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Frederic G. Melcher Scholarship winners named

Jon Michael Theisen, of Altoona, Wis., and Marla J. Ehlers, of Grand Rapids, Mich., are the 1993 recipients of the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) Frederic G. Melcher Scholarships.

The scholarships, \$5,000 each, are given to students entering the field of library service to children for graduate work in an American Library Association (ALA)-accredited program.

Theisen has taught children in a variety of settings before spending the past year as hospital chaplain at Children's Hospital in Wisconsin. An avid reader and fiction writer, Theisen uses both reading and writing to help children deal with pain and sadness in their lives.

Ehlers has taught English and earned a degree in Spanish while living in Costa Rica. She hopes to serve children and young adults in Latin American communities within the United States. Ehlers attributes her interest in librarianship to a love of storytelling and reading as well as teaching and learning.

"This year's recipients have experience helping children develop a love of reading," said Dudley Carlson, chair of the ALSC Scholarships Committee. "We are delighted that such highly qualified individuals are entering library school."

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Committee members include: Carlson, Princeton (N.J.) Public Library, chair; Adele R. Bennett, Brentwood, N.Y.; Terry Chekon, Sacramento (Calif.) Public Library; Doris Jo Crabtree, Cuyahoga County (Ohio) Public Library, and Lauren Wohl, Disney Publishing Company.

For applications for the 1994 Melcher Scholarship send a postcard after July 1, 1993, to: ALSC Office, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

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