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The Hammond Incorporated Library Award, consisting of \$500 and a citation, was presented to the Gail Borden Public Library District in Elgin, Illinois, at the General Session IV of the Centennial Conference of the American Library Association in Chicago, on Friday, July 23, 1976. The award is given annually to recognize unusual contribution to the use of maps, atlases and globes by children and young people.

The citation presented to the Gail Borden Public Library District reads in part: "In recognition of their resourceful and substantial contribution to the LaSalle Expedition II, in which a group of high school students will recreate the original LaSalle Expedition of 1681-82. To map the route the 1976 voyageurs will follow, it was necessary to use both 17th and 20th century maps, and to interpret them in the light of changed cartographic techniques and instruments...This project not only increased interest in maps, atlases and cartographic techniques in the group of students directly involved in mapping the trip, but will make a permanent contribution to materials available for teachers' use in inter-disciplinary instruction in our country."