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Joan K. Marshall, Associate Librarian for Technical Services, Brooklyn College Library, New York, was presented the Ralph R. Shaw Award for Library Literature, on June 28th, for On Equal Terms: A Thesaurus for Nonsexist Indexing and Cataloging, published by Neal-Schuman Publishers, a pioneering work on nonsexist subject headings that successfully weds technical excellence with social responsibility. This award was presented at the Annual Conference of the American Library Association on June 28th in Dallas, Texas, and consists of \$500 and a citation.

The citation presented to Joan K. Marshall reads as follows:

This work is particularly relevant because of the American Library Association's policy directing the use of nonsexist language. ON EQUAL TERMS makes two major contributions. It develops principles for establishing subject headings related to people and peoples. It permits access to topics otherwise unrecognized by standard subject heading schemes. Everyone concerned with subject headings, indexing, or today's ethics of librarianship can well be grateful to Joan K. Marshall for this outstanding contribution to library literature.

Ms. Marshall was educated at New York University. She has been active in the American Library Association and served on several committees in the association. She was a member of the Intellectual Freedom & Due Process Committee in the New York Library Association and has been active in many state and regional library associations.

She is a Phi Beta Kappa and a Council on Library Resources Fellow.