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Major Benefactors Honor Award recipients named

Charles and Philip Bosserman of Orlando, Fla., are the 1993 recipients of the American Library Trustee Association (ALTA) Major Benefactors Award.

The award is given to individuals, institutions, agencies or organizations for major assistance to a public library.

The Bosserman family received the award for the assistance they have given to the Newport (Va.) Public Library. Their initial gift of \$100,000 in 1988 was the impetus for the Newport Public Library Board of Directors to begin planning for a new library building. The library was formerly housed in several different locations such as old houses that lacked adequate space and were architecturally unsuited for a library.

"The Bossermans wished to 'give back' something to the community which they had each left many years before," said Ronald Harley, chair of the Major Benefactors Honor Award Committee. "The Newport community now has a beautiful new library with room for growth for several years into the future."

The library board has hired a full-time library manager with the intention of bringing the collection up to professional standards and offering programs for the community at the library. Prior to the new building, the library was operated solely by volunteers.

The award will be presented on Saturday, June 26, at 2 p.m., at the ALTA President's Program during the American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference in New Orleans.

Major Benefactors Award recipients named -- add one

Other members of the committee were: Paulette Holahan, New Orleans, La.; Norman J. Kelinson, Bettendorf, Iowa; Esther W. Lopato, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Wayne Moss, Indianapolis, Ind.; Sharon Saulmon, Oklahoma City, Okla., and Virginia G. Young, Columbia, Mo.

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