

Julinda Abu Nasr Receives the Asahi Reading Promotion Award, 1994, for the Portable Library Project

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On behalf of the Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World, Beirut University College, Julinda Abu Nasr, Ph.D. receives the Asahi Reading Promotion Award for The Portable Library Project.

The Asahi award recognizes a group or an institution that has made a significant and lasting contribution to children's reading through a successful book promotion program. Dr. Julinda Abu Nasr received this award for devising and administering a Portable Library Project.

The Portable library carries 150 carefully selected children's books. During the war, the portable library played a major and constructive role in taking books to children. It provided library service to especially needy and disadvantaged groups in war-torn Lebanon. More than 75 portable libraries were distributed to bomb shelters, refugee camps, hospitals for terminally ill children, as well as centers for the handicapped, maimed, orphans and delinquents. Today, books are sent to remote rural areas where few reading materials are available.



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IWSAW staff, left to Right: Randa Abul-Husn, Anita Farah Nassar, Julinda Abu Nasr, Afaf Akhrass

The Institute has also trained writers, illustrators, librarians and published 8 Arabic story books, and one music book. These may be ordered from the Institute.

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Correction

AL-RAIDA (Winter 1994, #64) unintentionally failed to acknowledge the hard work and diligence of Ms. Siham Jbeily who was the coordinator of IWSAW's conference on Arab Women and the Environment (Nov. 25-27, 1994).

The proceedings of the conference will be available at IWSAW in the Fall.