

CENTEREACH

Library honored as finalist for award

Middle Country Public Library is one of 30 finalists for a national award recognizing museums and libraries for service to their communities.

The Centereach library is one of six institutions in New York State competing for the National Medal for Museum and Library Service, awarded annually by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, a Washington, D.C.-based grant-writing and policy development organization.

"Our library is honored to be recognized as a finalist for this prestigious award and for our dynamic programs and services," Middle Country library director Sophia Serlis-McPhillips said in a statement.

The award recognizes "institutions that demonstrate extraordinary and innovative approaches to public service to make a difference for individuals, families, and communities," institute officials said yesterday in a news release. Award winners are expected to be announced in the spring.

The institute's acting director, Maura Marx, said the finalists "serve as trusted providers of educational resources, skills development and civic engagement."

Institute officials said people who have visited finalists may share comments on the institute's Facebook page, [facebook.com/USIMLS](https://www.facebook.com/USIMLS).

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