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For her very effective leadership in the field of library material preservation.

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Thanks to her relentless efforts, preservation awareness is now reaching all levels of librarianship. Pamela Darling's outstanding accomplishments in library technical services exemplify the high professional standards to which this award is dedicated.

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