The ACRL awards program, 1989

Over $9,000 in cash prizes, an all-expenses-paid trip to Europe, and special recognition from your peers are available to you.

The Association of College and Research Libraries sponsors a number of award programs on behalf of academic or research librarianship to recognize special achievements and outstanding publications and to foster professional growth. Someone you know is deserving of special recognition for their contributions to academic and research librarianship. Take a moment to nominate these outstanding individuals so that they can get the recognition they deserve.

Award-winning opportunities for academic libraries are described on the following pages. Please review the requirements for each award program and take note of the programs for which you or a colleague are eligible.

General submission procedures. Unless otherwise indicated send nominations and applications to: Name of the Award, ACRL/ALA, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611-2795.

Staff contact. If you have questions or need help in compiling information for a nomination, contact Mary Ellen K. Davis, (800) 545-2433; (800) 545-2444 in Illinois; (800) 545-2455 in Canada; or (312) 944-6780. FAX: (312) 440-9374.

I. ACHIEVEMENT AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Academic or Research Librarian of the Year Award

Purpose. To recognize an individual member of the library profession who is making an outstanding national or international contribution to academic or research librarianship and library development.

Donor. Baker & Taylor donates the $3,000 cash prize.

Criteria. Nominees should have demonstrated achievements in such areas as:
1. Service to the organized profession through ACRL and related organizations.
2. Significant and influential research on academic or research library service.
3. Publication of a body of scholarly and/or theoretical writing contributing to academic or research library development.
4. Planning and implementing a library program of such exemplary quality that it has served as a model for others.

Submission procedure. Provide supporting reasons for this nomination on each of the four criteria. Please attach a current vita—not a biographical sketch—and send in eight copies of the nomination materials. Note: Please do not solicit supporting letters seconding your nomination. Such letters will not be considered in the Award Committee’s decision.


Miriam Dudley Award for Bibliographic Instruction

Purpose. To recognize an individual librarian who has made an especially significant contribu-
tion to the advancement of bibliographic instruction in a college or research institution. The award honors Miriam Dudley, whose pioneering efforts in the field of bibliographic instruction led to the formation of the ACRL Bibliographic Instruction Section.

**Donor.** Mountainside Publishing Company donates the $1,000 cash award on behalf of its publication, Research Strategies: A Journal of Information, led to the formation of the ACRL Bibliographic Instruction Section. The award is administered by the Bibliographic Instruction Section of ACRL.

**Criteria.** Nominees should have achieved distinction in one or more of the following areas:

1. Planning and implementation of an academic bibliographic instruction program that provides significant contributions to the field and is recognized as a model for widespread use in other libraries.
2. Research and publication that has had a demonstrable impact on the concepts and methods of teaching and information-seeking strategies in a college or research institution.
3. Active participation in and significant contribution to an organization devoted to the promotion and advancement of academic bibliographic instruction.
4. Promotion, development, and integration of education for bibliographic instruction in ALA-accredited library schools or professional continuing education programs which have served as models for other courses and programs.

**Submission procedure.** Write a letter outlining how the candidate meets the above criteria. Nominations will be kept on file for three consecutive years. Please attach a current vita—not a biographical sketch. Send nominations to: David King, Dudley Award, University of Kentucky, College of Library and Information Science, 502 King Library Bldg., Lexington, KY 40506-0391. Call David King, if you have questions or need assistance in compiling nomination forms. Phone: (606) 257-8876. Note: Nominees will be judged on an individual basis; this award cannot be given to a pair or group of persons.

**Deadline.** December 1, 1989.

**Previous recipients.** Thomas Kirk (1984); Carolyn Kirkendall (1985); Virginia Tiefel (1986); Evan Ira Farber (1987); Sharon Hogan (1988); Maureen Pastine (1989).

**Hugh Atkinson Memorial Award**

**Purpose.** The award honors the life and accomplishments of Hugh C. Atkinson, one of the major innovators in modern librarianship, and recognizes outstanding achievement (including risk-taking) by academic librarians that has contributed significantly to improvements in the area of library automation, library management, and/or library development or research.

**Donor.** The award is jointly sponsored by ACRL, the Library Administration and Management Association (LAMA), the Library and Information Technology Association (LITA), and the Resources and Technical Services Division (RTSD), four divisions of the American Library Association, and is funded by an endowment created by divisional, individual, and vendor contributions given in memory of Hugh C. Atkinson. Additional funds are sought to bring the endowment to at least $100,000. Send your tax-deductible contributions to: Hugh Atkinson Memorial Award, ACRL/ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611-2795. The first award consisted of an unrestricted $2,000 cash prize and a plaque.

**Eligibility.** The nominee must be a librarian employed in a university, college, or community college library in the year prior to application for the award and must have a minimum of five years of professional experience in an academic library. Individuals may nominate themselves or be nominated by others.

**Criteria.** The nominee must have demonstrated achievement (including risk-taking) that has contributed significantly to improvements in the area of library automation, library management, and/or library development or research.

**Submission procedure.** Those wishing to nominate someone (including themselves) for the award should write a letter outlining how the candidate meets the above criteria. Letters should be accompanied by a current copy of the candidate’s vita.

**Deadline.** December 1, 1989.

**Previous recipients.** Richard M. Dougherty (1988); Thomas Michalak (1989).

**Community College Learning Resources Achievement Awards**

**Purpose.** Two annual awards to recognize significant achievement in the areas of: 1) Program Development and 2) Leadership or Community Service. This is a brand new award and the first time that it has been offered.

**Donor.** The printed citations are prepared and donated by the officers of the Community and Junior College Libraries Section (CJCLS). Established in 1989.

**Eligibility.** Individuals or groups from two-year institutions, as well as the two-year institutions themselves are eligible to receive awards. Nominations will be kept on file for three consecutive years.

**Criteria.** Nominees for the Program Development awards should have demonstrated significant achievement in one of the following areas: development of a unique and innovative learning resources/library program that enhances use by faculty and students; integration and exploration of media and
technology to enhance services; exemplary collection development policy model.

Nominees for the Leadership or Community Service award must have made significant achievement in one or more of the following areas: advocacy of learning resources/libraries by individuals, groups, or programs not directly affiliated with the program; community services (including businesses, public libraries, special services for the disadvantaged); cooperative programs with schools, libraries, and other organizations; legislative advocacy; special assignments associated with the mission of the community colleges such as literacy across the curriculum programs.

Submission procedure. Nominations should consist of the application form, a narrative letter describing the achievements, and any supporting attachments. Send four copies of the nominations to: award jury chair, Shirley A. Lowman, Library Technical Services Director, Maricopa County Community College, 2325 E. McDowell Road, Phoenix, AZ 85006; (602) 275-3301; FAX (602) 220-9041.


II. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH

Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship

Purpose. To foster research in academic librarianship by encouraging and assisting doctoral students in the field with their dissertation research. Donor. The Institute for Scientific Information donates the $1,000 cash award and citation.

Eligibility. The recipient of the fellowship must meet the following qualifications:
1. Be an active doctoral student in the academic librarianship area in a degree-granting institution.
2. Have completed all course work.
3. Have had a dissertation proposal accepted by the institution.
4. Recipient of the fellowship may not receive it a second time.
5. The applicant need not be an ACRL member.

Criteria. The proposal will be judged primarily on merit with emphasis on the following:
1. Potential significance of the research to the field of academic librarianship. (No attempt will be made to define academic librarianship but the subject should be consistent with topics usually published in College & Research Libraries or presented at ACRL meetings.)
2. Validity of the methodology and proposed methods of analysis.
3. Originality and creativity.
4. Clarity and completeness of the proposal.
5. Presentation of a convincing plan for completion in a reasonable amount of time.
6. Evidence of a continuing interest in scholarship such as a previous publication record.

Submission procedure. Qualified students who wish to be considered for the fellowship may apply by submitting a brief (ten pages or less double-spaced) proposal that includes the following:
1. Description of the research, including significance and methodology.
2. Schedule for completion.
3. Budget and budget justification for items for which support is sought. (These must be items for which no other support is available.) Examples of acceptable budget items are printing, computer time, fees to subjects, data input, statistical consulting, photography, art work, typing, and professional travel.
4. Name of dissertation adviser and committee members.
5. Cover letter from dissertation adviser endorsing the proposal.
6. An up-to-date curriculum vitae should accompany the proposal.

Because of limits imposed by timing considerations, applications may be made for research under way; e.g., a student who begins research in the Fall may apply for support for expenses incurred from the Fall until the time the award is made.


Martinus Nijhoff International West European Specialist Study Grant

Purpose. Established in 1985, the annual grant supports a wide variety of research topics pertaining to West European studies, librarianship, or the book trade. Proposals may focus on the acquisition, organization, or use of library materials from or
relating to Western Europe. Current or historical subjects may be treated. The objectives of the study may be of either practical use or scholarly value to the community of librarians and researchers.

Donor. Martinus Nijhoff International funds this study grant which covers air travel to and from Europe, surface travel in Europe, lodging and board for no more than 14 consecutive days. Maximum amount of 10,000 Dutch guilders or U.S. dollar equivalent is awarded per year. Funds may not be used for salaries, research-related supplies, publication cost, conference fees, or equipment purchases. The award is administered by the Western European Specialists Section of ACRL.

Criteria. The primary criterion for awarding the grant is the significance and utility of the proposed project as a contribution to the study of the acquih ersion European Specialists Section of ACRL.

Criteria. The primary criterion for awarding the grant is the significance and utility of the proposed project as a contribution to the study of the acquisition, organization, or use of library materials from or relating to Western Europe. The award committee will review the proposals with the following questions in mind:

1. What is the work to be accomplished? The proposal should be as explicit as possible about the current state of knowledge in the area and what will be achieved by the successful completion of the study.
2. What is the need and value of the proposed research? The proposal should provide persuasive evidence that the study is of practical use or scholarly value to the wider community served by the grant.
3. What is the methodology for carrying out the proposed work? The research design should be as specific as possible and demonstrate why the European component is essential.
4. Is the work accomplishable within the time-frame proposed? If the study extends beyond the 14-day limit of the grant, the proposal should specify how the additional work will be completed and funded.
5. Are the applicant's qualifications sufficient to carry out the study?

Submission procedure. Six copies of the application should be submitted and must include:

1. A proposal, five pages or less, typed double-spaced.
2. A tentative travel itinerary—not to exceed 14 days, including the proposed countries and institutions to be visited and the preferred period of study/travel.
3. A travel budget, including estimated round-trip coach airfare, transportation in Europe, lodging expenses, and meal costs.
4. A current curriculum vitae.

Obligations of the grantee. The recipient's detailed expense statement, with original receipts, is due to ACRL within two months of the trip's termination. The grantee is required to submit a report of no less than 4,000 words on the research resulting from the study trip to ACRL within six months. It is assumed that in most cases this report will be suitable for publication; if so, ACRL is given first rights of refusal. The grantee should submit an abstract of the report for publication in the WESS Newsletter. In addition, the grantee may be asked to participate in a WESS general discussion group, advise the award committee, or counsel new grantees. Recipients are encouraged, but not required, to join WESS and become involved in its activities.


Previous recipients. Price indexes of European academic library materials (Frederick Lynden, 1986); Refugee and exile publishing in Western Europe (Michael Albin, 1987); No award in 1988; Preserving the written record: Preservation programs at European Libraries (James H. Spohrer (1989).

Samuel Lazerow Fellowship for Research in Acquisitions or Technical Services in an Academic or Research Library

Purpose. To foster advances in acquisitions or technical services by providing librarians a fellowship for travel, or writing in those fields. Research projects in collection development or the compilation of bibliographies will not be supported by this fellowship.

Donor. The Institute for Scientific Information funds the fellowship, which consists of a $1,000 cash award and a citation.

Criteria. The proposals will be judged with an emphasis on the following:

1. Potential significance of the project to acquisitions or technical services work.
2. Originality and creativity.
3. Clarity and completeness of the proposal.
4. Evidence of an interest in scholarship, such as a previous publication record.

Submission procedure. Brief proposals (five pages or less, double-spaced) should include the following:

1. Description of research, travel, or writing project.
2. Schedule for project.
3. Estimate of expenses. (Examples: professional travel, computer time, photocopying, typing).
4. Recipients of the fellowship will be asked to submit a brief report of the results of their research.
5. An up-to-date curriculum vitae should accompany proposal.


Previous recipients. "Technical Processing Costs in Large Academic Research Libraries" (Denise Bedford, 1983); "Online Cataloging Systems and the Man-Machine Interface" (Anne L. Highsmith, 1985); "Implementing Technological Change in
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Library Technical Service Units” (Margaret Johnson, 1987); CD ROM (Carol Kelley, 1988); “Computer Simulations of Cataloging Backlog Dynamics” (Robert H. Burger, 1989).

Professional Association Liaison Awards

**Purpose.** To support membership liaison activities in other (non-library) professional associations.

**Donor.** ACRL provides the funding which is distributed through the Professional Association Liaison Committee. Ten awards of up to $300 each are available.

**Eligibility.** Applicants must be members of ALA. Preference is given to ACRL members.

**Criteria.** Preference will be given to efforts which contribute to the understanding or use of academic library resources or services. Also eligible for funding are efforts which enhance the perception of academic librarians as part of the “education team.” Support for participation in organizations could include activities such as major presentation, panel discussions, poster sessions, publications of articles, and more. In awarding the funding request, the committee will give weight to the significance of the contribution.

Funding will be up to $300 of costs not covered by others for travel, accommodations, and registration (not membership). Funding will be awarded after the event, but requests may be submitted for approval prior to the event. Awards are dependent on the committee receiving report of activity.

**Submission procedure.** The following format should be followed:
1. Name, title, address, and telephone number of requester.
2. Name of organization sponsoring the program.
3. Requester’s relationship to organization.
4. Summary of participation (e.g., abstract of paper).
5. Statement of potential impact for promoting academic or research librarianship.
6. Budget and amount being requested.
7. Supporting documentation as relevant (e.g., receipts, program, etc.)

Applications should be sent to the chair of the Professional Association Liaison Committee, Louise Sherby, Deputy Head for Administration, Columbia University Libraries, Butler Reference Department, 325 Butler Library, 535 W. 114th St., New York, NY 10027; (212) 280-3475.

**Deadline.** The committee meets twice a year to review applications: at ALA Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference.

ACRL Continuing Education Scholarships

**Purpose.** To encourage professional development of academic librarians.

**Donor.** ACRL provides two tuition-free scholarships each year. A list of the courses available at the 1990 Annual Conference is available from the ACRL office.

**Eligibility.** Applicant must:
1. Be a member of ACRL by the application deadline (December 1, 1989).
2. Hold a master’s degree in Library Science from a program accredited by ALA.
3. Have at least three years experience in a library prior to the application deadline.
4. Be currently employed in a library in a position generally accepted as “professional” as defined by their institution.
5. Have not previously been granted and used this scholarship.
6. Have given evidence of professional growth as indicated by committee work, membership in professional organizations, etc.
7. Have the requisite background to benefit from the course selected.

**Criteria.** Awards will be made based upon:
1. Evidence of commitment to librarianship as a profession.
2. Potential benefit to the individual and the profession.
3. Relevancy of the course requested to current position or clearly identified career track.
5. Service to ACRL, ALA, the wider profession.

**Deadline.** Applications must be postmarked by December 1, 1989.

III. PUBLICATIONS OR ARTICLES

Katharine Kyes Leab and Daniel J. Leab

American Book Prices Current Exhibition Catalogue Awards

**Purpose.** To recognize outstanding catalogues published by American or Canadian institutions in conjunction with exhibitions of books and/or manuscripts.

**Donor.** Katharine Kyes Leab and Daniel J. Leab, American Book Prices Current, established an endowment to fund the awards, which consist of printed citations to the winning institutions organizing the exhibitions.

**Eligibility.** Catalogues published by American or Canadian institutions in conjunction with an exhibition of books and/or manuscripts which has taken place or which is in progress before August 31, 1988, are eligible. Catalogues must be published between September 1, 1987, and August 31, 1988. The entries will be divided into three budget
categories—expensive, moderately expensive, and inexpensive—based upon the production costs as outlined in the entry form. Catalogues may be of varying formats, styles, and scope, but each must represent an exhibition which has taken place. Catalogues may be intended for various types of audiences: scholars, students, or the general public. Catalogues may have various purposes: publicity, dissemination of information about a collection, attraction of donations, commemoration of a special occasion, etc.

Criteria. Catalogues will be judged on the level of accuracy and consistency of presentation, their clarity, quality of design, and usefulness to the intended audience.

Submission procedure. Four copies of the catalogue must be submitted with an entry form (available from the chair of the committee) to: Pat Bozeman, Chair of the RBMS Committee for Awards for Exhibition Catalogues, Head, Special Collections, University of Houston Libraries, Houston, TX 77204-2091. All catalogues submitted will become the property of RBMS. If you have any questions, call Pat Bozeman at (713) 749-2726.


K.G. Saur Award for Best Article in College and Research Libraries

Purpose. To recognize the most outstanding article published in College & Research Libraries during the preceding volume year.

Donor. K. G. Saur donates the $500 cash award (shared by the authors) and appropriate citation.


Criteria. The winning article will be selected on the basis of originality, timeliness, relevance to ACRL areas of interest and concern, and quality of writing.

Submission procedure. Articles for College & Research Libraries may be submitted to Charles Martell, Editor, College & Research Libraries, The Library, 2000 Jed Smith Dr., California State University, Sacramento, CA 95819.


Oberly Award for Bibliography in Agricultural Sciences

Purpose. The Oberly Award, established in 1923, is a biennial award given in odd-numbered years, to an American citizen who compiles the best bibliography in the field of agriculture or one of the related sciences in the two-year period preceding the year in which the award is made.

Donor. The cash award and citation is made possible by a fund established by colleagues in memory of Eunice Rockwood Oberly, late librarian of the Bureau of Plant Industry, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and is administered by the Science and Technology Section of ACRL.

Eligibility. Bibliographies in the field of agriculture or one of the related sciences compiled by an American citizen during the two-year period preceding the year in which the award is made.

Criteria. Bibliographies submitted for award consideration are judged on accuracy, scope, usefulness, format and special features such as: explanatory introductions, annotations, and indexes.

Submission procedure. Nominations may be made in the form of a letter and should point out the reasons the bibliography should be considered for the award. A copy of the bibliography should accompany the nomination. Send nominations to the jury chair, Carol Boast, Agriculture Library, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1408 W. Gregory, Urbana, IL 61801.


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