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Dr. Richard C. Hunter, superintendent of the Richmond (Virginia) City Schools, was presented the 1979 Distinguished Library Service Award of the American Association of School Librarians at the Awards Festival Luncheon of the AASL on June 26, during the Annual Conference of the American Library Association in Dallas.

Dr. Hunter is a member of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, and the Urban League. He is on the board of a local bank and the Richmond City Library and serves as a trustee for a community college. Dr. Hunter "articulates his clear vision of the goals and needs of the inner-city school system" in all of these endeavors.

He was associate superintendent for educational services for the Richmond Public Schools and assumed the superintendency in 1976. Dr. Hunter has been cited as a planner and an excellent administrator. He developed a six-year educational plan for Richmond that identified six board goals and 24 performance objectives, the time frame for meeting them and the evaluative process to assess them.

The annual citation is presented to a person directly responsible for the administration of a school or group of schools who has made a unique contribution toward furthering the role of the library and its development in elementary and/or secondary education.

Members of the jury that selected Dr. Hunter were Hallie Jordan, Montgomery, Alabama, chairperson, Dale Brown, Alexandria, Virginia, Betty Jo Buckingham, Des Moines,

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Iowa; Evelyn H. Daniel, Syracuse, New York; Thomas L. Hart, Tallahassee, Florida; Doris Hicks, Rochester, New York; and Patricia H. Mautino, Mexico, New York.

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