

**A Memorial Resolution Honoring Eleanor (Penny) Brome**

December 23, 1929 ~ January 22, 2021

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA), the New Jersey Library Association (NJLA) and the broader library community lost a valued member and leader on January 22, 2021, with the death of Eleanor (Penny) Brome, aged 91;

Whereas she was a lifelong NJLA Member and Past President (1984-1985);

Whereas in describing her year as NJLA President she said: "... it was a good year because we were lucky and successful, a structured year because we tried to set and reach clear goals, and a democratic and spontaneous year because that's the kind of members we have";

Whereas she was active in the development of inter library networking in New Jersey through the Union County Library Directors group, the Executive Board of the LINX Regional Library Cooperative and service on the NJ Library Network Review Board;

Whereas during her career she worked at Caldwell College and the Cranford Public Library, serving as director of the latter from 1974-1991;

Whereas, while director of the Cranford Public Library, Penny ushered in a new era of library service by automating the library;

Whereas she, during her tenure as President of NJLA, led the NJ library community during a time of great change and expanded multitype library cooperation and innovation;

Whereas in her well-earned retirement she continued her public service by counseling and mentoring incarcerated women and, later, was instrumental in the creation and development of the library at Kendal on the Hudson where she lived;

Whereas Penny was a much loved magical person who combined humor and a razor sharp wit with exceptional kindness and caring;

Therefore be it;

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

1) recognizes the remarkable achievements of Eleanor (Penny) Brome and gratefully acknowledges her many contributions to the profession of librarianship in New Jersey; and

2) extends its sincerest condolences to her family, friends and colleagues.

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