

## Helen M. Eckard<sup>1</sup> Award

<b>Sponsor:</b>	IMLS*
<b>Purpose:</b>	To honor innovative and exemplary use of PLSC and Public Library data.
<b>Eligibility:</b>	Anyone who uses one or more items of PLSC data in a publicly released product (e.g., book, video, article, brochure).
<b>Criteria:</b>	The winning entry(ies) submitted must possess two or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- clear concept(s)</li><li>- attractive graphics</li><li>- actual or potential effectiveness in promoting libraries</li><li>- reasoned and meritorious use of the data in describing or analyzing an issue</li></ul>
<b>Number:</b>	Up to five awards may be made in one year or the Awards Committee may make no award.
<b>Timing:</b>	This will be an annual competition but eligibility is not limited to any particular year.
<b>Nominations:</b>	The following are invited to nominate entries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- State Data Coordinators</li><li>- members of COSLA</li><li>- members of PLSC Steering Committee</li><li>- users of PLSC data</li><li>- Federal, State and local governmental officials</li></ul> Self nominations are encouraged.
<b>Procedure:</b>	Candidates should submit four copies to the Chair of the PLSC Data Use Subcommittee by <b>September 1</b> of each year. Send to: Keith Curry Lance RSL Research Group 5653 W. 118th Circle Westminster, CO 80020-5957 Telephone: 303-466-1860; Fax: N/A E-mail: <a href="mailto:keithlance@comcast.net">keithlance@comcast.net</a>
<b>Award Committee:</b>	Members of the Data Use Subcommittee (other than those who may submit nominations or entries) will serve as jury.
<b>Form of Award:</b>	Engraved Plaque

<sup>1</sup> The late Mrs. Eckard was an NCES staff member who provided outstanding leadership as a professional librarian for the support of the Library Statistics Program.

\*Formerly NCES/NCLIS. [The President's Budget Request for 2008](#) included funds for the Institute of Museum and Library Services to administer the Public Library Survey and the State Library Agency Survey, effective October 1, 2007.