



Fifth Annual Gale/LIBRARY MEDIA CONNECTION TEAMS Award

Teachers And Media Specialists Influencing Student Achievement

The **Gale/Library Media Connection TEAMS Award** recognizes and encourages the critical collaboration between the teacher and media specialist to promote learning, increase student achievement and develop 21st century skills.

Three winners will receive: \$2,500 (U.S.) cash award; Gale products (approximate value \$500 U.S.); a one-year subscription to **Library Media Connection**; and your choice of professional publications from Linworth Books (approximate value \$800 U.S.). In addition, the winners will be featured in an article in **Library Media Connection** in the 2009 school year.

A panel comprised of education industry professionals and Gale staff will evaluate the nominations based on:

- Demonstrated collaboration between media specialists and teachers during the 2008/09 school year
- Effective techniques that positively impact student learning and achievement (State and National Standards)
- Support received from school leadership
- Ability for others to replicate this best practice

Awards will be presented at a special reception held in conjunction with the American Association of School Librarians in 2009.

Who is eligible

All K-12 public and private schools in the United States and Canada

Examples of the types of collaboration that will be considered:

- Using libraries to spark interest in history (E.B. Williams Stoner Hill Elementary School – 2005 winner)
- Using simulation to cover complex material (Renwick USD 267 – 2006 winner)
- Working with agencies and societies to teach history (Helena Middle School – 2006 winner)
- Utilizing libraries to explore world cultures (Bowling Green High School – 2006 winner)

Submission Requirements

- The nomination may be submitted by a library media specialist(s), teacher(s), principal(s), student(s) or parent(s) at www.galeschools.com/TEAMS
- All nominations must be postmarked by **June 15, 2009**.
- There is no entry fee. However, each nomination must include six (6) copies of:
 1. A completed submission form with appropriate attachments
 2. A one-page letter of recommendation from your school's principal or assistant principal
 3. A signed release form (found at www.galeschools.com/TEAMS)
 4. A photograph of the collaborating media specialist/teaching team

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SUBMISSION FORM

Name of School: _____

Address: _____

Names of nominees and their titles: _____

Phone numbers for each: _____

E-mail addresses for each: _____

Please check type of school:

Single public school Private or independent school Other, please describe _____

Indicate grade levels served: _____ Enrollment: _____

How many people does the school library serve? _____

What is the average class size? _____

What is your school library's total annual materials budget? _____

Signatures (Each applicant must sign and date the form): _____

Please answer the following questions. Send six (6) copies of your answers.

1. Explain the 2008/09 school year collaborative endeavor in detail: the problem or need addressed, the strategies, goals and how the nominees were able to meet objectives. (Include information on timeframe, partnerships, funding sources and budget, if applicable, to achieve those goals and objectives).
(500 word limit)
2. Explain how the nominees were able to obtain buy-in from the principal or other necessary parties.
(150 word limit)
3. Detail long-term strategy for success and how the nominees plan to sustain this collaboration or expand it to other students, classes, grades or subjects during the next school year. (500 word limit)
4. Explain how the impact of the program was measured. Statistics, benchmarks or anecdotal information is required. (500 word limit)

Entries must be postmarked by June 15, 2009.

Please mail six (6) copies and e-mail your submission to teamsaward@cengage.com

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