

This memorial resolution was adopted by the ALA Council on Tuesday, July 1, 2014

Memorial Resolution Honoring Birdie MacLennan

Whereas Birdie MacLennan, Library Professor and faculty member at the University of Vermont's Bailey/Howe Library since 1990, died at the age of 57 on March 10, 2014 after a sudden illness;

Whereas she served as Director of the UVM Libraries' Resource Description and Analysis Services Department since 2008, where she worked to digitize and preserve Vermont newspapers, serving as Project Director and Principal Investigator for the Vermont Digital Newspaper Project;

Whereas, she was the founder of the influential SERIALST listserv, which continues to be an invaluable method of professional communication for the continuing resources library community;

Whereas, she was an active member of the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS), serving as a member of the ALCTS Continuing Education Committee; the *Library Resources & Technical Services (LRTS)* editorial board, *LRTS* Editor search committee, and *LRTS* Award Committee; and the ALCTS International Relations Committee;

Whereas, she was also a member of the Library Leadership & Management Association (LLAMA) and the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), in which she was especially active in the West European Studies Section;

Whereas, she was the 1997 recipient of the ALCTS Esther J. Piercy Award and the 2002 recipient of the New England Technical Services Librarians Award, in recognition of her contributions to library collections and technical services;

Whereas, she made valuable contributions to the then-named ALCTS Serials Section (now Continuing Resources Section), serving on the Serials Section Nominating Committee; -- and was also very active in the then-named ALCTS Cataloging and Classification Section (now Cataloging and Metadata Management Section), where she served as co-vice-chair of the Cataloging Norms Discussion Group and co-chair of the Cataloging Norms Interest Group;

Whereas, she was active in IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions) and was a member of the Standing Committee of its Newspapers Section;

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Whereas, she was also an active member of the North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG), in which she served on the NASIG Executive Board as Member-At-Large from 1993-1997, and contributed to that association as member of the Electronic Communications Committee, Continuing Education Committee, and Translators Resources Team, and also as a noted mentor; and

Whereas, she was a generous colleague, friend, and mentor to many, with a deep interest in French and Italian languages and cultures and a perpetually kind and positive disposition; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. honors and is grateful to Birdie MacLennan for her many contributions to the library profession, and for her service to the Association; and
2. expresses its sincere sympathy to her sister, Anne MacLennan Perkins; her niece, Dominika Perkins; her brother-in-law, Donald Perkins; and her many other beloved family members and friends.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
Tuesday, July 1, 2014, in Las Vegas, Nevada
Keith Michael Fiels, ALA Executive Director and Secretary of the ALA Council