Periodically there will be guest posts to the RUSA Presidents message. Thanks to current CODES Chair Sarah Hashimoto for the post below.

Do you know someone who deserves extraordinary recognition for contributing to book or media reviewing? Of course you do!

The Louis Shores Award Committee seeks to identify individuals or groups (librarians, editors, reviewers, review sources, or organizations) with significant achievements in the book reviewing process.

All kinds of reviewing are considered, from a library review blog, to a significant body of work as a reviewer, to those employed as book review editors and publishers. Digital and in-print work, regardless of format, is considered equally.

This is a great opportunity to recognize the colleagues who help review and suggest great books and core titles.

The Louis Shores Award Committee is currently inviting nominations for the 2024 recipient. The award will be presented at the Achievement Virtual Awards Ceremony on July 25, 2024, and includes a citation.

To submit a nomination, please send a completed nomination form and a letter using the web form at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScUUih9lfTISZWyjz8Jz3t5UH9HLRmoRJewNU7LV-sfYARXmQ/viewform.

The letter should outline the nominee’s contribution to the reviewing of books and other materials for libraries. Highlight how the reviewer’s body of work, or the review source, is significant to the library profession. Explain how the reviews/source serve as a model of quality, insight, and presentation or innovatively advance the role of reviews in selection and collection development. Please include examples, links, and other supporting documents if possible.

Additional information is available online https://www.ala.org/rusa/codes-louis-shores-award.

All letters and documentation must be received by February 17, 2024.

Please pass this message on to all interested colleagues. Questions should be directed to committee chair Erin Wen, ewen@daytonmetrolibrary.org.