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ALA's Government Documents Round Table has set January 15, 1978 as the deadline for nominations for the two GODORT awards to be presented in 1978. The coming year will mark the third James Bennett Childs Award and the second CIS/GODORT/ALA "Documents to the People" Award.

The James Bennett Childs Award, GODORT's highest honor, recognizes a distinguished contribution to the documents field that has had a national and international impact. The contribution may have been in any or all areas of document librarianship and the recipient may represent any size and type of library. The winner is presented with a bronze plaque bearing the likeness of James Bennett Childs.

The CIS/GODORT/ALA "Documents to the People" Award honors an individual and/or library, institution, organization or other noncommercial group that has most effectively encouraged the use of federal documents in support of library services. Unlike the Childs Award, which often honors nationally recognized people in the profession, the "Documents to the People" Award honors a person or institution for distinguished promotion of the use of federal documents within a limited geographical area. Equal consideration will be given to librarians from libraries of any type or size. The winner receives a certificate and a \$1,000 cash stipend for the promotion of professional advancement in the field of documents librarianship.

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If an individual, instead of an institution, receives the award, that person will be invited to designate an institutional recipient, subject to GODORT approval. The award is sponsored by the Congressional Information Service, Inc.

There is no nomination form. Nominations should be made in the form of an outline with the following information provided.

- A. Name of nominee and title of award for which you are making the nomination.
- B. Address of nominee (include home, business and library if appropriate).
- C. Employer and length of service.
- D. Activities related to document librarianship.
- E. Your comments. These should include background information on your nominee or any information not provided above. The more you tell the Awards Committee about the nominee, the better the members will be able to weigh the candidates. Please make your comments as concise as possible without leaving out significant information.
- F. Signature, name and address of the nominating individual or organization executive officer. Also, please include names and addresses of co-sponsors and endorsing organizations and individuals, if any.
- G. Date of your nomination.

Please be sure to indicate the title of the award for which you are making the nomination. If appropriate, you may use the same nomination for both GODORT awards but to do so you must so specify.

Nominations should be mailed to the GODORT Awards Committee Chairperson, Jaia Heymann, Drew University Library, Madison, NJ 07940. The deadline is January 15, 1978.

Winners will be announced and the presentations made at the ALA Annual Conference during the summer of 1978.