

Memorial Resolution Honoring Kristen A. Cooper

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) lost a valued colleague on April 6, 2023, with the death of Kristen A. Cooper;

Whereas Cooper was born in Minnesota but grew up in Menomonie, Wisconsin; Cooper obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Marine Biology from Texas A&M and a Master's Degree in Library Science from St. Catherine University; Cooper volunteered her time at Moody Garden Aquarium and worked with stingrays and sharks; Cooper also volunteered at the Gabbert Raptor Center;

Whereas Cooper worked as the plant sciences librarian at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, where she was a subject liaison for the departments of plant pathology, agronomy, plant genetics, and plant and microbial biology; it was her dream job to work as a librarian at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities;

Whereas Cooper was very active professionally; Cooper was a member of ACRL and an ALA Emerging Leader in 2020; she participated in the Minnesota Library Association Institute for Leadership Excellence in 2018; she was also selected for the highly competitive Institute for Research Design in Librarianship (IRDL) in 2017;

Whereas Cooper researched, presented, and published on a variety of topics related to plant sciences, grey literature, qualitative studies in journals such as *Journal of Agricultural & Food Information*, *College and Research Libraries News*, *College and Research Libraries*, *Journal of Librarianship and Scholarly Communication*, *Grey Journal*, and *Issues in Science and Technology*; Cooper was an extraordinary librarian, colleague, mentor, and friend to many in the field; now, therefore, be it

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

1. recognizes the significant contributions and accomplishments of Kristen A. Cooper over the course of her career and mourns her death; and
2. extends its sincerest condolences to her friends and family.

Mover: Raymond Pun, ALA Councilor at Large

Seconder: Jamie Kurumaji, ALA Councilor at Large

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