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## **EMERGING LEADERS IN SCHOOL LIBRARIANSHIP – IASL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AWARDS**

Two emerging leaders in school librarianship, from developing countries, have been awarded grants by the International Association of School Librarianship. Both will be able to attend the 37th annual conference of the Association at the University of Berkeley, California in August. The awards provide a cash award of US \$1,000 to first time IASL Conference delegates.

The Jean Lowrie Leadership Development Award has been made to Ms. Eunice Letitia McKenzie from Jamaica. Eunice was identified by the Awards Panel for her leadership in advocating for school libraries.

The Ken Haycock Leadership Development Award has been made to Jerry Mathema from Zimbabwe. Jerry was identified by the Awards Panel for his leadership in developing school libraries, training school library professionals and beginning the establishment of a school library association in Zimbabwe.

Announcing the award, President James Henri commented on the challenges of developing efficient library services and beginning school library associations.

The International Association of School Librarianship comprises personal, association and institution members, from over 75 countries, committed to enabling young people to develop literary and cultural appreciation and to use information effectively through the improvement of school libraries and school library programs as a vital component of education.

Information about membership and the awards program is available on the IASL website: <http://www.iasl-online.org> and from the IASL Secretariat, PO Box 83, Zillmere, Queensland 4034, Australia.