

This memorial resolution was adopted by the ALA Council on Tuesday, February 3, 2015

A Memorial Resolution Honoring the Life and Contributions of Miriam Drake

Whereas the library community lost a forward-thinking library administrator, teacher, mentor, writer and editor of many significant works with the death of Miriam (Mimi) Drake on December 24, 2014;

Whereas Miriam Drake was a visionary advocate for library technology and the effective use of government information;

Whereas Miriam Drake served as Assistant Director for Library Support Services at Purdue University and professor in the library school from 1972 to 1984, and then as Dean and Director of the Libraries and Information Center at Georgia Institute of Technology until 2001;

Whereas Miriam Drake was the President of the Special Libraries Association, Chair of the Board of the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC), and Trustee of the Corporation for Research and Education Networking and of Simmons College;

Whereas Miriam Drake was the author of many more than 100 articles, the editor of the first *Encyclopedia of Library and Information Science* and an “Honorary Member of the Board” of the *Encyclopedia*;

Whereas Miriam Drake was the recipient of the ALA/Hugh Atkinson Award for Innovation and Risk Taking in 1992; the John Cotton Dana Award for Lifetime Achievement in Special Libraries; the first Allen Kent/Meckler Media Award for Lifetime Achievement; the Alumni Achievement Award from the Simmons College School of Library and Information Science (1985), and the University of Pittsburgh Kent Meckler Media Award (1994);


Whereas Miriam Drake was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Indiana University and an Honorary Doctorate of Library Science in 1998 from Simmons College; and

Whereas Miriam Drake’s 42 years of contributions to librarianship, information technology and government information, and her inimitable sense of humor, greatly enriched the library community; now, therefore, be it

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

- (1) recognizes the exceptional contributions of Miriam Drake over the course of her distinguished career and mourns her death; and
- (2) extends its condolences to her son Robert, her extended family and many friends and colleagues who have lost a valued companion and friend.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
Tuesday, February 3, 2015, in Chicago, Illinois



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