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Mildred Theodora Moody, librarian at Glen Lake Sanatorium and Oak Terrace Nursing Home from 1948 - 1973, has been presented an Exceptional Service Award by the Health and Rehabilitative Library Services Division of the American Library Association. The award was presented at a HRLS dinner on Wednesday, July 2, 1975 during the Annual Conference of the ALA in San Francisco. The special honor recognizes "outstanding service to institutionalized and handicapped children and adults."

Ms. Moody attended the University of Minnesota and after combining interests in journalism and the health sciences received a B.S. degree in Library Science. She was assistant librarian at the Hennepin County Medical Society Library, Minneapolis, Minnesota; and in 1948 became head librarian at the Glen Lake State Sanatorium, Minnetonka, Minnesota where she spent the remaining years of her career until her retirement in 1973.

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Ms. Moody was president of the Minnesota Association of Hospital and Institution Librarians; secretary of AHIL; and served on several ALA committees. She authored and edited Section 1 of *Bibliotherapy: Methods and Materials*; and has contributed numerous articles to hospital and library literature.

The citation presented to Ms. Moody reads in part: ". . . As librarian at Glen Lake Sanatorium and Oak Terrace Nursing Home, Mildred T. Moody made the library an integral part of the total institutional program, demonstrating its potential and providing inspiration at the state, regional and national level. Innovation and vision were characteristics of her programs as she updated them to keep pace with modern methods of patient care and a growing knowledge of human behavior. A landmark in Mildred T. Moody's work has been her commitment to the interpretation and development of bibliotherapy. As teacher, writer, editor and consultant she has continually shared her knowledge and concern for persons with special needs."

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