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**Joseph W. Lippincott Award recipient named**

The American Library Association (ALA) will award the 1993 Joseph W. Lippincott Award for a lifetime of distinguished contribution to librarianship to John G. Lorenz, of Washington D.C.

The award, \$1,000 and a citation, carries the name of its original donor -- publisher, author and friend of libraries Joseph W. Lippincott, who designated that it honor notable professional achievement by a librarian. Awarded since 1938, it was the first ALA award to honor a librarian and continues to be donated by his son Joseph W. Lippincott, Jr.

"Mr. Lorenz's leadership in so many major library organizations and institutions has had a wide and lasting impact on the profession," said Nancy Kellum-Rose, chair of the Lippincott Award Committee. "In his library career of 53 years to date, he is unique in the breadth and effectiveness of his participation and leadership in the organizations and agencies that have shaped the policies and services of American librarianship."

Lorenz, a library consultant, is coordinator of the Library Studies Statistics Program at the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, a cooperative program of the Commission and the National Center for Education Statistics.

He has served as assistant state librarian at the Michigan State Library (1946-56); director of the Library Services Branch, U.S. Office of Education

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(1957-65), deputy librarian of Congress ((1965-76) and executive director of the Association of Research Libraries (1976-80). He has held professional librarianship positions at public libraries in Queens Borough, N.Y., Schenectady, N.Y. and Grand Rapids, Mich. Lorenz has also held positions at The Catholic University of America Libraries, the Consortium of Universities in Washington, D.C., Georgetown University and the Washington Research Library Consortium.

Lorenz was the Presidential appointee to the National Historical Publications and Awards Commission (1979-83) and received the Superior Service Award (1975) from the Library of Congress and the Superior Service Award from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

He was a member of the ALA Executive Board (1972-76), served two terms on the ALA Council and chaired several ALA committees.

Lorenz has a bachelor's degree from the College of the City of New York, a master's degree in public administration from Michigan State University and a master's degree in library science from Columbia University.

The award will be presented at the Inaugural Banquet on Wednesday, June 30, at 7:30 p.m., during the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans.