

## BETA PHI MU

*Beta Phi Mu recognizes the scholastic achievement and leadership potential of LIS graduates, and fosters the values of scholarship, leadership, and service in its members.*

*Eligibility for membership in Beta Phi Mu is by invitation of the faculty from institutions where the American Library Association, or other recognized accrediting agency, has accredited or recognized a professional degree program.*



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## Beta Phi Mu Honor Society for Library and Information Studies



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Established in 1948



## Beta Phi Mu History and Traditions

Beta Phi Mu was founded in 1948 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign by a group of leading librarians and library educators. In 1969, Beta Phi Mu was formally admitted to membership in the Association of College Honor Societies, which certifies college and university honor societies, setting standards for organizational excellence and for scholastic eligibility. In 1998, Beta Phi Mu became an official affiliate of the American Library Association.

Our name comes from the initials of the Greek words *Bibliothekarios philax mathesis*, meaning “Librarians are the guardians of knowledge.” The motto, *Aliis inserviando consumor*, meaning “Consumed in the service of others” was selected by the founders based on the concept of the dedication of librarians and other information professionals to the service of others. Our insignia is the dolphin and anchor, mark of the Venetian printer Aldus Manutius.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Each year, the Beta Phi Mu Honor Society presents more than \$10,000 worth of scholarships and awards in support of the information professions. These include:

**The Sarah Rebecca Reed Scholarship** for beginning LIS studies at an ALA accredited school.

**The Blanche E. Woolls Scholarship for School Library Media Study**, for beginning LIS studies with a concentration in School Library Media.

**The Frank B. Sessa Continuing Education Scholarship**, supporting continuing education for Beta Phi Mu members.

**The Harold Lancour Scholarship for Foreign Study**, for a librarian conducting foreign research.

Beta Phi Mu also manages the **Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships**, for doctoral students who are working on their dissertations in LIS and related fields.

Beta Phi Mu is also the proud sponsor of ALA's **Beta Phi Mu Award**, given annually to recognize the achievement of a library school faculty member or other individual for distinguished service to education for librarianship.

For more information about all of these awards, and more, visit the “Beta Phi Mu Scholarships, Awards, and Fellowships” page on our website: [www.betaphimu.org/scholarships.html](http://www.betaphimu.org/scholarships.html)

## PUBLICATIONS

Beta Phi Mu has been publishing a national newsletter since 1954. *The Pipeline* is now published electronically twice a year and may be located on our website at: [www.betaphimu.org/newsletter.html](http://www.betaphimu.org/newsletter.html)

Our honor society has also been involved in a number of scholarly publishing initiatives over the years, beginning with the **Beta Phi Mu Chapbook Series**, published from 1953-1984. This was followed by the **Beta Phi Mu Monograph Series**, published from 1986-2013.

Beta Phi Mu's current scholarly publishing program is the **Beta Phi Mu Scholars Series**, published in conjunction with Rowman & Littlefield. Works published in the Scholars Series follow the Society's purpose and must be substantive advancements to the field's commitments to scholarship, leadership, and service. All Beta Phi Mu members are eligible for a 20% discount on Scholars Series titles. For more information, see: [www.betaphimu.org/scholars-series.html](http://www.betaphimu.org/scholars-series.html)



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