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Dr. Lester Ashelm, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, was presented the J.W. Lippincott Award for "distinguished service in the profession of librarianship." The presentation was made on July 23, 1976 during the final General Session of the Centennial Conference of the American Library Association in Chicago.

Dr. Ashelm received his Ph.D. in librarianship from the University of Chicago, his M.A. in American Literature, University of Washington; his B.A. and B.A.L.S. from the University of Washington. At present he is William Rand Kenan, Jr. Professor of Library Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. During his distinguished career Dr. Ashelm was Professor Graduate Library School, University of Chicago, from 1971-74; Director, Office for Library Education, ALA, 1966-71; Director, International Relations Office, ALA, 1961-66; and Dean and Associate Professor, Graduate Library School, University of Chicago, 1952-61. Dr. Ashelm is the Incoming President of the Library Education Division of ALA.

The Joseph W. Lippincott Award consists of \$1,000, an engraved medal and a citation. The citation reads in part: "Lester E. Ashelm has a long and distinguished record of achievement as a public and academic librarian, researcher, teacher, and dean. As author and editor he has made significant contributions to the professional literature, including landmark papers on book selection, manpower for librarianship, and communications. His book, LIBRARIANSHIP IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, was hailed

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as a major work on international librarianship..."

Among the many honors, awarded Dr. Asheim have been the "Intellectual Freedom Award" from the Illinois Library Association; the "Distinguished Alumnus Award" from the University of Washington School of Librarianship; the Scarecrow Press Award for Library Literature and the Beta Phi Mu Award for Distinguished Service to Education for Librarianship.

Dr. Asheim's publications include many articles in the journals of librarianship and several monographs including: (with Bernard Berelson) The Library's Public; The Humanities and the Library; Librarianship in the Developing Countries; and "Trends In Library Education - U.S.A." Also editorship of several conference volumes from the Graduate Library School, including: A Forum on the Public Library Inquiry; The Future of the Book; New Directions In Public Library Development; and with Sara Fenwick, Differentiating the Media.