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The Government Documents Round Table of the American Library Association has set December 15, 1978 as the deadline for submission of nominations for two GODORT awards to be presented in 1979. The coming year will mark the fourth James Bennett Childs Award and the third Congressional Information Service/Government Documents Round Table/American Library Association "Documents to the People" Award.

The James Bennett Childs Award, GODORT's highest honor, is a tribute to a librarian for distinguished contribution to the documents world. The contribution may have been in any or all areas of documents librarianship, nationally or internationally, and the recipient may represent any size or type of library. The winner of the Childs Award receives a bronze plaque with the likeness of James Bennett Childs, a distinguished leader and outstanding documents librarian who made the Library of Congress one of the world's greatest repositories of government documents.

The CIS/GODORT/ALA "Documents to the People" Award honors an individual and/or library, institution, organization or other non-commercial group that has most effectively encouraged the use of federal documents in support of library services. Unlike the Childs Award which beckons for the nationally

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recognized names of the profession, the "Documents to the People" Award opens the door for a tribute to librarians, libraries or organizations which have made a significant impact in promoting the use of federal documents within a limited geographical area. Equal consideration will be given to librarians of any type or size of library. The winner receives a certificate and cash stipend of \$1,000 for the promotion of professional advancement in the field of documents librarianship. If, instead of an institution or group, the "Documents to the People" Award is presented to an individual, that person will be invited to designate an institutional recipient for the grant, subject to GODORT approval. The award is sponsored by Congressional Information Service, Inc.

The GODORT Awards Committee suggests that nominations be made in outline form including:

- A. Name of nominee and title of award.
- B. Address of nominee (include home, business and library if appropriate).
- C. Employer and length of service.
- D. Activities related to document librarianship.
- E. Comments. These should include background information on the nominee or any information not provided above. Comments should be as complete and concise as possible.
- F. Signature, name and address of the nominating individual or organization executive officer. Names and addresses of any co-sponsors, endorsing organizations or individuals should also be included.
- G. Date of nomination.

If appropriate, the same individual may be nominated for both GODORT awards. The nominations must clearly specify the specific award title.

Nominations should be mailed to the GODORT Awards Committee Chairperson Candy Morgan, Oregon State Library, State Library Building, Salem, Oregon 97310.

The awards will be presented at the ALA Annual Conference, June 1979.