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SLC/ARBA Best of Reference Award Open for Submissions

Award from School Library Connection and American Reference Books Annual recognizes excellence in children's and young adult library resources

Santa Barbara, Calif. (Nov. 11, 2015) – School Library Connection (SLC), formerly *Library Media Connection*, and *American Reference Books Annual* (ARBA) are now accepting entries in the annual Best of Reference Award. Honoring reference books, databases, and eBooks in the areas of children's and young adult library resources, the SLC/ARBA Best of Reference Award is now in its fourth year and accepting submissions through December 20.

Both School Library Connection and ARBA are industry leaders in providing high quality resources and reviews that enable school librarians to optimize their collections and pair students with the texts that will best meet their needs. For the Best of Reference Award, a judging panel of respected reviewers and editors will evaluate all submissions to identify outstanding resources in the areas of overall reference K–12, resources for children (elementary grades), resources for youth (secondary grades), electronic reference (database or eBook), and professional guides for school or youth librarians.

“After three successful years of the SLC/ARBA Best of Reference Award, we’re happy to carry on the tradition of recognizing exceptional reference works,” said Marlene Woo-Lun, publisher of School Library Connection. “We know that, ultimately, recognition beget awareness, so this award program is perfectly aligned with our mission of expanding the reach of top-tier resources.”

First round winners will be featured in both a special edition of School Library Connection and the introduction to the 2015 edition of ARBA. Final winners will be announced at the 2016 ALA Annual Conference in Orlando at a special award celebration hosted by School Library Connection and ARBA.

For more information on the SLC/ARBA Best in Reference Award, please contact Doug Ogden, Reviews Editor of School Library Connection, at dogden@abc-clio.com.

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