

**2020-2021 ALA M#11 (Memorial)
2021 ALA Virtual Membership Meeting and Annual Council Meeting**

A Memorial Resolution Honoring Kathie Coblentz

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

Whereas Kathie Coblentz 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; Coblentz 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 Coblentz 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 Coblentz was an extraordinary member in the profession; she was known as a very thorough and energetic cataloger who took her work very seriously; Coblentz 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 Coblentz over the course of her career and mourns her death; and
2. extends its sincerest condolences to her family, friends, and colleagues.

Mover: Raymond Pun, ALA Councilor at Large

Seconder: Melissa Cardenas-Dow, ALA Councilor at Large

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