Memorial Resolution Honoring Deanna Bowling Marcum

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) lost a valued colleague on August 16, 2022, with the death of Deanna Bowling Marcum;

Whereas Marcum received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1967; a Master of Arts in English from the Southern Illinois University in 1969; a Master of Library Science from the University of Kentucky; and a PhD in American Studies from the University of Maryland in 1991; Marcum was awarded a doctorate in humane letters by the North Carolina State University in 2010;

Whereas Marcum started her career teaching English at the University of Kentucky, and worked in numerous institutions such as the Ford Foundation program at Vanderbilt University, the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), the Council of Library Resources (CLIR), and the Library of Congress; Marcum served as Dean of the School of Library and Information Science at the Catholic University of America; Marcum served as president of the Council of Library Resources and president of the Commission on Preservation and Access; Marcum joined Ithaka S+R as its first managing director; Marcum’s areas of expertise included cataloging, preservation, and scholarly communications;

Whereas Marcum greatly impacted the field with her leadership and collaborative work across coalitions and organizations; in 2013, Marcum was appointed to the Japan-US Friendship Commission; she also served on Stanford University Libraries’ Advisory Committee, the steering committees for Coalition for Networked Information (CNI), and Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition; Marcum was a colleague, advisor, friend, and mentor to many over the years; Marcum was the consummate professional and a visionary in the field;

Whereas Marcum was awarded the ALA Medal of Excellence in 2011, the association’s highest honor; Marcum also received the Miles Conrad Award from the National Information Standards Organization (NISO) in 2019; during her career, Marcum received numerous grants from the Gates Foundation, the Lumina Foundation, and the Mellon Foundation; now, therefore, be it
Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA) and on behalf of its members:

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

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
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Tracie D. Hall, Executive Director, and
Secretary of the ALA Council