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The Herbert W. Putnam Honor Award was presented to Dr. Isabel Schon, assistant professor of library science, Arizona State University, College of Education in Tempe at the inaugural banquet of the American Library Association on June 28, during ALA's annual conference in Dallas. The Award consists of \$500 and was presented to Dr. Schon "to study the effects of selected books on students' perceptions of Mexican-American people."

The Putnam Honor Award is presented as a grant-in-aid to an American librarian of outstanding ability for travel, writing or any other use that might improve his or her service to the library profession or to society.

Dr. Schon's study will "investigate the effect of bicultural reading material on Mexican-American students' perception of themselves and of Anglo students' attitudes toward Mexican-American people."

Dr. Schon received her Bachelor of Science degree (cum laude) from Mankato State College in Minnesota; Master of Arts degree from Michigan State University; and Doctor of Philosophy degree in Education from the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Prior to joining the faculty of Arizona State University, Dr. Schon was Evaluator, Bilingual Educational Materials, University of Colorado; Educational Evaluator, School of Business Administration, National University of Mexico; Visiting Professor, University of the Americas, Mexico; and was Director of the Educational Media Center of the American School Foundation in Mexico City.

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She has produced twenty-three filmstrips with teaching guides in Spanish and English on Mexican history, art, and culture. This material is used in approximately 50 different school systems and universities.

Dr. Schon is the author of A Hispanic Heritage; Books for Children and Young Adults in Spanish; A Bicultural Heritage: Themes for the Exploration of Mexican and Mexican-American Culture through Books for Children and Adolescents; and Mexico and Its Literature for Children and Adolescents.

Dr. Schon states that her study will also result in recommendations that should prove useful in the development of future educational materials as well as assisting teachers and librarians in judging the quality of commercially produced multi-cultural materials.

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