## **Jack Luskay**

Jack R. Luskay was one of the original founders of the Pennsylvania School Librarians Association. He became the chief designer of its organizational structure and architect for its annual conference.

His career began as a school librarian at the Ligonier Valley School District, and then progressed to teaching at Clarion University of Pennsylvania. He worked tirelessly there to bring American Library Association accreditation to the program in the Department of Library Science. The last stage of his career included tenures as a high school librarian in Arizona and New York.

Throughout his adult life, he worked to be an effective teacher, exemplary school library media administrator and manager, and a beloved model of human dignity. His legacy will move forward through students who can experience professional growth from the organization to which he gave many hours of dedicated and unpaid service. The example he set continues through the many volunteers working through PSLA to improve literacy of all types for our students.

To apply for The Jack R. Luskay Memorial Scholarship go to the Pittsburgh Foundation Webpage at the following link: <a href="www.pittsburghfoundation.org">www.pittsburghfoundation.org</a>. In the search box on the home page type the word, "Luskay." The search will bring up the scholarship link.

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The Jack R. Luskay Memorial Scholarship



For Practicing or Prospective
School Librarians

The Jack Luskay Memorial Scholarship Fund for Practicing or **Prospective School** Librarians administered by The Pittsburgh Foundation was created for a practicing or prospective school librarian. In 2019, the amount awarded will be \$900 to be used toward transportation, registration fee, membership dues, and hotel/meal expenses for the Pennsylvania School Librarians Association Conference, held annually. In order to apply for this scholarship, a candidate must:

- 1. Be a practicing or prospective school librarian enrolled in a school library certification program in the state of Pennsylvania [one year minimum residence required.]
- 2. Be able to demonstrate personal or district/organization financial need
- 3. Complete an application and include a one-page essay describing his or her dedication to and the need for life-long learning as it applies to a professional school librarian.
- 4. Submit one letter of reference.
- 5. Compile a one-page summary of the experience and submit it to the PA School Librarians Association Board of Directors after attending the conference.

An Advisory Committee of no less than three and no more than five persons consisting of designees of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania School Librarians Association will select the scholarship winner (subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of The Pittsburgh Foundation). No member of the Advisory Committee, or his or her immediate family, shall be eligible for scholarship assistance during his or her tenure on the Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee retains the right to withhold scholarship grants in any year if no candidate is determined to be qualified.

The Pittsburgh Foundation shall notify the chosen scholarship recipient (s) of its decision. All scholarship checks will be made payable to both the recipient and the Pennsylvania School Librarians Association.