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Henriette Avram and Frederick G. Kilgour have been named co-recipients of the 1979 Association of College and Research Libraries' Academic/Research Librarian of the Year Award.

The annual award of $2,000 recognizes outstanding national or international contribution to academic and research librarianship and library development. It is donated by the Baker & Taylor Company and administered by the Association of College and Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association.

Ms. Avram, Director of the Network Development Office, Library of Congress, and Mr. Kilgour, Executive Director of OCLC Inc., were honored at a reception on Tuesday, June 26th, at the Hyatt Regency Dallas Hotel, during the ALA's annual conference.

The citation presented to Henriette Avram states that "Her work at the Library of Congress in developing and promoting a standard format for bibliographic records in machine-readable form is one of the most significant achievements in modern librarianship."

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Henriette Avram went to the Library of Congress in 1965 after previous experience as a systems analyst at the National Security Agency (1953-1959), the American Research Bureau (1959-1961) and Datatrol Corporation (1961-1965). The development and implementation of the MARC Pilot Project and design of the MARC Distribution Service took place between 1965 and 1970 when she was Assistant Coordinator of Information Services at the Library of Congress. Her pamphlet *MARC: Its History and Implications* (Library of Congress, 1975) is a lucid account of this extraordinarily creative period in the history of library automation.

Ms. Avram has been an active member of the American Library Association, the International Federation of Library Associations, the American National Standards Institute, the International Organization for Standardization, and the American Society for Information Science.

The citation presented to Frederick G. Kilgour reads, in part: "In the past decade, few library developments have had the revolutionary effect of the OCLC system on library operations. Though many people have been involved in the implementation and development of an on-line computer-based bibliographic system, the prime mover of OCLC has been and continues to be Frederick G. Kilgour, President and Executive Director of OCLC, Inc."

Mr. Kilgour's first library positions were in the Harvard College Library. Following military service he became the Librarian of Yale Medical Library and was later appointed Yale's first Associate Librarian for Research and Development. During his 17 years at Yale, he was managing editor of the *Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine*. In 1967 he became director of the Ohio College Library Center.

A prolific researcher and author, Kilgour was editor of the *Journal of Library Automation* and has served as President of the ALA Information Science and Automation Division (now Library Information and Technology Association).