A MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING FLOYD C. DICKMAN

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA), Association of Library Service to Children (ALSC), the Ohio Library Association (OLA), Ohio Dominican University, Otterbein University, Kent State University School of Library and Information Science (Columbus campus), and Ohio Educational Library Media Association (OELMA) are saddened by the loss of a wonderful and charming librarian, educator, colleague, and friend, Floyd C. Dickman, who passed away on Sunday morning, June 14, 2015;

Whereas Floyd Dickman was an engaged librarian and teacher mentoring more than one generation of children’s librarians, he was generous with his time and expertise supporting their work with gentility, kindness and good humor;

Whereas Floyd Dickman faithfully served 20 years at Kent State University School of Library and Information Science, Columbus campus, and provided a role model for new professionals to emulate;

Whereas Floyd Dickman was an excellent and distinguished leader serving on the ALSC Board from 2002-2005; shared his expertise in children’s literature by serving on many award committees including the 1994 and 2002 Caldecott committees, 1998 Batchelder committee, 2006 Bechtel Committee, 2008 Newbery committee, and 2010 Pura Belpre Committee; was instrumental in establishing the ALSC/Simon & Schuster Maureen Hayes Author/Illustrator Awards in 2005; and served in lesser known positions to ensure the work of ALSC advanced, including the Planning and Budget, Legislation, Liaisons with National Organizations, Oral History, 1996 National Institute Planning task force, and the 1995 Preconference Planning committees;

Whereas Floyd Dickman was a dedicated member of the Visitors Board of the MAZZA Museum at Findlay University, Findlay, Ohio; and established the MAZZA Museum Children’s Book Center in 2010, donating thousands of books there and to many other schools and groups;

Whereas Floyd Dickman presented many workshops for teachers and librarians in Ohio over the years and demonstrated the riches in children's literature and children's illustration to numerous educators and children, encouraging them to view the latest offerings of talented authors and illustrators in the field;

Whereas Floyd Dickman was known as a respected librarian, teacher, encourager, mentor, and adviser;
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Whereas Floyd Dickman was much loved and respected by his family, friends, coworkers, and many students, and

Whereas his legacy will carry on in the hearts and minds of the countless lives he touched, now, therefore, be it

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

1. honors the legacy of Floyd Dickman, whose devotion to teaching and librarianship, and whose service to ALA and its divisions, and to OLA and OELMA, will be sorely missed; and

2. extends its sincerest condolences to his friends and colleagues in the world of children’s librarianship and to his wife, Stella Dickman, and their family.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
Tuesday, June 30, 2015, in San Francisco, California

Keith Michael Fiels, Executive Director
and Secretary of the ALA Council