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Call for Nominations for the James Madison Award and the Eileen Cooke State & Local Madison Award

The James Madison Award and the Eileen Cooke State & Local Madison Award are to be presented at Freedom of Information Day on March 16, 2007, and we are now accepting nominations!

Each year, the James Madison Award and the Eileen Cooke State & Local Madison Award are presented by the American Library Association on Freedom of Information Day to recognize those individuals or groups that have championed, protected, and promoted public access to government information and the public's right to know.

The award named for President James Madison was established in 1986 and is presented annually on the anniversary of his birth. The award named for Eileen Cooke, former director of the ALA Washington Office, honors an extraordinary leader in building grassroots awareness of core library issues including access to information. Cooke was a tireless advocate for the public's right to know and a mentor to many librarians and trustees.

2007 marks the 41st anniversary of the Freedom of Information Act, the third year that ALA will present the Eileen Cooke Madison Award, and the 18th year that ALA will present the James Madison award.

Please send nominations to mnisbet@alawash.org by February 16, 2007.

About Freedom of Information Day

Freedom of Information Day is an annual event on or near March 16, the birthday of James Madison. Madison is widely regarded as the Father of the Constitution and as the foremost advocate for openness in government. More information will be available at the [ALA Washington Office web site](#) under "Events."

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