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## **2019 Wisconsin Library Heritage Center Hall of Fame Inductees**

**Madison, Wisconsin – Sept. 19, 2019** – The steering committee of the Wisconsin Library Heritage Center, a program of the Wisconsin Library Association Foundation, selected two individuals to be inducted into the Wisconsin Library Hall of Fame (WLHF) in 2019.

The inductees include:

### **Nancy Marshall (1935-2018)**

From 1972 until 1979, Marshall served as founding director of the Wisconsin InterLibrary Services (WiLS), a cooperative organization for resource sharing, guiding it through its first years of operation. During the mid-1970s, she worked on the development of a statewide union list of serials as a member of an ad hoc committee of the Council of Wisconsin Libraries.

From 1979 until 1986, Marshall served as Associate Director of Libraries for Public Service at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. During her tenure, she continued to focus on copyright and resource sharing. At the national level, she became known as an expert on copyright, especially fair use issues and the rights of libraries and library users to copy and use copyrighted materials. During this time, she also served as president of the American Library Association's Reference and Adult Services Division. In 1982, she was honored as the Wisconsin Library Association's Librarian of the Year.

In 1986, Marshall accepted the position of Dean of the University Libraries at the College of William and Mary, where she remained for the rest of her professional career. Her many accomplishments include the growth and modernization of Swem Library, planning and fundraising for two separate renovations and expansions, which more than doubled its size and transformed the 1965 building into a state-of-the-art facility. During her years as Dean and continuing thereafter, Swem has been ranked among the best college libraries in the nation by the Princeton Review. In 1995, two years before her retirement, she received the Distinguished Alumna Award from the UW-Madison School of Library and Information Studies for her outstanding leadership in library service.

Her collection of more than 1,000 books and other items related to Clement Moore's poem *The Night Before Christmas* became the basis for a 2005 book. Items from her collection are displayed annually at the Swem Library.

## **Richard J. Sorensen**

Richard Sorensen was the school library media consultant/supervisor at the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) from 1972 until he retired in 2001. He provided leadership for many aspects of librarianship, including the certification of library media specialists, the role of school libraries in library networks, funding for school libraries, facilities planning, the collaborative role of library media specialists in instruction and school/public library relationships.

Particularly noteworthy was Sorensen's leadership in the certification of school library/media specialists. The separate school library and audiovisual fields evolved/overlapped during the 1970s and 1980s, creating a particularly difficult and challenging period for the profession in terms of roles and appropriate licenses. Sorensen provided leadership for the taskforce that was appointed by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The instructional media certification requirements resulting from this work continue to form a foundation for library/media licensing.

Sorensen was recognized in 1981 when he was awarded the Wisconsin Library Association's Special Service Award for "exceptional service to the library profession." He was a presenter at numerous library and education conferences in the state and served as a member of the National Commission Task Force on the Role of the School Library Media Program in Library Networks. He was an active contributor to the professional literature of librarianship and authored *The Place of School Libraries/Media Centers in Library Networks*.

Sorensen served as a member of the Board of Directors, American Association for School Librarians and was one of its regional directors. He also chaired the American Library Association's Interdivisional Committee on the Role of School Library Media Programs in Networking.

In 2000, the Wisconsin Educational Media Association selected Sorensen for the Award of Excellence for his "lifetime accomplishments and significant contributions to the media profession."

The Wisconsin Library Hall of Fame was created by the Wisconsin Library Association Foundation Board as part of the [Wisconsin Library Heritage Center](#) at its July 16, 2008 meeting. The WLHF includes both librarians and library supporters.

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