



## **Memorial Resolution Honoring J. Linda Williams**

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) and the library community lost a well-loved leader in the school library community on February 20, 2020, with the death of J. Linda DiMisa Williams;

Whereas Linda was an ALA member for 44 years, serving the Association and its divisions in many ways including as President of the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) in 2005-2006;

Whereas she had also been active in the Library Administration and Management Association (LAMA) and the Library Information Technology Association (LITA);

Whereas she was elected to service on ALA Council and on the ALA Executive Board;

Whereas she served on and chaired many Association, Division and Council Committees including the Membership Committee, the Council Orientation Committee, the Committee on Organization, the Planning and Budget Assembly, the Budget Analysis and Review Committee, the Planned Giving Committee and several awards committees and juries;

Whereas she was active in several Round Tables including Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Round Table (GLBRT), Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT), and Ethnic & Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT);

Whereas she was generous with financial gifts to the Association, was a member of the Legacy Society and Spectrum Giving Circle and served on the advisory committees for several ALA Presidents;

Whereas she served as coordinator of school library services for Anne Arundel County (MD) Public Schools prior to her retirement;

Whereas she was a leader in statewide school library development as head of School Library Services for the Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Library Development and Services;

Whereas she served as President of the Maryland Association of School Librarians, and was active in the University of Maryland Alumni Association, where she served as a member of its Board of Governors and as President of the iSchool Alumni Chapter;

Whereas, J. Linda Williams was a strong advocate for libraries of all types in Maryland, having served on the board of Citizens for Maryland Libraries from 2007-2015 and as an officer of the organization, working to build greater public awareness of the need for and services of Maryland libraries;

Whereas she was a person with a zest for life and a resilient spirit, and a loyal friend who showered the people in her life with warmth, kindness, and generosity; and



Whereas she had a passion for travel and good food and a love of lighthouses, football, and the University of Maryland, and was grateful to her kidney donor who gave her extra years to realize more of her passions. Now, therefore be it

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

1. recognizes the significant contributions to libraries of J. Linda Williams 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  
Saturday, June 27, 2020, ALA Virtual Council Meeting

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tracie Hall", written in a cursive style.

Tracie D. Hall, Executive Director and  
Secretary of the ALA Council