

Memorial Resolution Honoring Aletta Seales

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) lost a valued colleague on June 12, 2023, with the death of Aletta Seales;

Whereas Seales worked as an elementary school principal for over 30 years and retired from that job; Seales returned school to to obtain a Master of Library Science degree from City University of New York Queens College;

Whereas Seales was a member of NY Black Librarians Caucus; Seales served on a Scholarship Committee; Seales served as an Executive Board Member of the Association of Black Educators of New York; Seales was an active member of New York Library Association (NYLA); Seales wrote for *The NYLA Voice*; her column "Friends Speaking" is a invaluable contribution to the Association's history;

Whereas Seales was an active member of the National Association of University Women (NAUW) Long Island Branch since 1984; Seales served as Branch President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Scholarship Chair, Education/Literacy Committee Chair and Book Club Chair; Seales spearheaded, the "Read Across America" and "Jumpstart Read for the Record" projects for many years;

Whereas Seales participated in the Toastmasters International Cambria Heights as a member and won the speaking competition; Seales was a member of Cambria Heights Civic Association; Seales was a kind mentor, colleague, and friend to many; now therefore, be it

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

1. recognizes the significant contributions and accomplishments of Aletta Seales 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: Twanna Hodge, ALA Councilor at Large

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