

2009 LAS LIFETIME CONTRIBUTION AWARD

HEDWIG ANUAR

Mrs Hedwig Anuar, an exemplary leader, administrator, coach and mentor, is an outstanding librarian who has contributed immeasurably to the library profession and library development in Singapore and Malaysia, from the early 1950s to the late 1980s. She was Director of the National Library of Singapore from 1965 to 1988.

Mrs Anuar initiated the inauguration of the Malayan Library Group in 1954 and served as President of the Library Association of Singapore from 1963 to 1965. In her over 30 years of distinguished library career, she contributed more than 100 journal articles, conference papers, bibliographies and radio readings on librarianship in Singapore and other parts of Southeast Asia.

Affectionately known as the *"First Lady of the National Library"*, Mrs Anuar is well-respected, loved and admired by librarians and non-librarians alike. She is extraordinary.

The award was presented on 1 November 2007 at the launch of the inaugural Singapore Library Week.