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A Special Centennial Citation was awarded to Florence Anderson, Secretary to the Carnegie Corporation since 1954, at a meeting of the Council of the American Library Association on July 19, during the Centennial Conference of ALA in Chicago.

Ms. Anderson attended the Western College for Women and the New School Social Research, New York University. She served as Second Lieutenant and Captain, United States Marine Corps. Ms. Anderson is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

The citation awarded to Ms. Anderson reads as follows:

During its first century, the American Library Association has been the beneficiary of foundation support from many sources. None has been as important to the future of the Association and librarianship as has the Carnegie Corporation. The Carnegie Corporation's gift of four million dollars to the ALA and to library education announced at the fiftieth anniversary conference established ALA on a sound financial footing and greatly improved the quality of education for library service. Florence Anderson, a staff member of the Carnegie Corporation since 1934 and its Secretary since 1954, in her quiet and modest manner played a major role in the strong support given by the Carnegie Corporation to library projects in the 1930s and 1940s. Her interest in library development has continued throughout her career. Her book, Carnegie Corporation Library Programs 1911-1961, chronicles the history of the Carnegie Corporation's role in library development. The long-range financial support the Carnegie Corporation has given for academic, public, special and government libraries, for library organizations, for library education, and for the publication of significant library research has helped to determine the course of librarianship in the United States. The Corporation's grants for library programs in developing countries have had major significance for one world of librarianship.

We are proud to honor Florence Anderson for her role in the Corporation's programs to further the development of library service nationally and internationally.