Virginia Lacy Jones, Dean of the Atlanta University School of Library Service, was presented the Joseph W. Lippincott Award for "distinguished service in the profession of librarianship," on Tuesday, June 21, at the Inaugural Banquet of the American Library Association's Annual Conference in Detroit.

Dr. Jones received her Bachelor's Degree in Education and Bachelor of Library Science Degree from Hampton Institute; Master of Science in Library Science Degree from the University of Illinois; and Doctor of Philosophy Degree from the University of Chicago.

Prior to assuming her position at the Atlanta University School of Library Service, she was librarian of the Louisville (Kentucky) Municipal College, taught library science at Prairie View (Texas) State College, and was catalog librarian at Atlanta University.

The Joseph W. Lippincott Award consists of $1,000, an engraved medal and a citation. The citation presented to Dr. Jones reads in part:

Dr. Jones has had a long and distinguished career as a librarian, researcher, educator and Dean. She has been an acknowledged leader in library education and through this work has contributed to the advancement of the profession as a whole. . . .

Dr. Jones has always maintained the highest standards and encourages others by her example to give their best. She
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has been a guide and inspiration to countless librarians and it is fitting that the American Library Association bestow upon her this award.

Dr. Jones has served on numerous committees and boards of the American Library Association and has been active in the Southeastern Library Association, the Georgia Library Association and Metropolitan Atlanta Library Association. She was a charter member of the South Atlantic Special Libraries Association. She has served on the Executive Board of ALA, and as President and Secretary-Treasurer of the Association of American Library Schools and has contributed to library literature.

Virginia Lacy Jones is listed in Who's Who in America, Who's Who Among American Women; Who's Who in Colored America; and Who's Who in Library Service. She received a Fellowship by the General Education Board; was awarded the Hampton Institute Alumni Achievement Award; Atlanta, Bronze Woman of the Year Award; and the Melvil Dewey Award. One of the highest awards presented by the American Library Association, Honorary Membership, was presented to Dr. Jones at the Centennial Conference of ALA in 1976.