Florence E. Blakely, head Reference Department, Perkins Library, Duke University, has been awarded the Isadore Gilbert Mudge Citation for distinguished contributions to reference librarianship. The award was presented to Ms. Blakely at the Reference and Adult Services Division Membership Meeting on Tuesday, July 9, during the Annual Conference of the American Library Association in New York, July 7 - 13, 1974.

Ms. Blakely attended the Presbyterian College where she received a B.A. in History, Magna Cum Laude. She received a B.S. in L.S. and later an M.A. in L.S. from Peabody Library School. She began her career as a reference librarian at Duke University Library and later became head of the department. She also served as a visiting lecturer in Library Science and has been active in the Southeastern Library Association, the North Carolina Library Association, and ALA. In addition, she is a member of Beta Phi Mu, the American Association of University Women; and also held a Council on Library Resources Fellowship.

The citation to Florence Blakely reads in part: "... By effectively interpreting reference service to the community she serves and through myriad professional activities, Florence Blakely has become the personification of the best in reference librarianship."