Susan Fraser, Thomas J. Hubbard Vice President and Director, The LuEsther T. Mertz Library of the New York Botanical Garden, received the Charles Robert Long Award of Extraordinary Merit on June 22, 2018 from the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries (CBHL).

The Charles Robert Long Award of Extraordinary Merit is the highest honor presented by CBHL. This honor was established to recognize outstanding service to CBHL and/or to the field of botanical and horticultural literature, information services and research. The award was presented to Fraser during CBHL's annual meeting hosted by the New York Botanical Garden and the Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

Fraser earned a bachelor degree in art history from the State University of New York at New Paltz and a master’s degree in library science from Columbia University. She has been an active CBHL member since 1984, serving as president of the organization in 2006-2007, as a member of numerous committees and as a host of three annual meetings. The author of several books and numerous articles, Fraser has curated and directed a host of significant exhibitions since 1991. This award recognizes Fraser’s extraordinary service to CBHL as well as to botanical and horticultural literature.

This award recognizes Fraser’s exceptional contributions to the field of librarianship, her advocacy for and leadership in globally-significant projects and partnerships in the sciences including the Biodiversity Heritage Library and her remarkable scholarly contributions in the fields of botanical history, botanical art, and bibliographic studies.

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