

ACRL awards for 2001

Celebrating the best in academic librarianship

by Meredith Parets

Since 1923, ACRL has been dedicated to recognizing and honoring the achievements of outstanding academic and research librarians. With the addition of three new awards in 1999, the ACRL Awards Program has grown to include 18 awards, including grants, fellowships, publication, and achievement awards. With the generous support of corporate sponsors, ACRL awards nearly \$30,000 each year to the best and brightest in academic librarianship.

Take time to nominate a deserving colleague

The prestige of the Awards Program ultimately rests upon the ACRL membership. We urge you to take some time to reflect on the accomplishments of your colleagues and to consider making nominations for the 2001 awards.

Award winners in the areas of Distinguished Service and Publication are selected by juries comprised of ACRL members, who rely on their peers to nominate outstanding librarians for consideration. Researchers and doctoral students are encouraged to submit proposals for one of the three fellowships and grants ACRL offers.

The enthusiasm and support of members ensures a distinguished and competi-

tive pool of nominees and applicants, and the recognition that winners and nominees receive is especially meaningful because it comes from colleagues.

The ACRL office is happy to provide you with informational flyers for each award, which list submission procedures, award amount, criteria, and contact information. These flyers are also on the ACRL Web site at <http://www.ala.org/acrl.award2.html>. Most awards have a December 1, 2000, deadline. Brief descriptions of each award are listed below.

Achievement and distinguished service awards

- **Excellence in Academic Libraries Award** (sponsored by *Blackwell's Book Services*): \$3,000 cash award for each of three awards (one in each type of library) that 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 that recognizes an outstanding member of the academic or research library profession.

- **Hugh C. Atkinson Memorial Award** (sponsored by *ACRL, ALCTS, LAMA, LITA*): \$2,000 cash award that recognizes outstanding achievements (including risk-tak-

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ing) in the areas of library automation, management, or development and research.

- **Marta Lange/CQ Award** (sponsored by *Congressional Quarterly, Inc.*): \$1,000 cash award that 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 that recognizes an individual librarian for significant contributions to the 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., 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 Informa-*

tion): \$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*): 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.

- **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.

Visit the Web for details

For more information about the ACRL 2001 Awards Program, please visit our Web page at <http://www.ala.org/acrl/award2.html> or contact Meredith Parets at (800) 545-2433.

We look forward to receiving your nominations and celebrating your achievements in 2001. ■



This crystal, commemorating the Excellence in Academic Libraries Award, is just one of the ways ACRL recognizes its award winners.