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Fred C. Cole, President of the Council on Library Resources, was awarded the Special Centennial Citation of the American Library Association, on July 19, during the Centennial Conference of the ALA in Chicago.

Dr. Cole received his A.M. and Ph.D. from Louisiana State University. During his distinguished career, he has been History Editor, Louisiana State University Press; Associate Professor, History, Tulane University, President, Washington and Lee University. He was awarded Special Commendation of Surgeon General, U.S. Navy, and Outstanding Service Award, by the U.S. Army. Dr. Cole's honorary memberships include: Sigma Chi; Phi Kappa Phi, Pi Sigma Alpha, Omicron Delta Kappa.

The Special Centennial Citation presented to Dr. Cole reads:

As a university administrator, a board member of the Council on Library Resources from 1962, and as CLR's President since 1967, Fred Carrington Cole has served the library profession quietly, with dignity, but with considerable skill in making Ford Foundation dollars for libraries achieve maximum impact. The various projects funded under his direction such as the revision of the Anglo-American Cataloging Code, the regional computer networks, the automation of bibliographic data, the joint CLR-NEH College Library Program, and the various programs aimed at improving library management have contributed much to the advancement of the library profession in the past decade. In addition, his interest in upgrading the skills of librarians through such innovative programs as the CLR Fellowships, the Management Intern Program, and, most recently, the Library Service Enhancement Program have indicated that Fred Cole realizes the importance of well qualified librarians as a key to library progress.

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a year's leave from his post as Vice President at Tulane. At the time of his appointment as CLR President he was President of Washington and Lee University. His experience in the educational world and with other foundations has made him an important adviser to librarians, and to ALA, as well as a major supporter of their activities. His quiet manner and self-effacing personality belie a progressive attitude and serious concern with the library's role in the future of American society.

The American Library Association recognizes Fred Carrington Cole for his support of the best of the past in librarianship as well as his interest in the world of the future.

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