

### **A Memorial Resolution Honoring Ann Pechacek**

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA), the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), the Worthington Library System, and the public library community lost a valued member and colleague on July 30, 2021, with the death of Ann Laurie Pechacek;

Whereas Ann Laurie Pechacek was an esteemed teen library who loved to turn reluctant young adult readers into lifelong learners and readers;

Whereas Ann Laurie Pechacek served on numerous prestigious YALSA committees such as the Printz Award Committee, the Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers Committee, the William C. Morris Award Committee, the Best Books for Young Adults committee, and the YALSA Teens' Top Ten Committee;

Whereas Ann Laurie Pechacek was awarded the 2020 Friends of YALSA Distinction;

Whereas Ann Laurie Pechacek was appointed lead librarian at Worthington Libraries in 2012;

Whereas Ann Laurie Pechacek wrote multiple articles in Young Adult and Library Services Journal;

Whereas Ann Laurie Pechacek was supportive, passionate, knowledgeable, and made those around her feel valued and respected; and

Whereas Ann Laurie Pechacek's true legacy lies in the profound effect she had on the countless librarians, students, and colleagues who will forever be life-long readers; now, therefore, be it

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

1. honors the memory of Ann Laurie Pechacek;
2. celebrates the legacy of her impact on the those who know her;
3. remembers her service to ALA and YALSA; and
4. extends its sincerest condolences to her colleagues at the Worthington Library System in Columbus, Ohio and her family.

Mover: Elizabeth Nebeker, YALSA Councilor

Seconder: Elizabeth Phillip, ALA Councilor at Large