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Robert B. Downs, chairman,
American Library Association
Intellectual Freedom Committee

University of Illinois Libraries
Urbana, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Downs:

Last week I came across announcement of the American Library Association awards to authors of books published in 1956 and 1957. This was contained in an issue of Library News Bulletin which I received last week from the Washington State Library.

I dispatched an air mail letter to my publisher, Paxton Printers Ltd., Caldwell, Idaho, asking the President, Mr. J. H. Gipson to communicate with you relative to entering my book, Drummers and Dreamers in Liberty and Justice awards. The announcement in the Library News Bulletin specified no deadline.

Today I received a note from the publisher, thanking me for calling this to his attention and noting that it was too late to do anything, as entries had to be submitted by February 15. He did not state whether or not his firm had received an announcement.

I am writing to you for advise, and to determine if there is any flexibility in the entry "deadline" and if it was mandatory.

As a second point, in event it is, and in event the book is reissued in a second edition this year, would that be entitled to entry in the 1957 "books published" classification.

Authors of such books, regardless of their standing have few opportunities to place their books before a list of judges such as the ALA, the big publishers seem to know of these events and present their candidates, and I will be most appreciative of any suggestions you may have to offer.

A circular of the book is enclosed. So far as I know this is still the only book in print, dealing with the nation-wide Indian problem as does Drummers and Dreamers. Here, a band of non-treaty Indians, now four (4) in number because of death, is used as the vehicle for the story of all Indians in America in the years to come. It is footnoted and indexed and has drawn widespread reviews, all highly favorable.

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