Virginia Haviland, head of the Children's Book Section in the General Reference and Bibliography Division, Library of Congress, was presented the Grolier Foundation Award, on July 23, during the Centennial Conference of the American Library Association in Chicago.

This annual award consists of $1000 and a citation of achievement for unusual contribution to the stimulation and guidance of children's reading.

During her distinguished career, Ms. Haviland has been Reader's Adviser for Children, Boston Public Library; Lecturer in Library Services to Children at Simmons College School of Library Science; and Reviewer, Children's Books and Associate Editor, Horn Book magazine.

She has been chairperson of the Newbery-Caldecott Awards Committee, judge for the National Book Awards for children's books, a member and chairperson of the Hans Christian Andersen Award given by IBBY. She has also served as an American Library Association representative to the International Federation of Library Associations. In addition to her work at the Library of Congress, she lectures on children's literature at Trinity College.

The citation presented to Ms. Haviland reads in part: "... Under her guidance the Children's Book Section of the Library of Congress was formed in 1962, and has become a major international resource for librarians, publishers, authors, illustrators and scholars. As head of the Children's Book Section,
Virginia Haviland has worked for the recognition of children's literature as a scholarly resource. Both nationally and internationally librarians have profited from her leadership. To the American Library Association Virginia Haviland has given her time and expertise as an active member of the Children's Services Division, chairing many committees and serving as its president, 1954 - 55. By encouraging American publishers to translate and publish outstanding foreign children's books Virginia Haviland has helped countless children learn that ours is not a self contained society.

Ms. Haviland's articles on children's books have appeared in the Christian Science Monitor, McCall's and the Atlantic. She is also the author of several books about children's literature, including The Travelogue Storybook of the Nineteenth Century, Children and Literature: Views and Reviews, and Yankee Doodle's Literary Sample.