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The Melcher Scholarship which consists of \$4,000 donated by Daniel Melcher and established by the Children's Services Division was awarded to Jennifer Lea Bobbitt, of Seattle, Washington, at a meeting of the Children's Services Division, on Tuesday, July 9, during the annual conference of the American Library Association, the week of July 7 - 13, 1974.

Ms. Bobbitt is currently enrolled at Western Washington State College, working on elementary teacher certification because she desires the option of working in a school library. She holds a B.A. degree in English from the University of Washington.

Ms. Bobbitt worked in the children's book shop of the University of Washington Bookstore, and has been a volunteer in the Children's Room of the Bellingham Public Library. She will attend the School of Librarianship at the University of Washington and, says, "Upon graduation from library school, I will seek a position in a public or elementary school library where I feel I will have some freedom to create or contribute to the kind of lively, informal atmosphere I feel vital to warm, satisfying relationships between children and books."