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Denali Press Award recipient named

Lyn Miller-Lachmann, adjunct librarian, Siena College Library in Loudonville, N.Y., is the 1993 recipient of the Reference and Adult Services Division (RASD) Denali Press Award.

The award, \$500 and a plaque donated by The Denali Press, is for creating reference works of outstanding quality and significance that provide information specifically about ethnic and minority groups in the United States.

Miller-Lachmann received the award for "Our Family, Our Friends, Our World: An Annotated Guide to Significant Multicultural Books for Children and Teenagers." New Providence, N.J.: R.R. Bowker, 1992.

"The committee liked the fact that 'Our Family, Our Friends, Our World' is multicultural in scope and that it addresses a need for children and young people," said Ingrid Betancourt, chair of the Denali Press Award Committee. "This makes it a significant and timely reference tool for librarians, teachers and parents."

The winning publication critically describes approximately 1,000 fiction and non-fiction books for children and young adults. Each section is divided into pre-school to grade 3, grades 4 to 6, grades 7 to 9 and grades 10 to 12. Each annotation contains full bibliographical information including ISBN and in-print or out-of-print status. In the annotations, the contributors give the scope or plots of the books, mention both good qualities and weaknesses and sometimes offers suggestions for their use.

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Books described were published between 1970 and 1990 and include materials about African Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans and Native Americans in the United States. Other categories contain books about sections of the rest of the world, including Africa, Asia, Australia and Europe. Useful appendixes include a list of series titles, a directory of publishers and a subject index.

Miller-Lachmann has worked as editorial director of Square One Publishers in Madison, Wis. and a teacher for the New York City Public Schools in Brooklyn. She also reviews children's and young adult books on Africa, the Caribbean and African Americans for School Library Journal.

Her other publications include Publishing and Writing for the Reluctant Reader in Librett, Ellen V. "High/Low Handbook." 3d ed. New York: R.R. Bowker, 1990, and the young adult novel "Hiding Places." Madison, Wis.: Square One Publishers/Stamp Out Sheep Press, 1987.

Miller-Lachmann received the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators Work-In-Progress Award (1989) for the manuscript of the young adult novel "Bird on the Wire" (unpublished).

She has a bachelor's degree in history from Princeton University, a master's degree in American studies from Yale University and a master's degree in library science from the University of Wisconsin.

The award will be presented at the RASD Awards Reception on Monday, June 28, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., during the American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference in New Orleans.

RASD is a division of the American Library Association.