

The [Birmingham Civil Rights Institute](#) was recently recognized as a recipient of the 2007 **National Medal for Museum and Library Service**, the nation's highest honor for the extraordinary public service among libraries and museums, awarded by federal [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#).

The award, formerly known as the National Award, it includes a \$10,000 award and a shiny new medal to recognize "their extraordinary civic, educational, economic, environmental, and social contributions."

BCRI was [one of ten institutions to receive the 2007 award](#); nominations for the 2008 are [already being accepted](#) (they're due in February).