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H O N O R E D

THE ACL DYNAMIC DUO RECEIVES THE EMILY RUSSEL AWARD, June 1997

The Association of Christian Librarians in recognition of outstanding contribution to Christian librarianship awards the Emily Russel Award. The following article is a revision of the Emily Russel Award presentation made by Sheila Carlblom during the 1997 ACL Conference held at Northwestern College in St. Paul, Minnesota. In summary form, we have attempted to highlight the careers of the 1997 Emily Russel Award recipients.

Eva Kiewitt and Lois Lehman have been friends and collaborators in a variety of endeavors for almost 50 years. They have been actively involved in the transition from the dog-eared card catalog to our current, sophisticated, information resources. Their participation in Library organizations has included ALA (including ACRL, EBSS, and LAMA), ACL, and FOCLIS. For those of you who know these two ladies, you will not be surprised that they did more than just attend meetings. Each one has held a variety of offices in these professional organizations.

Eva Kiewitt has held library positions throughout the world. She is a published author, having published both for ALA and ACL. She has been active in ACRL and ALA, as well as ACL. That is not to say that library work is all she has ever done. Public school education occupied Eva's time for many years, as did participation in athletic activities. Word has it she is a high school basketball fan, but not just an ordinary basketball fan, for Hoosier basketball courses through her veins. As a matter of fact, rumor has it that she was able to convince the principal of the high school where she worked in Milan, Indiana to give her a ticket to the fa-

mous 1954 Indiana State High School Basketball Tournament championship (as immortalized in the 1986 movie "Hoosiers"). Her cheerleading was certainly put to good use during this outstanding victory.

From being a public school teacher in Indiana, Eva moved to the West Coast to broaden her horizon. But the West Coast horizon of California was soon to be broadened to include the world as an opportunity presented itself for her to go to Germany. So, off to Germany she went. Following her work in Germany, Eva journeyed back to Indiana to complete a master's degree in library science and later to finish a Ph.D.

Eva Kiewitt received her B.S. in Teacher Education from Ball State University. Her MLS came from Indiana University as did her Ph.D. Eva has served as Head of the Education Library for Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana; Associate Professor and Librarian in the School of Library and Information Science at Indiana University, Virginia Beach, Virginia; and currently, Librarian Emeritus, also at Regent University. Unfortunately, that is only as far back as Eva will go on her resume.

From public school teaching Lois went on to accept a post at a missionary school on the Gold Coast of Africa in Sierra Leone. The Harford School for Girls, a mission of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, was located in a clearing in a tropical jungle. In this place, that was once called "white man's grave" she fought a constant battle with malaria. Eventually, the malaria forced Lois back to Indiana, where she obtained a master's degree in library science at Indiana University.

Lois Lehman's education includes receiving her A.B. from Wheaton College; the M.A.T. from Indiana University; the MLS from

Indiana University; and the Library Supervision Certificate from Indiana University. In addition, she also attended Chico State College in California and the Institute of Education, University of London, England. Lois has served as the Director of Instructional Materials for South Adams Schools in Berne, Indiana; Head of the Education Library, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana; Personnel Librarian at Indiana University; Assistant Director for Technical Services, Indiana University; Dean of Libraries and Information Services, Regent University, Virginia Beach, Virginia; and currently, Librarian Emeritus, Regent University.

I must admit that when I first met these ladies, I was in awe, intimidated, and terrified. I felt I needed to keep my mouth closed around them so as not to display my ignorance to their great wisdom. I always addressed them as Dr. Kiewitt and Miss Lehman and tried to be extremely polite. What a waste of my time. One day during our ACL Conference in Florida, as I greeted them with that formal greeting, they pulled me aside and gently, as only they could do, told me to knock it off. It was Lois and Eva. The walls came down and the wisdom came flooding in and so did their very special love and guidance.

Lois and Eva have given so much in all their activities. But they are not out for the glory. These very unassuming ladies feel they are the Lord's servants and give him all the glory and praise. The Association of Christian Librarians wants to recognize Lois and Eva for all they have given to the Library profession as a whole, to ACL as an organization, to all the members of ACL, and to those who know and love them.

So, Lois Lehman and Eva Kiewitt, librarians, professors, writers, missionaries, administrators, consultants, mentors, and friends, we thank you for all you have given and continue to give to each of us. It is OUR privilege and pleasure to present you The Emily Russel Award. †

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