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Dr. R. Kathleen Molz was presented the Ralph R. Shaw Award for Library Literature for her book Federal Policy and Library Support at the Inaugural Banquet of the American Library Association's Annual Conference in Detroit, on June 21. The Award is donated by Scarecrow Press and consists of \$500 and a citation for "an outstanding contribution to library literature."

Dr. Molz is a member of the faculty of the School of Library Service, Columbia University. She received her B.S. and M.A. degrees from Johns Hopkins University and the M.A. in L.S. from the University of Michigan, and Ph.D. from Columbia University. She served on the staff of the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore and was Public Relations Officer and Television Specialist for the Philadelphia Free Library. She was then appointed Editor of the Wilson Library Bulletin, a post she held until her appointment as Chief of the Library Planning and Development Branch in the Division of Library Services and Educational Facilities of the U.S. Office of Education in Washington. She served as President of the Library Relations Council; and at present is a member of the Executive Board of ALA. Dr. Molz also served as chairperson of the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee.

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add 1. Ralph R. Shaw Award

The citation presented to R. Kathleen Molz reads in part:

. . . As the library community considers the direction and form of future federal interest in libraries, R. Kathleen Molz's Federal Policy and Library Support will serve to inform and stimulate these deliberations. Her work traces the historical development of that federal interest, offers the basis for a critical appraisal of legislated library programs according to several widely shared philosophies of governance, and proposes an approach to future federal policy based on a new understanding of national library needs and priorities that conforms to the emerging pattern of federal funding. . . .