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The Reference and Adult Services Division of the American Library Association has established the "Facts On File Award," a new \$1000 award that will be given annually to promote wider public knowledge of and involvement in current affairs. Facts On File, Inc. is the donor of the award.

The award will be presented to the librarian who has made current affairs more meaningful to an adult audience; "adults" may be interpreted to include young adults. The award may be given to several librarians involved in the same project, and in those cases the award will be split among the individuals.

The award will not be presented for classroom learning experience, but rather for projects in a less formal setting that will emphasize quality rather than magnitude of the project. Programs, bibliographies, pamphlets, and innovative approaches of all types and in all media will qualify.

Nominations will be solicited by a committee of five RASD members (to be appointed this spring) who will select a recipient at the 1980 ALA Midwinter Meeting and make the announcement at the 1980 ALA Annual Conference in New York. This first award will be presented at the Conference by an officer from Facts On File, Inc.

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"We are grateful for this opportunity to reward creative reference service especially as it relates to current affairs. No library setting will be considered too small to qualify for this award as long as the librarian's approach has been exciting and innovative," commented Larry Earl Bone, RASD President and Director of Libraries at Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry, NY.

The deadline for this award will be December 15 of each year and appropriate documentation should be filed with the applications.

For more information about the award, write Facts On File Award, RASD/ALA, 50 E. Huron, Chicago, IL 60611.