

**2021-2022 ALA Memorial #11  
2022 ALA Annual Conference**

**A Memorial Resolution Honoring Nancy Kandoian**

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) lost a valued member and leader on May 16, 2022, with the death of map librarian Nancy Kandoian;

Whereas Nancy Kandoian received her Master of Arts in Library Sciences from Rutgers University School of Communications and Information and Bachelor of Arts in Geography from Mt. Holyoke College;

Whereas Nancy Kandoian served the New York Public Library's Lionel Pincus and Princess Firyal Map Division for 44 years, beginning as a map information assistant and going on to help shape the field of map librarianship, especially through her tireless dedication to the practice of map cataloging, her service at the reference desk in the Map Division, and her mentorship and training of countless colleagues, both at the NYPL and across the United States;

Whereas Nancy Kandoian was the consummate professional, dedicated to the NYPL's mission, mentored colleagues, and was always kind, courteous, generous, respectful, and thoughtful with both patrons and colleagues; she was also known as a talented baker, Kandoian was the heart of NYPL's Map Division;

Whereas Nancy Kandoian cataloged tens of thousands of maps and atlases during her career at the New York Public Library, including 1,400 in 2002-2003 to fulfill the requirements of a National Endowment for the Humanities grant;

Whereas Nancy Kandoian's extensive notations in catalog records for historic maps will benefit researchers for generations to come, as she tackled the thorniest cataloging challenges in a dedicated, communicative, and cooperative manner, by which her peers would benefit;

Whereas Nancy Kandoian leaves a lasting legacy in the development and implementation of specialized cataloging practices, including as a member of the editorial team responsible for *Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials (Cartographic)* (DCRM(C)); as a peer-reviewed author in *Cataloging & Classification Quarterly* and the *Journal of Map and Geography Libraries*; as co-compiler of the English translation of words abbreviated in *Ritter's Lexikon*; in service as a longtime liaison to the North American Cartographic Information Society (NACIS), and for nearly 20 years to the ACRL's Rare Books and Manuscripts Section; as a long-standing member of MAGIRT's Cataloging and Classification Committee; and as chair of that committee;

Whereas Nancy Kandoian additionally served MAGIRT for decades, including as Regional Coordinator for the *Online Guide to U.S. Map Collections* and as a contributing editor of *base line* from 1982 to 1993; and served ALA as a leader in the Ethnic & Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT) and the Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL);

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Whereas Nancy Kandoian shared her expertise through teaching, including at the Pratt Institute School of Information; and through consulting, including with the New-York Historical Society and the Osher Library at the University of Southern Maine;

Whereas Nancy Kandoian worked to aid Armenian genealogical research through the use of early cartographic resources; and to compile genealogical and cartographic materials in commemoration of the Armenian Genocide; and

Whereas map librarians and researchers around the world are grateful for her mentorship, her inspiration, and her generosity, now, therefore, be it

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

1. recognizes the significant contributions of Nancy Kandoian over the course of her career and mourns her death; and
2. extends its sincerest condolences to her colleagues at the New York Public Library and her family and friends.

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