

Memorial Resolution for Donald C. Adcock

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA), the American Association of School Librarians (AASL), the Association of Illinois School Library Educators (AISLE), the Illinois library community and the International Association of School Librarianship (IASL) lost a valued member, strong leader, and respected colleague on July 15, 2021 with the death of Donald C. Adcock;

Whereas Donald Adcock was born in DuBois, Illinois and received his Bachelor of Science in Education and began his career as teacher librarian at Tamaroa (IL) Community High School. After serving two years in the U.S. Army, he returned to Tamaroa. Completing his Masters in Education degree at Southern Illinois University, he joined Glen Ellyn (IL) District #41 staff to establish the school library program for their nine schools, a position he held for 25 years;

Whereas Don joined other national leaders on the National Commission for Libraries and Information Science Task force examining *The Role of the School Library Media Program in Networking*, a role that resulted in his invitation to speak on a panel for the American Association of School Administrators in 1979 and to present a paper for the International Federal of Library Associations (IFLA) in 1983 in Munich;

Whereas Don Adcock shared his knowledge of school librarianship as an adjunct professor for the National College of Education West Suburban Campus. During professional career, he served as a member of the Illinois State Library Committee (ISLACD) and he was named to many committees by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISLAC) pertaining to school libraries and certification requirements for school librarians. He also authored articles in publications and wrote reviews for publications. In 2008, he co-authored a series of information literacy skills for young adults with his daughter, Beth;

Whereas Don Adcock assisted in the creation of the International Association of School Librarianship (IASL) by registering this international association in the state of Illinois, a registration that he kept active for more than forty years. He served as treasurer from 1985-1997. A longtime member of the association, Gerry Brown of Canada, described Don as “systematic, practical, and caring and always available to help.” Don and his wife regularly attended IASL conferences all over the world; he maintained his membership until his death;

Whereas Don received the Illinois Association of School Librarians Honor Award in 1977 for his outstanding contribution to school library media services in the state of Illinois. In October 2015, he received two honors. He was inducted as an Illinois Library Luminary, and the Illinois School Library Media Association bestowed the highly selective Lifetime Membership Award on Donald Adcock. Awarded at the discretion of the ISLMA Board, this award had been given only three times to an individual for faithful, exceptional service to the association and to school librarianship;

Whereas Don was an active member of the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) participating on numerous committees, presenting at division conferences and contributing content to *Knowledge Quest* and other division publications as well as serving in a variety of leadership positions including as Chair of the Affiliate Assembly 1986-87 (renamed AASL Chapters) and as mentor for many and model of professionalism for all;

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Whereas, after retiring from the Glen Ellyn District, Don joined the staff of AASL where he served as Coordinator for Program Support and later as interim director. During his time at AASL, he was, to quote a colleague, “a valuable contributor to the Library Power Program and to AASL. His knowledge of and experience in the field, his easy-going manner, and his wicked sense of humor made working with him such a pleasure.”

Whereas Don left AASL to become a university supervisor for the School Library Program at Dominican University and then the Interim Director of the Program until his retirement in 2015;

Whereas Donald Adcock was a family man and, when he wasn't working, enjoyed traveling to places in the U.S. and around the world with his wife, Joann; and

Whereas Don was one of those extraordinary professionals who made sure the job got done, never caring who got the credit, only that the goal of success was reached. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the American Library Association, on behalf of its members

1. recognizes the remarkable achievements of Donald C. Adcock as an educator and a national and international leader in the profession and acknowledges his many contributions to his colleagues and friends;
2. conveys sincerest sympathy to his wife Joann, daughters Beth Pulver and Michele Polk and four grandchildren.

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