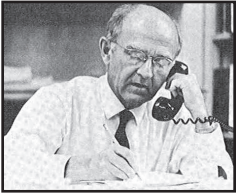


## Who was Leroy C. Merritt?



Dr. LeRoy C. Merritt was one of the library profession's staunchest opponents of censorship and one of its most vigorous defenders of

intellectual freedom. From 1946 until 1966, Dr. Merritt served on the staff of the University of California School of Librarianship at Berkeley. He was appointed Dean of the School of Librarianship of the University of Oregon in Eugene in 1966.

Dr. Merritt published many articles on intellectual freedom and was perhaps best known to fellow censorship foes for his editorship of the American Library Association's Newsletter on Intellectual Freedom, a post he held from 1962 until 1970. In 1970, H.W. Wilson published his seminal book, *Book Selection and Intellectual Freedom*.

Upon his death in 1970, Dr. Merritt's widow left a sum of money to establish a fund to assist librarians facing difficulties. Decades later, his memory lives in the form of the Merritt Fund.

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