

# Over to You . . .

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear NCLA Colleagues:

June 31, 1992 was a very special night for me, as on that night I became President of the American Library Association. It was a doubly special night since all members of NCLA shared it with me. Several of you were there in person. All of you were present in the contribution of \$1,500 from NCLA to the David Clift Scholarship Fund in honor of my presidency. Nothing could have pleased me more than to have your best wishes both in spirit and as a gift to the scholarship fund. But there was more.

Another surprise came via State Librarian Howard McGinn, who presented me with a letter from Governor Martin and a framed citation conferring on me The Order of the Long Leaf Pine. The letter from Governor Martin reads as follows:

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the Order of the Long Leaf Pine of the State of North Carolina. Your inauguration as President of the American Library Association brings honor to the State of North Carolina and is a special recognition of your significant accomplishments as a librarian, educator, and advocate for children.

I congratulate you and wish you success during your presidential year as you guide the important work of the association. I also congratulate the American Library Association for its work in education, combating illiteracy, defending our First Amendment constitutional rights, promoting reading, and making the nation aware of the importance of information literacy.

I know my year as President of ALA will be full of rewards, but none will be as satisfying as sharing the year with the membership of the North Carolina Library Association. Thank you.

Cordially,  
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President, American Library Association

*Past NCLA President Barbara Baker, President Janet Freeman, President-Elect Gwen Jackson, and State Librarian Howard McGinn celebrate with editor Frances Bradburn after she accepted the 1992 H. W. Wilson Library Periodical Award on behalf of the North Carolina Libraries editorial board at the 1992 American Library Association Annual Conference in San Francisco. Photo by Diana Young.*

