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Harold Krents, whose life inspired the Broadway and screen hit "Butterflies are Free", will address the Francis Joseph Campbell Award Luncheon at noon, Wednesday, July 10, in the Trianon Ballroom of the New York Hilton Hotel, during the Annual Conference of the American Library Association, July 7 - 13, 1974.

The luncheon is sponsored by the Roundtable on Library Service to the Blind of ALA and the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped.

Prior to the luncheon at 11:15 a.m. in the Trianon Ballroom, Krents will autograph copies of his autobiography, To Race The Wind.

Krents, totally blind since age nine, graduated from Harvard College, Cum Laude in English and entered Harvard Law School and graduated in June 1970. Mr. Krents received national publicity when his draft board reclassified him 1-A and he quipped that he was prepared to go and fight provided that he was made a bombardier. While on a talk show, playwright Leonard Gershe was impressed with Mr. Krents' attitude toward blindness, and so the Broadway smash hit "Butterflies are Free".

Following Krents' talk, the Francis Joseph Campbell Award, of the Roundtable on Library Service to the Blind, will be presented to an individual who enhanced library service for people who are blind.

The tickets for the luncheon are \$10, by advance registration and at the ALA Central Ticket Desk. For advance registration, send a check payable to ALA, to Executive Secretary, ALA, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611.