

ACRL 2002 Awards Program

Recognizing outstanding achievements in academic librarianship

by Stephanie Sherrod

For more than three quarters of a century, ACRL has been committed to celebrating the achievements of deserving academic and research librarians through the presentation of awards, grants, and fellowships. Every year ACRL extends recognition and honor to winners of its 18 awards. With almost \$30,000 donated by generous corporate sponsors annually, ACRL has nominated, selected, and honored the very best in academic librarianship and will continue to do so.

Recognize a colleague's achievements: nominate

ACRL members are an integral element to the continuing success of these awards. Please take a moment to reflect upon and think about the work of some of your colleagues. We urge all of you to nominate those whose work you admire, and whom you think should have the honor of being recognized by presentation of an ACRL award. With your nominations, the pool of candidates for each award will continue the tradition of being a competitive and distinguished pool.

Informational flyers—complete with submission procedures, past winners, criteria, and contact information—are available through the ACRL office. Flyers can also be found by visiting the ACRL Web site at <http://www.ala.org/acrl/award2.html>. December 3, 2001, is the deadline for most of the awards

to be presented in 2002. A brief description of each award is listed below.

Achievement and distinguished service awards

- **Excellence in Academic Libraries Award** (sponsored by *Blackwell's Book Services*): \$3,000 cash for three awards; one in each type-of-library. Recognizes academic libraries that are outstanding in furthering the educational missions of their institutions.
- **Academic or Research Librarian of the Year Award** (sponsored by *Yankee Book Peddler*): \$3,000 cash award. Recognizes an outstanding member of the academic or research library profession.
- **Hugh C. Atkinson Memorial Award** (sponsored by *ACRL, ALCTS, LAMA, LIITA*): \$2,000 cash award. Recognizes outstanding achievements (including risk-taking) in the areas of library automation, management, or development and research.
- **Marta Lange/CQ Award** (sponsored by *Congressional Quarterly, Inc.*): \$1,000 cash award. Recognizes a librarian who has made distinguished contributions to bibliography and information service in law or political science.
- **Miriam Dudley Instruction Librarian Award** (sponsored by *Elsevier Science, Ltd.*): \$1,000 cash award. Recognizes an individual librarian for significant contributions to the

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advancement of instruction in a college or research library environment.

- **Instruction Section Innovation in Instruction Award** (sponsored by *Congressional Information Service*): \$3,000 cash award for librarians who have implemented innovative approaches to information literacy at their respective institutions or in their communities.

- **Community College Learning Resources Leadership/Library Achievement Awards** (sponsored by *EBSCO Subscription Services*): \$500 cash for each of two awards recognizing outstanding achievement in library programs or leadership.

- **Distinguished Education and Behavioral Sciences Librarian Award**: Citation honoring outstanding contributions to education and behavioral sciences librarianship through accomplishments and service to the profession.

- **Women's Studies Section Awards for Achievement** (sponsored by *Greenwood Publishing Group, Inc.* and *Routledge*): \$1,000 cash for each of two awards recognizing career or significant achievements in the area of women's studies librarianship.

Research awards/grants

- **Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship** (sponsored by *Institute for Scientific Information*): \$1,500 cash to assist doctoral students in the field with their dissertation research.

- **Samuel Lazerow Fellowship** (sponsored by *Institute for Scientific Information*): \$1,000 cash for travel and writing in the fields of acquisition or technical services.

- **Martinus Nijhoff West European Specialist Study Grant** (sponsored by *Martinus Nijhoff, International*): Grant that supports research pertaining to Western European studies, librarianship, or the book trade.

Publications

- **Katherine Kyes Leab and Daniel J. Leab Exhibition Catalogue Awards** (sponsored by *Katherine Kyes Leab and Daniel J. Leab, American Book Prices Current*): Recognizes outstanding catalogs published by American or Canadian institutions in conjunction with library exhibitions.

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When better computers are built, they will be kept out of the waste stream longer. Consumers should be demanding that companies do just that.

the recycling loop by purchasing recycled cartridges.

Computers are the most difficult to tackle. If I can go longer without an upgrade, I know I will consume less. However, slower, older models make it impossible for me to run the programs I need to do my job in the technology-driven field of librarianship.

Harmful as computer manufacturing and recycling can be, I am hopeful about the future of the industry. Japan, the Netherlands, and other northern European countries are passing "take-back" legislation that requires companies to take back and recycle products as they are discarded.¹⁶ "Green" computer design technology exists to reduce resources consumed and wasted, to make the manufacturing process cleaner, to minimize the energy computers consume, and to make components recyclable. When better computers are built, they will be kept out of the waste stream longer. Consumers should be demanding that companies do just that.

Conservation and environmentalism is not always clear-cut when information is the commodity, as it is in libraries. The tools of our trade demand that we use paper, toner, computers, and electricity. I urge those in my profession to consider the ideas I have presented and to do what they can. Complete the cycle—reduce, reuse, and recycle.

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• **K. G. Saur Award for Best Article in College & Research Libraries** (sponsored by R. R. Bowker/K. G. Saur): \$500 cash award for the most outstanding article published in *C&RL* during the preceding volume year.

• **Instruction Section Publication of the Year Award.** Recognizes an outstanding publication related to instruction in a library environment published in the last two years.

Contact ACRL for details

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We welcome your nominations and look forward to celebrating achievements in academic librarianship in 2002. ■