

About Best Societal Librarian Award

The **Best Societal Librarian Award** recognizes librarians who have made exceptional contributions to society beyond traditional library services. It honors individuals who actively engage in projects, initiatives, or activities that **positively impact communities, advance social causes, and promote societal development** through their work in libraries.

This award celebrates librarians who demonstrate a deep commitment to improving **education, access to information, and social equity**. These professionals use their expertise and resources to **empower marginalized groups, facilitate lifelong learning, and create inclusive environments** that foster knowledge-sharing and community engagement.

In essence, the **Best Societal Librarian Award** highlights librarians who are not only leaders in library management but also **agents of social change**, helping to uplift and transform society through their innovative approaches to library services and community involvement.

Invitation for Nominations: Best Societal Librarian Award for the Year 2024

Constituted by the Centre for Research and Innovation, Bharath Social and Research Foundation

The **Centre for Research and Innovation**, in collaboration with the **Bharath Social and Research Foundation**, is proud to announce the **Best Societal Librarian Award for 2024**. This prestigious award is designed to honor and recognize the outstanding contributions of librarians who have significantly impacted society through their work in promoting education, improving access to information, and advancing social development.

The **Best Societal Librarian Award** seeks to celebrate librarians who have not only excelled in their professional roles but have also demonstrated profound commitment to community development. These librarians go beyond traditional library services to engage in activities that uplift society, foster inclusivity, and promote lifelong learning for all.

This award recognizes librarians whose innovative efforts improve the quality of library services, create community-based educational programs, engage in social outreach, and empower individuals through knowledge sharing. It is an acknowledgment of their invaluable role in making libraries true beacons of hope, progress, and transformation.

Categories for Nomination:

1. School Libraries
2. College Libraries
3. University Libraries
4. Polytechnic Libraries
5. Nursing Libraries
6. Pharmacy Libraries
7. Medical Libraries
8. Education Libraries
9. Architectural Libraries
10. Law Libraries
11. Arts college Libraries

12. Engineering college libraries
13. Commerce College Libraries
14. Science College Libraries
15. Management College Libraries
16. Industry Libraries
17. Public Libraries

We invite all educational institutions, organizations, and individuals to nominate exceptional librarians who have demonstrated outstanding dedication and made a tangible impact on society. These librarians should have gone beyond traditional library duties, utilizing their expertise to drive social change, facilitate access to resources for marginalized communities, support educational equity, and promote community engagement through their libraries.

Eligibility Criteria:

- **Current employment:** The nominee must be actively working as a librarian in one of the listed categories (School, College, University, Polytechnic, Nursing, Pharmacy, Medical, Industry, or Public Library).
- **Excellence in library services:** Proven excellence in library management, resource development, user services, and promoting equitable access to information.
- **Commitment to societal development:** Active involvement in initiatives that directly contribute to the betterment of society, such as community-based programs, social outreach projects, educational support, and advocacy for marginalized groups.
- **Professional development:** Demonstrated commitment to advancing the field of library sciences through research, continuous learning, and the implementation of best practices in library management.

How to Nominate:

1. **Complete the Nomination Form:** Fill out the nomination form with a detailed biography of the nominee.
2. **Provide Supporting Documents:** Include evidence of the nominee's achievements, such as innovative projects, community service programs, publications, or testimonials from colleagues, students, and library users.
3. **Download the Form:** Nomination forms are available for download on the official website of the Centre for Research and Innovation, Bharath Social and Research Foundation.

Nomination Deadline: May 31, 2025

The award winner will be selected by a distinguished panel of experts in library science, education, and social development. The selected librarian will receive a **certificate**, a **trophy**, and **special recognition** at an award ceremony organized by the Centre for Research and Innovation.

Contact Information:

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We encourage you to nominate librarians who are making a **profound and lasting difference** in their communities. This is an excellent opportunity to honor and celebrate the dedicated professionals who continuously work to ensure that libraries are not just places of books, but powerful instruments for **education, empowerment, and social transformation.**

Best regards,

The Centre for Research and Innovation (CRI)
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