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**Gale Research Excellence in Reference and Adult Services Award winner named**

The Kalamazoo (Mich.) Public Library is the 1993 recipient of the Reference and Adult Services Division (RASD) Gale Research Award for Excellence in Reference and Adult Services Award.

The award, \$1,000 and a citation donated by Gale Research, is given to a library or library system for developing an imaginative and unique library resource to meet patrons' reference needs.

The library received the award for The Community Information Database, a six-part interrelated database, containing indexing of the Kalamazoo Gazette, local magazines, History Room files, photographs as well as two files consisting of information on area organizations and local businesses.

The database, a project of the Adult Services Department, began as an index to the Kalamazoo Gazette with online access starting in 1981 and has grown into a more comprehensive database over the years. It is also the source of annual directories of the Kalamazoo newspaper index.

The database was envisioned and directed by Mabel Stenesh, head of the Adult Services Department, for many years. It is now under the leadership of Margean Gladysz, community information librarian.

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"The Community Information Database is a valuable reference tool which consolidates information on the Kalamazoo area and conveniently meets diverse needs for local information," said Christine Avery, chair of the Gale Research Award for Excellence in Reference and Adult Services Committee.

The award will be presented at the RASD Awards Program on Monday, June 28, at 4:30 p.m., during the American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference in New Orleans.

RASD is a division of the American Library Association.