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Grolier Foundation Award recipient announced

Michael L. Printz, librarian at the Topeka (Kan.) West High School and adjunct assistant professor, Department of English at Washburn University in Topeka, is the 1993 recipient of the American Library Association (ALA) Grolier Foundation Award.

The award, \$1,000 and a citation donated by the Grolier Foundation, is given for stimulation and guidance of reading by children and young people.

"Michael L. Printz exemplifies what a librarian should be -- caring, informed and using technology to get information to students," said Donna Dufault, chair of the Grolier Award Foundation Jury. "He loves to read, loves books, cares about his patrons and makes the library important to all who use it."

Printz, who is also a visiting instructor at Emporia State, has also worked as a librarian at Highland Park High School in Topeka, Kan., and teacher/librarian at Onaga (Kan.) High School.

He has served as a member of the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) regional director (1972) and president (1970) of the Kansas Association of School Librarians.

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A frequent speaker and author, Printz was awarded as a Distinguished School Library Media Specialist by the Kansas Association of School Librarians (1989) and named Topeka (Kan.) Teacher of the Year (1989). The Topeka West faculty students named November 17, 1989, "Mike Printz Day" in honor of his 20th anniversary in the school.

Printz has a bachelor's degree in English and history from Washburn University and a master's degree in library science from Emporia State University.

He will receive the award on Wednesday, June 30, at the Inaugural Banquet during the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans.