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**R.R. Bowker sponsors RASD Isadore Gilbert Mudge Award**

The R.R. Bowker Company of New Providence, N.J., has become the sponsor of the Reference and Adult Services Division (RASD) Isadore Gilbert Mudge Citation donating \$1,500 for the annual award.

The citation, given for distinguished contributions to reference librarianship, will now be called the Isadore Gilbert Mudge -- R.R. Bowker Award. It is named for the woman who is called "the best known and the most influential reference librarian in the annals of American librarianship."

"RASD is very pleased that one of the oldest reference publishers has seen fit to fund RASD's oldest and most prestigious award," said RASD President James Rettig. "It is fitting that the first time this venerable award will be presented under its new name it will be given to Andy Hansen who through his efforts as an association executive has done so much to enable so many reference librarians to contribute to their profession."

Hansen, executive director of RASD and the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA), is the 1993 Mudge -- R.R. Bowker Award recipient.