



2006 Dan & Kathy Leab Award Winner: Madeline Matz, Library of Congress

Madeline Matz was enthusiastically nominated by two of her colleagues at the Library of Congress, who wrote that she “retired in January, 2006, but continues to volunteer in the Division, working on important projects to help prepare for the move to the Library’s new National AudioVisual Conservation Center. Throughout her long and impressive career in motion picture preservation and reference, Madeline has been an inspiration to all her colleagues. As a preservationist, she has worked tirelessly to identify, preserve, restore, and exhibit film. She helped set the standards that have made our facility one of the finest publicly funded preservation laboratories in the world. As a reference librarian, her constant efforts on behalf of researchers and staff and her unparalleled knowledge of our collections have added tremendously to our collective understanding of media history. The success of such efforts as the *The Griffith Project*, the multi-volume study of the creative output of D.W. Griffith, would be unthinkable without her work. In addition to continually improving the MBRS collection of books and periodicals, she is creating such a collection for the National AudioVisual Conservation Center.”