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In 1969 the American Library Association established a scholarship Award of $2500 which was given for the first time in 1970 at the Inaugural Banquet of the American Library Association's Annual Conference meeting in Detroit. The fourth presentation occurs now on the occasion of this 1973 Inaugural Luncheon as we meet here in Las Vegas. This year 363 inquiries were received and the jury reviewed 160 completed applications in light of the criteria which had been given them.

The award is to be made to a worthy student to begin and/or further his library education at the graduate level without regard to race, creed, color or national origin. The recipient must enter a formal program of graduate study leading to a degree or advanced certificate at an ALA accredited school.

There were many highly qualified candidates whose academic preparation, letters of reference, and statements indicating professional motivation were truly exceptional. The jury was fortunate in that two, $3000 scholarships were available this year.

This year's recipients are Mary Jo Lynch of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Richard Wilson of Lewiston, Idaho. Ms. Lynch attended Marygrove College where she received her bachelor of arts degree in 1961. She also holds a master of arts degree from the University of Detroit and a Master of Arts in Library Science degree from the University of Michigan. Mr. Wilson received his Bachelor of Arts degree from
Graceland College, Lamoni, Iowa in May of this year. He plans to become an academic librarian and Ms. Lynch plans to continue her career in library education.

It is gratifying for the American Library Association to be able to assist these individuals who are not only eminently qualified but who are positively motivated to the library profession.

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