

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING DR. BOHDAN STEPHAN WYNAR

Whereas Dr. Bohdan Stephan Wynar, visionary publisher and founder of Libraries Unlimited was born in Lviv, Ukraine on September 17th, 1926 and passed away on November 9th in Aurora, Colorado;

Whereas Dr. Wynar was a man of many accomplishments including military service in World War II, earning a doctorate degree in economics in Munich in 1950, and emigrating to the U.S. where he worked as a steel worker in Ohio, and then as a statistician, eventually bringing his family to the U.S.;

Whereas Wynar earned a second graduate degree, a Master's in Librarianship at University of Denver (DU) in 1958 and served as Head of Technical Services of University of Denver Libraries from 1958-1962; and as Associate Professor, Graduate School of Librarianship at DU from 1963-1966; and from 1966-1969, he was Dean, School of Library Science, SUNY, Geneseo, New York, after which he later served on the American Library Association's Committee of Accreditation (COA);

Whereas during his teaching career, he witnessed first-hand the need for quality resources, guides, and textbooks to help further library professional development and support teaching, he, while teaching at Denver published his book, Introduction to Cataloging and Classification, for the University press with a success so overwhelming, that in 1964, Wynar started his own publishing company under the name of Libraries Unlimited with two subsidiary imprints, Ukrainian Academic Press (1972) and Teacher Ideas Press (1988);

Whereas Wynar continued his significant contributions to librarianship authoring and co-authoring many books in Library Science including the best-selling Introduction to Cataloging and Classification, currently in its tenth edition under the authorship of Arlene G. Taylor, and co-edited the Dictionary of American Library Biography (DALB). He created and served as editor-in-chief of the critically acclaimed and trusted guide to reference works, American Reference Books Annual (ARBA), now entering its forty-fourth year of publication; and

Whereas in 1977, he received the Isadore Gilbert Mudge Award for his distinguished contributions to reference librarianship and remained president of his publishing company until the age of 72, when it became part of the Greenwood Publishing Group; now, therefore, be it.

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

- (1) Recognizes the remarkable achievements of Bohdan Wyner as an educator, author and in the profession and acknowledges his many contributions to his colleagues and friends
- (2) Conveys sincerest sympathy to the Wynar family, Taras, Michael, and RoxolanaWynar, their mother, TatiannaGajecky, two grandchildren, Melania and Jace, and one brother, Dr. Lubomyr Wynar and niece/God-daughter, Natalia in Ohio; and
- (3) The copies of this resolution be sent to his family

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
Tuesday, January 28, 2014, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



Keith Michael Fiels

ALA Executive Director and Secretary of the ALA Council