The American Library Trustee Association Honor Awards, honoring major benefactors of public libraries, will be presented at the American Library Association Conference held at Detroit, Michigan.

The American Library Trustee Association, a division of the American Library Association, will honor seven recipients, including individuals and foundations. These newly established awards are given for the first time in 1977.

A formal presentation will be made at local ceremonies in the fall. Duplicate awards will be given to the benefactors and the recipient libraries.

Selection of the seven was approved by the ALTA Board in early 1977.

The recipients are:

The F.W. Symmes Foundation of Greenville, S.C., benefactor of Greenville County Library, Greenville, S.C.

The Rosamond Gifford Charitable Corporation of Syracuse, New York, benefactor of North Syracuse Free Library.

T.H. McCasland of Duncan, Oklahoma, benefactor of Duncan Public Library, Duncan, Oklahoma.

The late Viola T. Swetmann, benefactor of Seward Community Library, Seward, Alaska.
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The late P.M. Musser and descendants, benefactors of Musser Public Library, in Muscatine, Iowa.

The late Sarah Irwin Jones, benefactor of Audubon Regional Library in Clinton, Louisiana.

Ann Smoot of King George, Virginia, benefactor of The Lewis Egerton Smoot Memorial Library in King George, Virginia.

Commenting on the Honor Awards, Mr. Reid, chairperson of the ALTA committee which selected the winners said "for years the American Library Association has cited librarians, authors, trustees, etc., but donors to libraries have been neglected despite the fact that such dedication and generosity has been a vital force toward providing library service."

"ALTA inaugurated its Honor Awards program to express public gratitude to those whose financial assistance was significant in terms of the needs of libraries. The committee based its choices on the importance of a contribution to a given library. For example: our first series of awards is going to individuals and foundations whose donations range from $15,000 to several hundred thousands of dollars. In some cases, it was a one-time grant and in others, the donations were made over a span of years."

"The important consideration in each case was how vital the benefactor was to the library."

Members of ALTA's Committee to Honor Major Benefactors of Libraries are Charles E. Reid, Chairperson, Paramus, New Jersey; Daniel W. Casey, Syracuse, New York; Herbert A. Davis, Baltimore, Maryland; Mary A. Janowski, Oberlin, Louisiana; Dr. James Klaiber, Liverpool New York; Minnie-Lou Lynch, Oakdale, Louisiana; and John T. Short, Avon, Connecticut.