

## **Roger Ashley Freedom to Read Award**

Named in Honor of MAME Past President and retired Executive Director Roger Ashley,  
a staunch defender of First Amendment rights.

**Purpose:** To recognize an individual or group who demonstrates exemplary support for our First Amendment rights: the right to read and listen, and the right to express ideas without governmental interference.

**Criteria:** Awarded to a current or retired MAME member(s) who demonstrates exemplary efforts to protect First Amendment freedoms for students and staff by defending equitable access to a rich and balanced collection that reflects multiple views and opinions.

1. Describe and document why this individual or group should be recognized as outstanding example(s) of defense of the Right to Read.
2. Provide additional background information that puts these contributions into context.
3. Individuals or groups who receive this award will be placed in nomination for the following year's American Association of School Librarians Intellectual Freedom Award.
4. Nominations should include support material that demonstrates how the award winner(s) uphold the principles of intellectual freedom.
5. The nominator must be a current member of MAME.