

THE HAL AWARD

Miami Valley Fandom for Literacy

The Miami Valley Fandom for Literacy (MVFL) is a non-profit organization, whose purpose is to promote literacy and education, emphasizing math and science proficiency, through the reading and writing of books. MVFL raises funds and collects books for schools, youth groups, libraries, and other non-profit institutions.

The Hal Award*

The MVFL sponsors the Hal Award, named after the science fiction author and former high school science teacher Hal Clement.

Born in Somerville, MA on May 30, 1922 and raised in Greater Boston, Hal received his BS in Astronomy from Harvard in 1943, a M.Ed. from Boston U. in 1946 (GI Bill) and an MS in Chemistry from Simmons College in 1963. Hal served in the Army Air Corps Reserve as a pilot flying 35 combat missions in World War II. He returned to active duty in 1951 serving for eight months as a squadron executive officer at Bolling Air Force Base and then sixteen months as a technical instructor at the Armed Forces Special Weapons School at Sandia Base, New Mexico. He retired from the service as a full colonel in 1976. He taught high school science for forty years retiring in 1987. Since 1972, he has also painted astronomical and science fiction art as "George Richard".

His first story, "Proof", appeared in the June 1942 issue of Astounding Science Fiction (now Analog) Magazine, and his first novel, "Needle", was serialized there in 1949. In 1998 Hal received the Science Fiction Writers of America Grand Master Award, a lifetime achievement award that has only been given to a small number of writers.

Hal passed away in October 2003. He will be missed.

Applying

The Hal Award is given to an educator who creates a program utilizing science fiction literature to improve children's proficiency in science and math.

In addition to the award, the recipient will receive:

- Award ceremony at Millennicon
- Two full memberships to Millennicon
- \$200 donation to the program/school
- Article in the Millenicon program book

If you or your school want to be considered for this award, please complete the attached form. All forms must be completed by January 15, 2006. Winners will be informed before the convention. Nominations are accepted. Please complete the attached form and send it to:

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