application Form, Reference Form