

Kay Mervar Outstanding Reading Educator Award Committee

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In April, 1998, the CCIRA Board of Directors voted to rename the Outstanding Reading Educator Award, the Kay Mervar Outstanding Reading Educator Award, in honor of CCIRA Vice President, Kay Mervar, who passed away on March 12, 1998.

Kay was an outstanding educator whose career spanned thirty years. Through her love of books and teaching, Kay enriched the lives of hundreds of young children and influenced the experiences of many college students, student teachers, and colleagues.

Kay's professionalism, expertise, and dedication gained her the admiration and appreciation of CCIRA members from around the state. The Outstanding Reading Educator Award is respectfully and lovingly named in honor of Kay Mervar.

Nomination Information

The Colorado Council of the International Reading Association will present a \$300 award to a classroom teacher who has made an outstanding contribution to the areas of reading by demonstrating excellence in reading instruction. The cash award may be used for a reading related project of the award winner's own choosing including professional growth.

The award is sponsored by CCIRA and is presented at the annual CCIRA Conference on Literacy. The recipient of the award will be invited to attend the State Conference to receive the recognition.

Deadline for nominations November 1

Nomination forms should be sent to:

Rose Rightler
1950 Denver West Drive, #423
Golden, CO 80401

Criteria For Nomination

1. Integrates reading and writing instruction into the total classroom curriculum.
2. Incorporates current instructional practices through innovative teaching.
3. Demonstrates creativity in instruction practices.
4. Has a positive impact on total school climate.
5. Is able to articulate the beliefs and understandings that guide the decisions made about literacy education.

To Be Eligible For Nomination

1. A teacher must be presently assigned to a teaching position in the State of Colorado and not be a previous winner of this award.
2. The teacher must be nominated by at least two (2) persons, one of whom must be a CCIRA member. A CCIRA council may also nominate



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Nomination Instructions — Deadline November 1

1. Complete the nomination form. The nomination form must be signed by two (2) persons, one of whom must be a CCIRA member. The nominee must be presently assigned to a teaching position in Colorado and may not be a previous winner of this award.
2. Answer these four questions concerning the nominee. Be objective in answering all the questions. Factual data and specific examples are most important. Attach answers to form.
 - a. Describe how the nominee integrates reading and writing instruction into the total classroom curriculum.
 - b. What current instructional practices does the nominee incorporate through innovative teaching?
 - c. How does the nominee demonstrate creativity in instructional practices?
 - d. How has the nominee had a positive impact on the total school climate?
3. Include three letters of support that factually and specifically address the points in the criteria. The letters may be from teachers, administrators, parents/community members, or students who are familiar with the nominee's literacy instruction.
4. The committee will make their final selection on the basis of your response to the four questions, the three letters of support and the completed nomination form. The winner will be notified three weeks prior to the CCIRA Conference.

Name of Teacher Nominee: _____

School/District: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Business Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Nominee's Position: _____ Years of teaching: _____

Nominator

Nominator – CCIRA Member

Position

Position

Address

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City/State/Zip

City/State/Zip

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You can also retrieve a nomination form electronically at www.ccira.org