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Arthur Helms was presented the Francis Joseph Campbell citation on Wednesday, July 2, at a dinner sponsored by the Health and Rehabilitative Library Services Division and the HRLSD Library Services to the Blind and Physically Handicapped Section, during the Annual Conference of the American Library Association in San Francisco, the week of June 29 - July 5, 1975.

Arthur Helms has been a part of the Talking Book Program from almost the inception of the American Foundation for the Blind's participation in the program. He came to the Foundation in 1934; became assistant to Mr. William Barbour, who was then Production Manager of the Talking Book Division. For some seven years, he and Mr. Barbour ran almost the entire operation of the recording studios. He helped plan the children's recordings under the Education project; did some of the adapting as well as writing several complete scripts, selected the sound effects; cast those which were dramatized and directed the production. Mr. Helms became Production Manager in 1951 and the program expanded from two studios to six. Mr. Helms set as his goal the highest artistic quality of recording possible; obtained the best available readers. Beautiful voices alone were not satisfactory to him; intelligence, sensitivity, and taste were also essential.

The citation presented to Mr. Helms reads: "Arthur Helms' sense of intellectual integrity and artistry have inspired well-narrated recorded books which have delighted thousands of people who cannot read print. In forty years of service with the American Foundation for the Blind he achieved a standard

