



A Memorial Resolution Honoring Kathie Coblenz

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) lost a valued member and a colleague on April 6, 2021, with the death of Kathie Coblenz;

Whereas Kathie Coblenz served as a rare materials cataloger at the New York Public Library (NYPL), Stephen A. Schwarzman Building; she had been working at NYPL since July 1969; Coblenz cataloged and revised cataloging of rare books and special collection materials in English and European languages, including manuscripts and original graphic works; she was also a blogger for NYPL and covered a variety of topics related to special collections such as banned books, moveable books, spiritual perfection and *The Ghost of the Château de La Roche-Guyon*;

Whereas Coblenz received her Master of Arts in Library Sciences from the University of Michigan and Bachelor of Arts in German from Michigan State University; and

Whereas Coblenz was an extraordinary member in the profession; she was known as a very thorough and energetic cataloger who took her work very seriously; Coblenz was a mentor and friend to many in the profession; she was a member of Beta Phi Mu; she was the author of the book *Your Home Library: The Complete System for Organizing, Locating, Referencing and Maintaining Your Book Collection* (2003), co-editor of *Woody Allen: Interviews* (2006), and *Clint Eastwood Interviews, Revised and Updated* (2013) with Robert E. Kapsis; now, therefore, be it

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

1. recognizes the significant contributions and accomplishments of Kathie Coblenz over the course of her career and mourns her death; and
2. extends its sincerest condolences to her family, friends, and colleagues.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
Tuesday, June 29, 2021, ALA Virtual Annual Conference Council Meeting

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tracie D. Hall".

Tracie D. Hall, Executive Director
and Secretary of the ALA Council