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Patricia Glass Schuman named Equality Award recipient

Patricia Glass Schuman, immediate past president of the American Library Association (ALA) and president of Neal-Schuman Publishers, Inc., in New York, is the 1993 recipient of ALA Equality Award.

The award, \$500 and a citation donated by Scarecrow Press, Inc., is given to an individual or group for an outstanding contribution that promotes equality of women and men in the library profession.

"Patricia Glass Schuman's commitment to equality is evident in every aspect of her career," said Sherre Harrington, chair of the Equality Award Committee. "As a librarian, author, educator, editor and publisher, she has sought to expand boundaries for women. She facilitates the communication of others, while at the same time using her own articulate voice to raise women's issues and to clarify feminist theory.

"As an activist, strategist, consultant, catalyst, coalition-builder and nurturer, Patricia Glass Schuman has been involved in the passage of almost every ALA feminist resolution. Her feminism undergirds her leadership. She seeks to empower individuals, communities and the library profession to work towards a society in which all have 'the right to know.'"

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Schuman co-founded Neal-Schuman Publishers in 1976 with John Vincent Neal. Neal-Schuman specializes in reference and professional books and journals for librarians, publishing such books as the award-winning "On Equal Terms."

"Schuman has consistently worked with, assisted and counseled women writers and helped open library publishing to feminist voices," Harrington added.

She has held positions at the Brooklyn Public Library, Brandeis High School and New York Technical College and has served as senior acquisitions editor for the Book Division and editor of the Library/Education Book Program at R.R. Bowker Company and associate editor at School Library Journal.

The author/editor of seven books and more than 60 articles, Schuman has lectured and presented more than 75 papers and seminars in the U.S. Mexico, Norway, Australia and New Zealand on such topics as access, the right to know, freedom of information, privatization, social responsibility, networking, women and power, the impact of technology, funding, publishing, public relations, financial management and marketing.

Schuman has made more than 60 radio and television appearances and has been interviewed extensively for newspaper and magazine reports concerning libraries. She recently testified before the U.S. Congress regarding libraries and technological change.

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An active participant in ALA, Schuman served as its first woman treasurer (1984-88), a member of the Executive Board (1984-88, 1990-93) and a member of the governing Council (1971-79, 1984-88). She was a founder of ALA's Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT), co-founder of the SRRT Feminist Task Force and has served as chair of the Legislation Committee and Endowment Fund-raising Committees. She is a member of the Board of Directors of Friends of Libraries USA and has been a member of the Board of the Library Management Division of the Special Libraries Association and the Intellectual Freedom Committee of the New York Library Association.

Her contributions to the field of publishing and librarianship have been recognized by the Special Libraries Association which presented her with the Fannie Simon Award for Distinguished Contribution to Publishing and Librarianship in 1984. The Black Caucus of the ALA presented her with their Appreciation Award in June 1992. She received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Columbia University School of Library Service in 1992.

Schuman has a bachelor's degree from the University of Cincinnati and a master's degree in library science from Columbia University.

The award will be presented during the ALA Annual Conference, June 23-July 1, in New Orleans.