

Memorial Resolution Honoring David Christopher “Chris” Cottrill

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) and the Smithsonian Libraries and Archives lost a valued colleague on March 17, 2023, with the death of David Christopher “Chris” Cottrill;

Whereas Cottrill worked with the Federal government for over 30 years; he joined the National Archives and Records Administration in 1992; Cottrill worked in the Smithsonian Libraries, National Museum of American History and the Smithsonian Libraries, and National Air and Space Museum; he was the head librarian of the National Air and Space Museum Library; Tamar Evangelestia-Dougherty, Smithsonian Libraries and Archives Director, shared, “Chris leaves a lasting and powerful legacy at Smithsonian and beyond.”

Whereas Cottrill received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1995 and Master of Library Science degree in 1998 from the University of Maryland, College Park;

Whereas Cottrill was described as passionate and knowledgeable about history, especially U.S. military and naval history; he was an active member of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Annapolis; Cottrill was a friend, colleague, and mentor to many; now therefore, be it

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

1. recognizes the significant contributions and accomplishments of David Christopher “Chris” Cottrill over the course of his career and mourns his death; and
2. extends its sincerest condolences to his friends and family.

Mover: Raymond Pun, ALA Councilor at Large

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