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Louis Round Wilson of Chapel Hill, North Carolina was awarded the Melvil Dewey Medal for his outstanding contribution to librarianship, during the Final General Session of the Centennial Conference of the American Library Association, on July 23, in Chicago.

The Melvil Dewey Award consists of an engraved medal and a citation for "creative professional achievement of a high order, particularly in those fields in which Melvil Dewey was actively interested: notably, library management, library training, cataloging and classification, and the tools and techniques of librarianship."

The citation presented to Louis Round Wilson reads as follows:

"The Library of the University of North Carolina, which bears his name, is testimony to Louis Round Wilson's pioneering work at that institution during a tenure of over thirty years as its librarian. Yet his contribution to library development, like that of Melvil Dewey, transcends the boundaries of his native state. As Dean of the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago during its formative years, Dr. Wilson's innovative leadership was in large measure responsible for the successful launching of the first doctoral program in librarianship. Author of such ground-breaking publications as The Geography of Reading, Dr. Wilson conceived and edited the University of Chicago Studies in Library Science

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In addition to serving on the editorial board of The Library Quarterly. He has continued to publish up to the present time, having edited the monumental 18-volume Sesquicentennial Publications of the University of North Carolina after returning to teach at his alma mater in 1942. It is altogether fitting that Louis Round Wilson, life member, honorary member, and former President of the American Library Association, should now, with the centennial anniversary of the Association and in his own hundredth year, be awarded the Melvil Dewey Medal for his outstanding achievement as teacher, scholar, and librarian."

Mr. Wilson is to receive the award in December at "Louis Round Wilson Day" at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

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