

# ALA American Library Association

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Steven Aftergood  
Federation of American Scientists  
1717 K Street NW, Suite 209  
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Aftergood:

It is my honor and great pleasure to inform you that you have been selected as the recipient of the 2006 James Madison Award.

The Madison Award, named for President James Madison, was established in 1989 and is presented annually on the anniversary of his birth. The award honors those who have championed, protected, and promoted public access to government information and the public's right to know.

This award is, we believe, a fitting recognition of your effective voice for transparency and against unnecessary – and often pointless – government secrecy. Your publication, *Secrecy News*, contains invaluable information and often serves as the first notice to the public of proposals to limit access to information. In addition to the information disseminated through *Secrecy News*, the Project on Government Secrecy web site is a critical resource for all those concerned with access and secrecy issues. It contains a remarkable range of information on government secrecy policy and often is the only place that much of the information can be located.

We hope that you will be able to join us for the awards ceremony at the Freedom Forum in Arlington, Virginia, on March 16, James Madison's birth date, at the Freedom Forum's World Center in Arlington, Virginia. The award will be presented at the luncheon. I believe Paul McMasters has already been in touch with you about the program and the event.

Sincerely,



Michael Gorman  
President  
American Library Association