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Conference Awards



Eunice Paige Drum received the Honorary Life Membership Award, which is awarded to a retired librarian for notable contributions to the profession in the state.



Olivia Pearce presented Augie Beasley, East Mecklenburg High School Media Coordinator, with the Carolyn Palmer School Librarians' Media Coordinator of the Year Award.



Anne Marie Elkins presented the Distinguished Professional Librarian Service Award to Elizabeth Jordan Laney for significant service or other professional contribution resulting in a regional or national impact on librarianship in general.



In-coming NCLA President Janet Freeman presents out-going NCLA President Barbara Baker with a plaque commorating her two year tenure.

Members of the 1991 Conference Planning Committee are shown from left to right: Janet Freeman, Susan Taylor, James Jarrell, Kem Ellis, Chuck Mallas, John Via, Arial Stephens, Beverly Gass, Dale Cousins, Barbara Baker.



North Carolina Libraries Editor Frances Bradburn presented the Ray Moore Award for the best article on public libraries to Lisa Dalton.



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Dr. Benjamin Speller was presented with the Gift of Appreciation Award by Reneé Stiff.

Public Library Trustee Irene Hairston received the NCLA Honorary Life Membership Award for outstanding contributions to the development of libraries and the library profession in the state by a lay citizen. Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin, Membership Commitee Co-Chair, presented the award.

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Outgoing President Barbara Baker presents the new officers for the 1991-93 biennium. David Fergusson, SELA Representative; Barbara Baker, Past-President; Janet Freeman, President; Mike Ingram, RTSS Chair; Edward T. Shearin, Director; Joyce Orndoff, Secretary; Wanda Brown-Cason, Treasurer; Helen Tugwell, Director; Gwen Jackson, Vice President/President Elect.

The 1989-1991 NCLA Board gathered for a final photograph. They are: (seated left to right) Frances Bradburn, Pat Langelier, Amanda Bible, Barbara Baker, Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin, Ann Thigpen. 2nd row: Wanda Brown-Cason, Martha Ransley, Nancy Bates, Arlene Hannerfeld, Nancy Ray, Melanie Collins, Laura Benson, Reneé Stiff, Pam Jaskot, Karen Seawell Purcell. 3rd row: Pat Siegfried, Johannah Sherrer, David Fergusson, Janet Freeman, David Harrington, Anne Berkley.





The 1991-1993 NCLA Board are shown together at Tuesday night's dinner. They are from left to right: Frances Bradburn, Pat Langelier, Janet Freeman, Gwen Jackson, Nona Pryor, Barbara Baker. 2nd row: Benjie Hester, Allen Antone, Catherine Van Hoy, Meralyn Meadows, Mike Ingram. 3rd row: Larry Alford, James Govern, Wanda Brown-Cason, Karen Seawell Purcell, David Fergusson, Steve Sumerford, Helen Tugwell, Susan Squires, Ed Shearin.

School Librarian Receives Intellectual Freedom Award

In ceremonies at the Biennial Conference of the North Carolina Library Association, Audrey Hartley, librarian at Watauga High School in Boone, was presented the NCLA/SIRS Intellectual Freedom Award for her efforts in protecting the freedom to read. The

Intellectual Freedom Committee Chairman, Dr. Gene D. Lanier of East Carolina University, presented the award along with Elliot Goldstein of Social Issues Resources Series, Inc. of Boca Raton, Florida. Ms. Hartley received a plaque, a personal check for five hundred dollars and a checkfor the same amount designated to Hardin Park Elementary School in Boone where she was formerly librarian.

Based on a formal complaint filed to remove Rudyard Kipling's *How the Leopard Got His Spots*, the school reconsideration committee recommended the retention of the book but the committee at the administrative unit level recommended removal. Ms. Hartley appealed the decision to the Watauga County Board of Education. At the challenge hearing, ten persons elected to speak for and against the title. The Board later voted to retain the title. Dr. Lanier, in making the presentation, said that Ms. Hartley "personified the criteria for the award. Due to her strength, commitment, and



courage in defending the right to read, intellectual freedom remains alive in Watauga County."

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