

THE AWARDS

The Encyclopaedia Britannica School Library Awards are given annually to school systems which, with due consideration of resources, show significant improvement in elementary library services.

Award Winners are chosen with the advisory assistance of the American Association of School Libraries. The first, second and third place awards include cash gifts of \$2,500, \$1,500 and \$1,000 respectively for improvement of book and magazine collections.

Purposes of the annual awards are "to stimulate public interest in libraries, to point up the importance of good elementary school libraries to quality education, to encourage citizen planning for their development, and to commend school systems whose foresight and planning are an inspiration to others."

The Skokie District 68 School system was selected as one of the top ten in 1965 and as second place winner in 1970. The committee on selection cited Skokie District 68 for strong elementary school library media services.

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Chuck Swanson Youngman

AWARDS PROGRAM

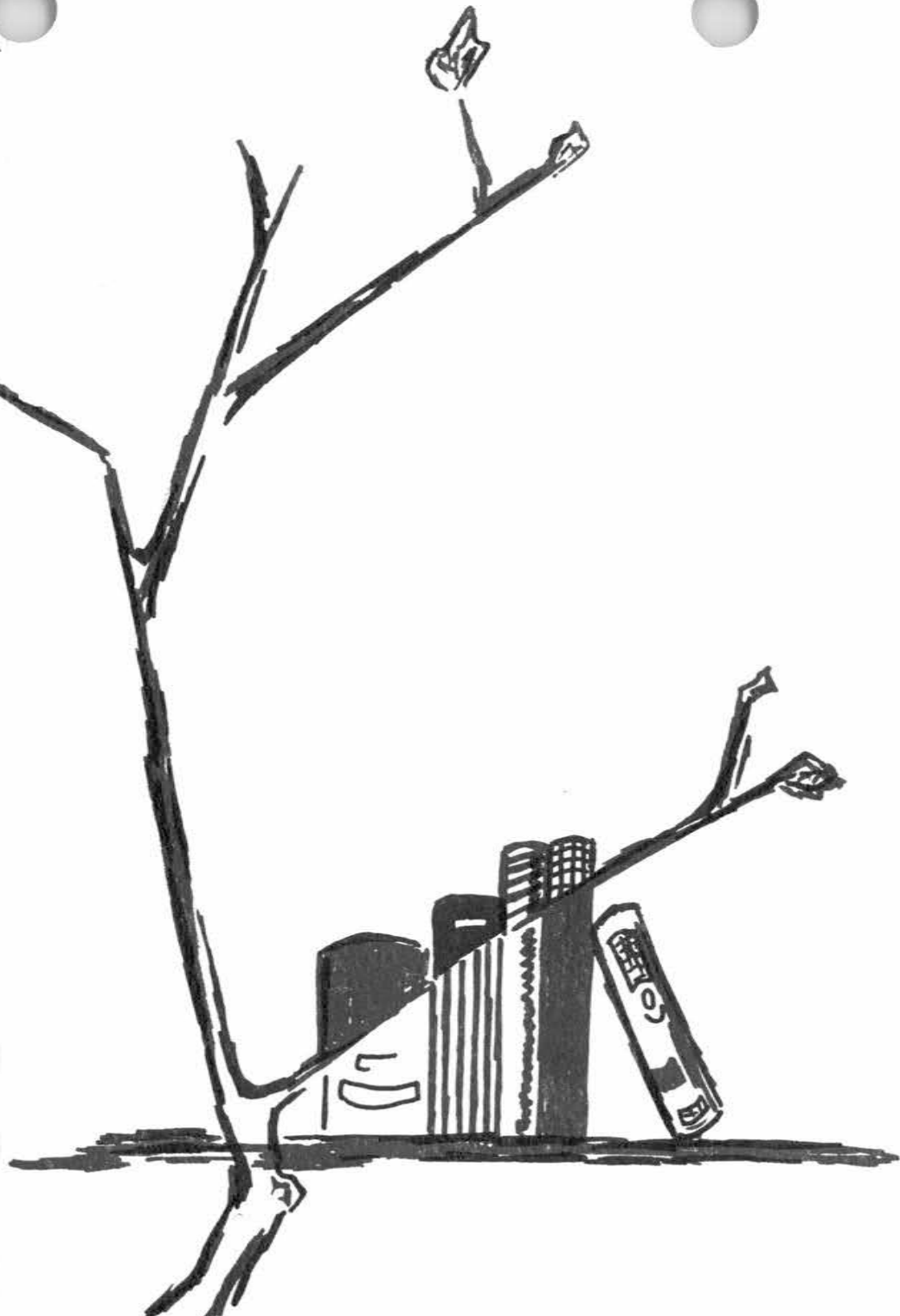
1. Presiding Richard Christiansen, Editor
Panorama - Chicago Daily News
2. Greetings from Village of Skokie Albert Smith, Mayor
3. Greetings from State Office
of Public Instruction . . . Ray Page, State Superintendent
4. Presentation of Award Charles E. Swanson, President
Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc.
5. Acceptance of Award . . . Wesley F. Gibbs, Superintendent
School District 68
6. Greetings from the Lt. Gov . . . Paul Simon
7. Address and Presentation of Citation
. The Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey
8. Acceptance of Citation Leroy J. Hirsch, President
Board of Education
9. Presentation of School Awards
. LuOuida Vinson, Executive Secretary
American Association of
School Librarians
10. Acceptance of School Awards and Recognition
of School Librarians Tom Buchta, Coordinator
of Instructional Materials

Tom Buchta
Edue Whitehouse - T.R. Wilson
 Brandon - U.M. Mae - W. Wins

SKOK "Library Learning Centers"

✓ School System reflects the
Values of Community

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Library week ✓
Ruhad Christensen
✓ Mayor Albert Smith
✓ Supt - Page
✓ Supt Hibbs

REMARKS OF THE HONORABLE HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

AT PRESENTATION OF 1970 EB SCHOOL LIBRARY AWARD TO

Dr Hibbs
Supt.

SKOKIE SCHOOL DISTRICT 68

St. Joe Paul
Simon

APRIL 8, 1970

Mr Jerry Hersch
Chr Bd 7 Educ
School Librarian - Lu Paula Vinson

A SCHOOL SYSTEM IS NO BETTER THAN ITS LIBRARIES. HERE
IN SKOKIE YOU CALL THEM "LIBRARY-LEARNING CENTERS" -- THAT'S
JUST WHAT THEY ARE -- AND THAT'S WHERE YOU START. ✓ I SAY
THAT'S WHERE YOU START BECAUSE A SCHOOL SYSTEM CANNOT BE ANY
BETTER THAN ITS COMMUNITY WANTS IT TO BE. ✓ YOU BEGIN WITH WHAT
PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO SPEND FOR THE EDUCATION OF THEIR YOUTH.

✓ THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A SOCIETY THAT HAS BECOME INSOLVENT
BECAUSE OF ITS INVESTMENTS IN BOOKS, LEARNING OR EDUCATION.
NONE! MANY A SOCIETY HAS DESTROYED ITSELF THROUGH WASTEFUL
SPENDING, ARMS AND WARS, AND INDULGENCE, but THERE HAS NEVER
BEEN A SOCIETY THAT HAS NOT PROFITED INDUSTRIALLY, ECONOMICALLY,

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AND CULTURALLY BY INVESTMENTS IN LEARNING AND EDUCATION AND
IN BOOKS AND LIBRARIES. AND THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A TIME THAT
ANY SOCIETY HAS OVER-FUNDED ITSELF IN THE FIELDS OF CULTURAL
ATTAINMENT, EDUCATION, OR LIBRARIES.

now here
THIS IS WHERE WE ARE IN AMERICA TODAY -- WE ARE NOT
SPENDING NEARLY ENOUGH TO SUPPORT OUR EDUCATIONAL AND
CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS. THE LOSS TO THE INDIVIDUAL CHILD IS
TRAGIC -- EVERY OTHER RIGHT AND OPPORTUNITY IS DIMINISHED BY
A LACK OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY. THE LOSS TO THE NATION IS
INCALCULABLE! -- IT MAY BE THAT WE HAVE NOT DISCOVERED A CURE
FOR CANCER BECAUSE A POTENTIALLY GREAT SCIENTIST WAS NEVER
GIVEN AN EQUAL CHANCE TO GO JUST AS HIGH AS HIS TALENTS WILL
TAKE HIM.

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① VANDALISM, CONFRONTATION, TEACHER'S STRIKES AND REJECTED
SCHOOL BOND ISSUES ALL ARE SYMPTOMS OF A PROFOUND DISCONTENT
WITH OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM. MANY OF OUR SCHOOLS ARE UNDER A

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Pledge of Allegiance

STATE OF SIEGE! HOW CAN WE MEET AND EVER HOPE TO SOLVE THE
GREAT PROBLEMS OF OUR SOCIETY AND PRESERVE DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY
WHEN CHILDREN FROM DEPRIVED AREAS SUCH AS THE INNER CITY SLUMS
ARE DENIED THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING WHICH PREVAIL
IN THIS VERY SCHOOL! Educate the up-Grader!

DL LET ME SUGGEST SOME WAYS IN WHICH ALL OF US CAN VOICE
OUR DESIRE TO BE SATISFIED WITH NOTHING LESS THAN EXCELLENCE
IN ALL OUR SCHOOLS! YOUR STATE LEGISLATORS ARE MEETING IN
SPRINGFIELD RIGHT NOW -- THEY WILL SOON HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY
TO MAKE A GREATER COMMITMENT OF STATE FUNDS FOR EDUCATION

L LET THEM KNOW HOW YOU FEEL! -- AFTER ALL, AS VOTERS IN THIS
SCHOOL DISTRICT YOU HAVEN'T STYMIED demonstrated PROGRESS IN YOUR ELEMENTARY
SCHOOLS.

L ALONG WITH MORE MONEY FROM SPRINGFIELD, WE WILL NEED MORE
OF THE SAME -- AND LEADERSHIP -- FROM WASHINGTON, IF WE
ARE TO IMPROVE OUR NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM SIGNIFICANTLY.

L WE NEED AN IMMEDIATE REVERSAL OF THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION'S

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TENDENCY TO ABDICATE ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO ASSURE THAT EVERY CHILD IN THIS NATION WILL HAVE THE BEST EDUCATION THAT OUR ~~RESOURCES~~ WISDOM AND SCHOOLS CAN PROVIDE

Right to Read

I SUPPORT PRESIDENT NIXON'S \$200 MILLION "RIGHT TO READ" PROGRAM, WHICH IS AIMED AT 10 MILLION AMERICAN CHILDREN WHO TODAY ARE HEADED TOWARDS FUNCTIONAL ILLITERACY BECAUSE THEY LACK THE SIMPLE SKILLS THEY NEED IN ORDER TO COPE WITH EVERYDAY REALITIES. BUT I AM DISAPPOINTED THAT THE FUNDS FOR THE PROGRAM ARE NOT ~~NEW FUNDS~~ ^{ADDITIONAL}, BUT RATHER TAKEN FROM PROGRAMS TO AID SCHOOL LIBRARIES AND INNOVATIVE EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS WHICH WE DESPERATELY NEED.

ACHIEVEMENT OF A QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL CHILDREN ~~IN~~ OUR REPUBLIC IS A MAJOR GOAL OF LEGISLATION PASSED BY CONGRESS IN RECENT YEARS. NEW PROGRAMS IN 1964 AND 1965 BROUGHT THE TOTAL FEDERAL INVESTMENT IN OUR SCHOOLS UP TO OVER \$4 BILLION A YEAR ~~UNDER PRESIDENTS KENNEDY AND JOHNSON~~ EVEN AT THAT

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FIGURE MOST FEDERAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS WERE FUNDED AT ONLY ABOUT HALF OF WHAT WAS AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS. ~~WAS~~

will

~~WOULD~~ TAKE CLOSER TO A \$10 BILLION A YEAR FEDERAL INVESTMENT TO BEGIN TO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT.

(X) ~~EDUCATION~~ WAS AT THE TOP OF THE NATIONAL AGENDA ~~FOR~~ *During the decade of the 1960's* THE FIRST TIME DURING THE JOHNSON-HUMPHREY ADMINISTRATION.

and

Pres Johnson

WE DID SOMETHING ABOUT EDUCATION -- AFTER ALL WE WERE A COUPLE

OF OLD SCHOOL TEACHERS. *L* MORE PUBLIC FUNDS WERE ALLOCATED TO

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES DURING *the 1960's* OUR ADMINISTRATION THAN EVER

BEFORE IN OUR HISTORY. *and* DURING THOSE FOUR YEARS 3,600 NEW

SCHOOL LIBRARIES WERE CREATED -- NEW ONES, WITH FEDERAL AID.

L WE DID SOMETHING ABOUT EDUCATION, BUT NOT NEARLY ENOUGH.

L THERE ARE STILL 40,000 TAX-SUPPORTED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BUILDINGS WITHOUT LIBRARIES OR EVEN A SEMBLANCE OF THE

SERVICES WHICH THIS DISTRICT OFFERS ITS STUDENTS. *L* FORTY

THOUSAND SCHOOLS -- THAT'S ALMOST HALF OF THE PUBLIC GRADE

SCHOOLS IN THIS COUNTRY!

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APPARENTLY SOME COMMUNITIES CAN BE SATISFIED WITH JUST PUTTING TEACHERS IN CLASSROOMS AND DEPRIVING THEM AND THEIR STUDENTS OF THE FULL COMPLEMENT OF LIBRARY RESOURCES AND SERVICES THEY REQUIRE FOR EFFECTIVE LEARNING AND TEACHING.

THAT'S NOT THE CASE IN SKOKIE. I NEEDN'T TELL YOU PEOPLE THAT. IT'S OBVIOUS THAT YOU ~~WILL~~ WILL BE SATISFIED WITH NOTHING LESS THAN EXCELLENCE WHEN IT COMES TO THE EDUCATION OF YOUR CHILDREN. THE VIGOR AND SPIRIT OF THIS COMMUNITY IS REFLECTED NOT ONLY IN THE SCHOOLS OF DISTRICT 68, BUT IN THE PRIDE YOU PEOPLE HAVE TAKEN IN YOUR UPPER SCHOOLS AND IN APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR EXPANSION OF YOUR SPLENDID PUBLIC LIBRARY FACILITY.

THE MOTIVATING FORCES BEHIND YOUR CONCERN FOR THE QUALITY OF INSTRUCTION IN SKOKIE CERTAINLY CENTER AROUND YOUR OUTSTANDING SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR, DR. GIBBS, HIS STAFF AND THOSE MEN AND WOMEN WHO COMPRISE YOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION. EACH TIME IN RECENT YEARS THAT THEY HAVE ASKED YOU TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL

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FUNDS TO CONTINUE THE DEVELOPMENT OF QUALITY EDUCATION IN THIS DISTRICT, THEY HAVE RECEIVED YOUR SUPPORT ~~ONCE~~ TWICE, IN SEVEN SHORT YEARS, THE GOOD CITIZENS OF THIS COMMUNITY HAVE OVERWHELMINGLY APPROVED SCHOOL BOND ISSUES AIMED PRIMARILY AT LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT, ONCE, I AM TOLD, BY A MARGIN OF 7 TO 1!

NO SCHOOL BOARD OR GROUP OF ADMINISTRATORS ANYWHERE IN THIS NATION COULD ASK FOR SUCH A FINAL ACT OF SUPPORT THAT HAS COME FROM EACH AND EVERY VOTER WHO UNHESITATINGLY CAST A VOTE TO INCREASE HIS OWN TAXES! I COMMEND YOU!! AND I ~~STATE~~ JOIN SUPERINTENDENT PAGE IN CONGRATULATING YOU FOR CONTINUING TO SET AN EXAMPLE FOR OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THIS STATE.

I VISITED WITH THE CHILDREN IN THE LIBRARY-LEARNING CENTER IN THIS SCHOOL AND, MAY I SAY, IT'S A DREAM LIBRARY. WHEN YOU STOP TO THINK THAT BEFORE 1963, THERE WERE NO CENTRALIZED FACILITIES IN ANY OF YOUR FIVE SCHOOLS -- WELL, WHAT YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED SINCE THEN IS ENVIABLE -- IT IS A DREAM THAT HAS BECOME A REALITY.

YOU CAN BET THAT REAL THINGS WILL CONTINUE TO HAPPEN IN
 YOUR LIBRARY-LEARNING CENTERS BECAUSE YOU HAVE A CADRE OF
 CAPABLE LIBRARY SPECIALISTS EACH OF WHOM IS COMMITTED TO
 MAKING HIS CENTER AN IMPORTANT PART OF EVERY STUDENT'S AND
 EVERY TEACHER'S DAILY ACTIVITIES. YOU WILL SEE GREATER
 UTILIZATION OF ALL INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AS THE MEDIA CENTER
 PLAYS AN EXPANDING ROLE IN SUPPORT OF THE CURRICULUM.

THE PRESENT REALITY IS THIS DISTRICT'S COMMITMENT TO A
 CURRICULUM BASED ON INDIVIDUALIZED INSTRUCTION SO THAT EACH
 CHILD CAN EXPLORE THE WONDERS AND WISDOM OF KNOWLEDGE AT HIS
 OWN SPEED AND IN HIS OWN INQUISITIVE WAY -- WHETHER IT BE
 THROUGH BOOKS, FILMS OR TAPE RECORDINGS. BUT, YOU CAN BE SURE
YOUR ADMINISTRATORS HERE IN SKOKIE HAVE MORE DREAMS AND PLANS
 FOR THE FUTURE. AFTER ALL, IT IS THE CHILDREN WHO ARE OUR
 BEST REASONS FOR CARING ABOUT EITHER PRESENT OR FUTURE.

I TOLD SENATOR BENTON, BRITANNICA'S CHAIRMAN, AND MR.
 SWANSON SEVERAL MONTHS AGO THAT THEY COULD COUNT ON ME TO

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PRESENT A BRITANNICA AWARD THIS SPRING. I THOUGHT THEY'D
LET ME HANDLE THE CASH, BUT KNOWING HOW BADLY THE DEMOCRATIC
PARTY IS IN DEBT, PERHAPS THEY DIDN'T TRUST ME.

Citation

NONETHELESS, I AM TREMENDOUSLY PLEASED TO PRESENT THIS
CITATION TO SKOKIE SCHOOL DISTRICT 68 AND TO DR. LEROY
HIRSCH, THE PRESIDENT OF YOUR BOARD.

THE CITATION READS: "SECOND PLACE, 1970. PRESENTED TO
SKOKIE SCHOOL DISTRICT 68 IN RECOGNITION OF SIGNIFICANT
IMPROVEMENT OF ITS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA SERVICES.
SIGNED JOHN ROWELL, PRESIDENT, AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL
LIBRARIANS AND CHARLES E. SWANSON, PRESIDENT, ENCYCLOPAEDIA
BRITANNICA, INC."

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ON BEHALF OF BRITANNICA, THE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS AND ALL THOSE
OTHER SCHOOL SYSTEMS WHO APPLIED FOR THIS AWARD AND WERE
BESTED BY ONE OF THE BEST.

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