Hwa-Wei Lee, dean emeritus of university libraries at Ohio University (OU), is one of the winners of the 1999 Hall of Fame Librarian Award. Nominations for this award are made by the 5,000 members of the Ohio Library Council. During Lee’s tenure, the holdings of the Vernon R. Alden Library at OU doubled to more than 2 million print volumes; endowments rose from less than $10,000 to more than $7 million; the library achieved membership in the Association of Research Libraries and is currently ranked 75th in the nation; and the library’s Southeast Asia Collection is ranked as one of the best in the world. Lee is credited with the library’s success in being the only academic library in the state to function as a reference and interlibrary loan resource library for public libraries.

Cerise Oberman, dean of library and information services at Plattsburgh SUNY, has been named Librarian of the Year 1999 by the Eastern New York Chapter of ACRL in recognition of her outstanding and exemplary contributions to library service within the region and to the library profession. She was also honored for founding the ACRL Institute for Information Literacy and its Immersion program.

Greg Pronevitz is the recipient of the 1999 Jay Ladd Distinguished Service Award. Pronevitz is regional administrator for the Northeast Massachusetts Regional Library System in North Andover, Massachusetts. This award recognizes a member of the Academic Library Association of Ohio (ALAO) who has promoted academic libraries and librarianship not only on his or her own campus, but within the state, as well. It also recognizes those who have provided leadership in ALAO. Pronevitz is a long-term ALAO member who promoted academic librarianship throughout the state and provided ALAO with staunch presidential leadership. He was also a leader in founding the Technical Services Interest Group, launching ALAO’s Web presence, and serving as ALAO’s first liaison to the ALA Councilor. To quote one of his nominations: “He is a mentor and one who not only exudes professionalism, but encourages it in others.”

Bobby L. Roberts, director of the Central Arkansas Library System, has been nominated to serve as a member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. This commission is a permanent, independent agency of the federal government composed of 14 members, serving 5-year terms, and 2 ex officio members.

C. James Schmidt, professor of library and information science at San Jose State University and ALA and ACRL member, has been appointed to the Commission on Online Child Protection by Rep. Dick Gephardt (D-Missouri).

Ann Symons, librarian at Juneau Douglas High School in Alaska and immediate past president of ALA, is the recipient of the 1999 Robert B. Downs Intellectual Freedom Award—presented by the faculty of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois. The award acknowledges her long-term efforts to resist attempts to censor information. Symons was
honored during the ALA Midwinter meeting in San Antonio, Texas. She has championed open access to the Internet for library patrons and hosted a meeting in March 1999 at which librarians and filtering software manufacturers came together to seek solutions for the free-speech issues raised by filtering. Symons served as chair of the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee from 1996 to 1997 and is co-editor of Speaking Out! Voices in Celebration of Intellectual Freedom (ALA Editions, 1999).

Appointments

William J. Crowe, Spencer librarian at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, was elected chair of the OCLC Board of Trustees. Before being named Spencer Librarian in June 1999, Crowe served as vice chancellor for information services and dean of libraries at the University of Kansas. He was assistant to the director and then assistant director of libraries at Ohio State University Libraries in Columbus from 1979 to 1990. Before that he held management positions at Indiana University Libraries and technical services posts at Boston Public Library. Crowe was elected to the OCLC Board of Trustees in November 1996 by the OCLC Users Council.

W. Lee Hisle has been appointed vice president for Information Services and librarian of Connecticut College. Hisle's previous position was associate vice president for Faculty Development and Learning Resources at Austin Community College. He has held various positions since 1984 at Austin, a multcampus institution serving 26,000 students. These positions include interim chief academic officer and positions of increasing responsibility in the Learning Resources area. Hisle started his career in the University of Kentucky Community College System as a media specialist and left as library director. He is the author of numerous papers and presentations and has consulted on a variety of library and technology projects. He is a past president of ACRL and is chairing its 10th National Conference in Denver in 2001. He has also been active in the American Association of College Libraries.

Steve Suits has been appointed to the SOLINET Board of Directors.

Shelley Wood Burgett has been appointed library director for Somerset Community College. Burgett's previous position was head librarian at Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tennessee. Prior to this position, she was director of library services at Sue Bennett College. Burgett has worked for more than 20 years in libraries in Kentucky, Missouri, and Indiana.

Regina Beach is now head of library information technology at the University of Arkansas in Little Rock.

Michele D. Behr has been named membership services librarian at SOLINET in Atlanta.

Philip Blackwell has been appointed group chief executive for Blackwell's Book Services.

Brandon Burnette has been appointed a reference librarian at Murray State University.

Bryan Carson is now coordinator of reference and instructional services at Western Kentucky University.

Anne Clifford has been appointed Women's Studies Program administrator at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine.

Karen Croneis is now associate dean for Collections and Information Services at the University of Alabama.

Holly Stec Dankert has been appointed reference/instruction librarian at DePaul University in Chicago.

Frank Davis has joined the University of Kentucky Medical Center Library as its new team leader for information and education services.
Renee Davis is now the science and technology reference librarian at Old Dominion University.

Hunter Eck is the new head of cataloging/periodicals at Columbus State University.

Kathy Fescemyer has been appointed life sciences librarian at Pennsylvania State University.

Marilyn Hall is the new health sciences librarian at San Diego State University.

Debra Hill is now electronic services librarian at the University of Alabama.

Mickey Ann Hinojosa is now associate director of information and research services at DePaul University in Chicago.

John Hoft has been appointed government documents/information services librarian and liaison for the School of Business at Columbus State University.

Christopher Holly has been appointed reference/instruction librarian at DePaul University in Chicago.

Patricia Iannuzzi has been appointed associate university librarian and director of Doe/Moffitt at the University of California at Berkeley Library.

Laura Kirkland has been named catalog librarian at Stetson University in Deland, Florida.

Kara Malenfant has been appointed reference/instruction librarian at DePaul University in Chicago.

Giles Martin is now assistant editor of the Dewey Decimal Classification at OCLC Forest Press.

Julia Martin has joined Murray State University as a reference librarian.

Michael N. Matis has joined the Dewey Graduate Library at the University of Albany, SUNY, as senior assistant librarian.

Toni Moore has been appointed assistant team leader of the Learning Resources Center at Eastern Kentucky University.

Carol L. Nurse has been appointed evening reference librarian at Montclair State University.

Edward Owusu-Ansah has been appointed a reference librarian at Murray State University.

Silvia Pinzon is now assistant library director at Miami-Dade Community College’s Hialeah Center.

Carolyn Poole has been appointed coordinator of library services at Chipola Junior College.

Tim Pyatt has been appointed curator of manuscripts and director of the Southern Historical Collection at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Patricia Ratkovich is now catalog librarian at the University of Alabama.

Ed Sanchez has been appointed systems support librarian at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Don Share has been appointed instructional services librarian at Fisher College.

Greg Sidberry is now assistant library director at Miami-Dade Community College’s Entrepreneurial Education Center.

Jennifer Smith has been appointed user services librarian at Fisher College.

Pat Stevens has been appointed director of Product Planning and Strategy at OCLC.

Mark Stover is now psychology librarian in General Reference at San Diego State University.

Marsha Sullivan has been appointed consumer health coordinator at the Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center Library.

Ed Tallent is now head of reference and instructional services in the Thomas P. O’Neill Jr. Library at Boston College.

Terri Townsend has joined Columbus State University as information services librarian and humanities liaison.

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Jason Vance has been appointed reference/public services/instruction librarian at Lindsey Wilson College.

Lea Wade has been appointed chair of reference services at the Earl K. Long Library at the University of New Orleans.

Chris Weaver has been appointed information access design consultant at DePaul University in Chicago.

Wil Weston is now a reference librarian and engineering bibliographer at the University of New Orleans.

Kara M. Whatley is now science librarian at Texas Tech University.

Retirements

Julia Baldwin has retired as director of information and instruction services at the University of Toledo after 30 years of service.

Jennie S. Boyarski, director of library services, retired from the Paducah Community interdisciplinary reference works.

Alan Hogan has retired as director of library systems and processing at the University of Toledo after 30 years of service.

Dean Riggs, acquisitions librarian at University of Toledo, has retired after 25 years of service.

Brian Rogers has retired from Connecticut College in New London. After eight years in the library at Wesleyan University, Rogers was appointed college librarian at Connecticut College in 1975. In 1993, he succeeded retiring special collections librarian Mary Kent to work with the Sheaffer-O'Neill Collection, which he had acquired from Eugene O'Neill's Pulitzer Prize winning biographer, Louis Sheaffer. In addition, Rogers acquired the William Meredith papers and the Rachel Carson archive of Carson biographer, Linda Lear. As library director, he worked with the Wesleyan and Trinity College library direc-

tors to form the CTW Consortium, now in its 11th year of operation as a shared automation and delivery system.

Ed Seufert, library director at Lindsey Wilson College for 20 years, has retired.

Barbara Shaffer has retired as serials librarian at the University of Toledo after 25 years of service.

George Telatnik has retired as library director at Canisius College in Buffalo, New York. Telatnik guided the building program of the newly expanded Bouwhuis Library. In 1989, Telatnik applied for Title III grant funds to procure an integrated library system. The original CanDO was the result. In the current round of Title III grant funding, Telatnik secured another grant that will significantly enhance CanDO's capabilities.

Deaths

Architect McNeal, former director of libraries at the University of Miami (UM) has died at the age of 86. McNeal joined UM in 1952 as director of libraries until his retirement in 1979. During his tenure, the holdings of the Richter Library grew from 273,000 volumes to approximately 1.4 million. McNeal also oversaw the construction of UM's central depository, the Otto G. Richter Library, which was completed in 1962. Prior to joining UM, McNeal held library positions at the University of Tennessee and East Tennessee State College. In 1968, he served as vice-president of ALA, he was a member of the ALA Executive Board, he served on numerous ALA committees (1955-65) and was a member of the ALA Council. In addition, McNeal was president of ACRL (1964-65); the Florida Library Association (1958-59); the Tennessee Library Association (1940-42); and the Southeastern Library Association (1964-66); and was a founding member of the Association of Caribbean University and Research Libraries.

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