



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When will entries be posted online?

ULC will post all *accepted* 2021 Innovations entries live to the ULC website within a week of their submission. As needed, ULC will edit the formatting and/or language of entries to address issues of clarity, accuracy or style before posting the entries online. ULC may also request additional information or images/videos from the submitter.

How “new” do innovations need to be?

Entries should feature library programs, initiatives and transformative ideas that have either launched in the past 12 months *or* achieved significant breakthroughs during that time. If your library previously highlighted a program/initiative/idea in an Innovations submission from past years, you may still submit a 2021 entry about the same program/initiative/idea as long as there have been large-scale changes or outcomes achieved in the past 12 months.

Can I submit more than one innovation to a category?

Yes! You may submit as many innovations to any one category as you see fit.

Can I submit one innovation to more than one category?

Please do not submit identical entries to multiple categories. You may submit entries to multiple categories that highlight distinct extensions of a larger-scale program/initiative/idea.

When will winners be notified?

The directors of award-winning libraries will be notified via a phone call and email this fall, prior to the public announcement of the award win. The exact date of notifications is TBD.

Will I be notified if my submission was not selected?

Only Top Innovators and Honorable Mentions are contacted prior to the public announcement.

Can I update an innovation entry after submitting it?

Yes. Please contact pnegron@urbanlibraries.org to request updates to submissions.