**The 2017 Mary J. Ritter Literacy Award**

Applications are invited for a **$1000.00 Mary J. Ritter Literacy Award grant** from the Metro-Detroit Book & Author Society. This grant is awarded to assist in supporting a library or organization in the metropolitan-Detroit area that promotes literacy. Libraries and literacy organizations in the metropolitan-Detroit area are eligible to apply. The grant will be presented at the Metro-Detroit Book & Author Society Spring 2017 Book & Author Luncheon on Monday, May 15, 2017, at Burton Manor in Livonia. The winner will receive two complimentary tickets to the Spring 2017 luncheon and must be present to receive the grant.

Applications are due no later than Friday, April 21, 2017. The application form, instructions and the reporting requirements are below.

The Mary J. Ritter Literacy Award was established to honor the late Mary J. Ritter, a past president of the Metro-Detroit Book & Author Society Board. Mrs. Ritter was a founder of the Metro-Detroit Book & Author Society and an organizer of the first Book & Author Luncheon in 1972. She was an unwavering supporter of the society for forty years.

***Mary J. Ritter Literacy Award: Application Form and Instructions and Reporting Requirements***

**This application form must be typed or completed in black ink. Attach a typed one (1) page description of your grant proposal to this form. Applications are due no later than Friday, April 21, 2017.**

**The winner is required to submit a 22’’ x 28” project report poster that shows how the grant money was used. The poster must have the name of the grant and the winning library or organization on it. It will be displayed at the Fall 2017 luncheon to publicize the winning library or organization, and to raise awareness of the Metro-Detroit Book & Author Society’s grants program. It is the winner’s responsibility to ensure that the poster is completed and that it will be at the luncheon.**

The Metro-Detroit Book & Author Society Grants Committee will evaluate the applications and determine the winner. The committee’s decision is final.

***Name of library or organization:***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Return application via U.S. mail or email no later than Friday, April 21, 2017 to:**

Metro-Detroit Book & Author Society

Michael Cummings, President

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