

Members of the Association of Vision Science Librarians.

The Association of Vision Science Librarians (AVSL), which serves as the ASCO Vision Science Librarians SIG as well as a SIG for the Medical Library Association (MLA), is the winner of the MLA's 2016 Louise Darling Medal for Distinguished Achievement in Collection Development in the Health Sciences. The Association was nominated for its paper, Standards for Vision Science Libraries: 2014 Revision, which was published in the Journal of the Medical Library Association.

AVSL is a collaborative, international organization composed of professional librarians, or persons acting in that capacity, whose collections and services include the literature of vision. Members work within libraries that serve educational institutions, eye clinics and hospitals, and private companies with an interest in eye or vision-related products and services. Over the course of its 47-year existence, AVSL has worked on a range of projects in support of those with optometry, ophthalmology, and other vision science information needs.

The Louise Darling Medal was first presented in 1988. A variety of contributions and achievements may be nominated for the award, including overall distinction or leadership within collection development, production of a definitive publication related to collection development, teaching of collection development, and development of an extraordinary national information resource or collection in any format.

This year's recipients of MLA awards, grants and scholarships will be honored at the Presidents' Awards Dinner at the Fairmont Royal York, Toronto, ON, Canada, on May 17.