The Joyce Ann Maierle Award was created by the Friends of the Royal Oak Library to recognize the exceptional contributions of Joyce Ann Maierle, a long-time supporter of the Royal Oak Public Library and the Friends. During her long tenure as a volunteer, Joyce contributed countless volunteer hours, recruiting and scheduling volunteers for the summer reading program and the book sales, finding volunteers to serve as Board members for the Friends, and promoting the welfare and success of the Library through many other activities.

To ensure recipients of the Award continue to represent the dedication and commitment shown by Joyce, the following criteria have been established.

- A recipient must be a member of the Friends of the Royal Oak Public Library. The member may also be an employee of the Library, but can be recognized only for volunteer activities.
- A recipient must have volunteered for a minimum of five years and, during those years, shown exceptional dedication and commitment to the Friends and the Library.
  - Exceptional dedication is demonstrated by volunteering more than 120 hours in one year in the shop and/or sorting room.
  - Exceptional commitment is demonstrated by volunteering for special projects, being available to assist and fill-in when needed, working with a positive attitude, and otherwise putting the Library’s interests first.
- Recipients are eligible to receive this award more than once, in non-consecutive years, when service to the Library merits.

A committee comprised of three Friends Board members will review the nomination forms and recommend the volunteer recipient(s) for that year. The Friends Board will vote on the nomination. As this award is intended to honor Joyce’s longtime service, it will be awarded only when a candidate meets the criteria that Joyce herself exemplified. This is not an annual award. If a candidate is selected, the award will be presented in September at the Friends annual meeting. Past recipients are recognized on a plaque in the Friends’ auditorium.

Friends Members, Volunteers, Board Members, Library Staff, and Library Patrons can nominate volunteers to receive the award. The deadline for nominations is December 31. **Nominate a volunteer today!**

**JOYCE ANN MAIERLE AWARD NOMINATION FORM**

Nominee Name_______________________________________________________________

Nominated By (optional) _______________________________________________________

How does the nominee exemplify the dedication and commitment this award represents?
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To be considered, nominations must be received by December 31.

Drop this form off at the ROPL Circulation Desk, email to friends@ropl.org, or mail it to: Friends of the Royal Oak Public Library, 222 East 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI 48067