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Judith F. Krug, Director of the ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom, has received the Irita Van Doren Award in recognition of her efforts toward furthering the cause of the book in American life.

The award, sponsored by the American Booksellers Association, in memory of the literary editor of the New York Herald Tribune, was presented to Mrs. Krug during the ABA's annual convention in Chicago.

The citation, engraved on a silver bowl, reads: "Irita Van Doren Book Award, 1976, to Judith F. Krug for her many contributions to the cause of the book as an instrument of culture in American life."

Mrs. Krug has served as Director of the OIF since 1967 and as Executive Director of the Freedom to Read Foundation since 1969. She has been responsible for developing information/education programs in support of the ALA's intellectual freedom position, namely, that it is the responsibility of libraries in the United States to provide materials representing all points of view across the social and political spectrum and to make these materials available to anyone who needs or wants them. These programs include a nationwide state-based network through which information is disseminated, the Program of Action for Mediation, Arbitration and Inquiry, and the Freedom to Read Foundation, an independent corporation which functions as the legal defense arm of the ALA Intellectual Freedom program.

In addition to editing the Newsletter on Intellectual Freedom, she is

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co-editor of the monthly OIF Memorandum, co-editor of the quarterly Freedom to Read Foundation News, and a frequent contributor to library and non-library publications.

A graduate of the University of Chicago's Graduate School of Library Service, Mrs. Krug has held positions in various Chicago libraries. Before assuming her present duties, she was a research analyst for ALA.

Judges for this year's award were A. Richard Barber, President of the Publishers Publicity Club; Michael Sloser, President of the Publishers Advertising Club and G. Roysce Smith, Executive Director of the ABA.