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Mary Virginia Gaver was presented the highest award of the American Library Association, Honorary Membership, on July 19, during the Centennial Conference of the American Library Association in Chicago.

During her distinguished career, Ms. Gaver was professor, Rutgers University Graduate Library School, president of the ALA from 1966-67; and was president of two divisions of ALA, the Library Education Division and the American Association of School Librarians. She received her B.L.S. and M.L.S. at Columbia University. Her publications include, "Patterns of Development in School Libraries Today," in its 3rd edition and "The Elementary School Library Catalog." Ms. Gaver was the recipient of the Beta Phi Mu Award, Good Teaching Award, and the Putnam Award.

The citation presented to Ms. Gaver reads:

A librarian and educator who early recognized the value of the school library as a vital and essential learning resource for modern educational programs, you have devoted your professional career to promoting the growth and development of the school library media center as an integral part of the total school organization.

You have spent of your boundless energy and rich talents to make an exceptional contribution to the fields of education and publishing as well as to the library profession.

As a school librarian, early in your career, you demonstrated your commitment to the highest standards of library service.

As an educator, working with others preparing to enter the profession, you have related your commitment in lectures and writing that have gained wide esteem for your wisdom, leadership and foresight.

add 1. Mary Virginia Gaver - Honorary

As an author, you have contributed an impressive array of books and professional journal articles promoting the growth and development of elementary and secondary school libraries.

You have served the publishing world by providing library consulting services and editorial leadership of the highest caliber.

You have served your professional associations well in many capacities, and have carried the large responsibility of the presidency of the New Jersey Library Association, the American Association of School Librarians and the American Library Association in a most commendable manner.

Your dedication to the pursuit of quality school library service has not been limited to our nation alone. You have applied your energies to promoting school librarianship in other lands.

For your outstanding achievements you have received numerous awards and honors in the fields of education and library science.

To you now, for your remarkable record as a champion of excellence in library service and for your deep dedication, the American Library Association, in token of its admiration and gratitude, extends its highest award of

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP