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At the Midwinter Meeting of the American Library Association, Barbara Rollok, president of the Children's Services Division, released the names of the ten institutions selected as the initial participants in a two-year pilot program for co-sponsoring local announcements of the Mildred L. Batchelder Award. The local announcements will be made simultaneously with the formal announcement in New York City on April 2, 1975 (International Children's Book Day (ICBD), the anniversary of Hans Christian Andersen's birth) at the UNICEF Information Center on Children's Cultures.

Representing regional diversity as well as diversity of library services, the participants are: University of Alabama, Graduate School of Library Service, University, Alabama; Bartram School, Jacksonville, Florida; Leavenworth Public Library, Leavenworth Kansas; Boston Public Library and Eastern Massachusetts Regional Library System, Boston, Massachusetts; The Kerlan Collection, Research Center for Children's Books, University of Minnesota; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Clark County Library District, Las Vegas, Nevada; Orchard Road School, Skillman, New Jersey; Manor Branch Library, Portsmouth, Virginia; Brown County Library, Children's Department, Green Bay, Wisconsin; Cooperative Children's Book Center and the University of Wisconsin-Madison Library School, Madison,

Wisconsin.

The co-sponsorship program was initiated in cooperation with the Children's Book Council and the publishers nominated for the 1975 award. The Mildred L. Batchelder Award has been given annually by CSD since 1968 to an American publisher for the children's book considered to be the most outstanding of those originally published in a foreign language in a foreign country and subsequently published in English in the United States. The 1975 nominees are:

There, Far Beyond the River, by Uri Korinetz, translated from the German by Anthea Bell, published by J. Philip O'Hara;

My Great-Grandfather, the Heroes and I, by James Kruss, translated from the German by Edelgard von Heydekampft Bruhl, published by Atheneum;

An Old Tale Carved Out of Stone, by A. Linevski, translated from the Russian by Maria Poluskin, published by Crown.

The award honors Mildred L. Batchelder, the well-known children's librarian and former executive secretary of the Children's Services Division, who for many years was and continues to be interested in bringing foreign children's books to the attention of American children. It is intended to encourage the translation and publication in the United States of outstanding children's books originally written in languages other than English.

The participants in the pilot program and the nominees were selected by the Mildred L. Batchelder Award Committee appointed annually by the president of the Children's Services Division.

Members of the 1975 selection committee are Mrs. Mary M. Burns, Chairman, Coordinator of the Curriculum Library, Framingham State

College, Framingham, Massachusetts; Dr. Patricia J. Cianciolo, Professor of Children's Literature, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan; Ms. Karlotta M. Mathews, Children's Librarian, Glenview Public Library, Glenview, Illinois; Ms. Valerie A. Roda, formerly librarian, Lincoln Public Schools, Lincoln, Massachusetts; Mrs. Annette P. Shockey, Head School Services, Cuyahoga County Public Library, Cleveland, Ohio.

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selected the names of the two institutions selected as the initial participants in a two-year pilot program for co-sponsoring the winners of the Hildred L. Batchelder Award. The local announcements will be made simultaneously with the formal announcement in New York City on April 2, 1975 (International Children's Book Day (ICBD), the anniversary of Hans Christian Andersen's birth) at the UNICEF Information Center on Children's Culture.

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