

# News Release: American Library Association

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## MICHENER TO SPEAK AT ALLIE BETH MARTIN AWARD BRUNCH

Author James Michener will be the featured speaker at the Allie Beth Martin Award Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sunday, June 24, at the Fairmont Hotel's Gold Room, during the American Library Association's (ALA) Summer Conference in Dallas, June 23-29.

Michener first received recognition in 1947 for his book Tales of the South Pacific. For more than 30 years he has continued to write such popular works as Hawaii, The Source, and his latest best-seller Chesapeake. His popular book Centennial was aired last winter on television as a mini-series.

The Allie Beth Martin Award will be presented to Mrs. Harriet Bard, the first recipient of the award, which honors the late Allie Beth Martin, director of the Tulsa (Oklahoma) City-County Library and once president of the American Library Association. The award is given in recognition of the public librarian who "has demonstrated an extraordinary range of depth and knowledge about books or other library materials" and who has shown distinguished ability to share that knowledge.

The award and brunch are made possible through the joint sponsorship of the Baker and Taylor Company and the Public Library Association, a division of ALA.

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The brunch will include champagne, fresh strawberries and eggs Benedict. Tickets are available for \$11.50 from ALA/PLA, 50 E. Huron, Chicago, IL 60611. Checks should be made payable to the Public Library Association and must be received by June 8.

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ALA/NDI/CR PROJECT

The ALA/NDI/CR project is a month old, and libraries all over the country are responding to the initial announcement. One-hundred-thirty-four requests have been received for kits from 43 states including Alaska and Hawaii. Requests have come from small rural towns and from metropolitan centers. Libraries that haven't yet applied for forms still have time to get a kit of information. Libraries that want to be part of the demonstration must submit proposals by June 15.

These proposals will be reviewed by the project staff and Advisory Task Force. Members of the Advisory Task Force are:

George Collins, Project Director, Courses by Newspaper  
University of California, San Diego

Diane Eisenberg, Director, Community Services Office  
American Association of Community and Junior Colleges  
Washington, D.C.

Lee Browner, Executive Director  
Metropolitan Library System in Oklahoma County  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Arthur Miller, Director  
Lake Forest College Library, Lake Forest, Illinois

Lois Fleming, Director  
Leon County Public Library, Tallahassee, Florida

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