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Elizabeth T. Fast was presented the Grolier Foundation Award for "an unusual contribution to the stimulation and guidance of reading by children and young people" on Tuesday, June 21, at the Inaugural Banquet of the American Library Association's Annual Conference in Detroit.

Mrs. Fast is a graduate of Radcliffe, with a B.A. in English. She received a degree in Library Science from Southern Connecticut, and a Masters degree in Library Science from the University of Rhode Island.

She was an elementary school librarian in Groton, Connecticut; director of library service; and director of educational media. At present she is a school librarian in an elementary school.

Among her many professional affiliations, Mrs. Fast is a member of the League of Women Voters, Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Delta Kappa, and is presently a member of the Council and Executive Board of the American Library Association.

Mrs. Fast's one-woman campaign awakened the Groton Board of Education and Town Council to the value of school librarians.

The citation presented to Elizabeth Fast reads:

The Grolier Foundation Award for 1977 is presented to Elizabeth T. Fast in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the stimulation and guidance of reading by children and young people.

add 1. Grolier Foundation Award

Elizabeth T. Fast has been successful in awakening her community to all the needs and advantages of library service for children.

A succession of librarians and teachers have been inspired to carry out her goals in other places.

She succeeded, by continued involvement in all areas of library work, by her writings and her service on numerous committees and the Council of the American Library Association in sharing with her colleagues new ideas for better library service.

Elizabeth T. Fast's continuing success as an administrator, teacher, lecturer, and as a person exemplifies outstanding librarianship.