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Ms. Thurber is known for her achievements in the field of procurement of library materials throughout the entire federal library community and for her expertise as an acquisitions authority. She was a member of the Federal Library Committee Task Force on Procurement of Library Materials and chaired the committee responsible for reforming federal library procurement procedures. She contributed to book selection for the Library of Congress Division of the Blind and Physically Handicapped and for the Army War College Contemporary Military Reading Program. Outside of federal library activities Ms. Thurber found time to serve as a member of the Notable Books Council from 1960-63, and she addressed the Association of American Publishers national meeting in 1973.

Ms. Thurber was one of the first librarians assigned with the U.S. Army in Europe in 1945 and she became chief of the Bavarian area. She also served as staff librarian of the eighth U.S. Army in Korea 1967-68.

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The citation presented to Ms. Thurber reads in part, "Mariana J. Thurber epitomizes every good quality of military librarianship, exceptional service and dedication to the reading needs of members of the Army military community, an advanced level of professional expertise, a commitment to the highest quality of service, and loyalty to the Armed Forces."

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