

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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Judith F. Krug, Director of the Office for Intellectual Freedom since 1967 and Executive Director of the Freedom to Read Foundation since 1969, received her B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh where she studied political theory. In 1964, she earned her M.A. at the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago, and has held positions in various Chicago libraries—including Reference Librarian at the John Crerar Library and Head Cataloger at the Northwestern University Dental School Library. Before assuming her present duties in the Office for Intellectual Freedom, Ms. Krug was the research analyst for the American Library Association.

In addition to her professional responsibilities, Mrs. Krug serves as a Senator of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, vice-chair of the Internet Education Foundation, and a member of the Advisory Board of GetNetWise. She also serves on The Media Institute's First Amendment Advisory Council as well as its Cornerstone Project Advisory Council, and on the Board of Directors of the Council of Literary Magazines and Presses. She is the Immediate Past-Chair of The Media Coalition. She previously served on the Board of Directors of the Fund for Free Expression, the Board of Directors of the Illinois Division of the American Civil Liberties Union, the American Bar Association's Commission on Public Understanding About the Law, and the Advisory Council of the Illinois State Justice Commission.

Awards and honors received by Mrs. Krug include the Irita Van Doren Award, presented in 1976 by the American Booksellers Association for her many contributions to the cause of the book as an instrument of culture in American life; the 1976 Harry Kalven Freedom of Expression Award, presented by the American Civil Liberties Union to the Office for Intellectual Freedom of the American Library Association; the 1978 Robert B. Downs Award for her outstanding contribution to the cause of intellectual freedom in libraries; the 1983 Carl Sandburg "Freedom to Read" Award, presented by the Friends of the Chicago Public Library; the 1984 Open Book Award, presented by the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union; the 1985 President's Award of the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union; the 1990 Intellectual Freedom Award of the Illinois Library Association; the 1994 Ohio Educational Library Media Association/SIRS Award for Intellectual Freedom; the 1995 Freedom to Read Foundation Roll of Honor Award; and the 1998 Joseph W. Lippincott Award for distinguished service to the library profession.

Mrs. Krug is a noted speaker and author in the area of intellectual freedom; her articles on this subject have appeared in national library and education journals.