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Patricia White-Williams of Silver Springs, Maryland, will be presented the Louise Giles Minority Scholarship, which consists of \$3,000, at a meeting of the ALA Membership, on June 19, 1977, during the Annual Conference of the American Library Association in Detroit.

The Louise Giles Minority Scholarship is the first Minority Scholarship being awarded by the American Library Association, and is named in honor of Louise Giles, past president of the Association of College and Research Libraries, and at the time of her death in December 1976, Dean of Learning Resources at Macomb County Community College, Warren, Michigan. The scholarship has been made possible by the Xerox Publication Division.

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been responsible for cataloging the library's new film and video-tape collection thus expanding my experience to include non-print materials. . . . My long term goal is the cataloging and classification of rare materials."

Mrs. White-Williams also stated that she believes her catalog training coupled with the knowledge she gains through library sciences courses and a background in English literature can be combined to form a valuable contribution to the history and culture of the Afro American. She will be entering the University of Maryland College of Library and Information Services in the fall of 1977 to work on the Master of Library Science degree.

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