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Eleanor Phinney former executive secretary of the Association of Hospital and Institution Libraries and Adult Services Divisions of the American Library Association, was awarded the 1974 AHIL Exceptional Service Award of the Association of Hospital and Institution Libraries, at the AHIL Awards Dinner, Tuesday, July 9, during the Annual Conference of the American Library Association in New York City, July 7 - 13, 1974.

Ms. Phinney received her B.S. degree from Simmons College, School of Library Science, Boston, and an M.S. from Columbia University, School of Library Service. She has been very active in professional and civic organizations; and was president of the Connecticut Library Association. Ms. Phinney was research specialist, Graduate School of Library Service, Rutgers University, where she completed a research project on library adult education under a grant from the Fund for Adult Education to the library school; and was responsible for consultant work in the Library-Community Project. She served as executive secretary of the Adult Services Division and the Association of Hospital and Institution Libraries at ALA; where she carried out research on the extent and character of library services to an aging population; and on the trends in library services to adults. Her many publications include Library Adult Education in Action, and articles in several periodicals, including an issue of Library Trends, which was devoted exclusively to "Library Services to the

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Aging."

The citation awarded to Ms. Phinney reads in part . . . "In recognition of her sustained and outstanding work in promoting library services to the aging. Early recognizing the need Eleanor Phinney devoted herself to forwarding the goal of library service to the elderly while pursuing a distinguished career as librarian, teacher, administrator, editor, and writer. . . . She has been a friend to countless librarians; through her dedication library services to the aging have become a nationally recognized area of library service. We honor Eleanor Phinney for her endeavors which have helped transform a need into an actuality."

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