

Resolution in Honor of Mary Ellen K. Davis Upon her Retirement

Whereas throughout her career as Executive Director of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), Mary Ellen K. Davis has worked tirelessly on behalf of ACRL, the American Library Association (ALA), and the profession of academic and research librarianship;

Whereas Mary Ellen K. Davis has, in the course of thirty-six years with ALA and almost twenty years leading ACRL, established ACRL as the preeminent higher education association for nearly 10,000 academic librarians and library workers in North America, and as a user-focused and responsive association serving the changing needs of its members;

Whereas Mary Ellen K. Davis has been a staunch and effective advocate throughout her career for the value of academic and research libraries, and the vital role that academic and research library workers play in higher education;

Whereas Mary Ellen K. Davis has overseen the development of the CHOICE publishing unit through challenging times in the industry in order to build and sustain core and innovative products that offer maximum value to members and to the profession;

Whereas Mary Ellen K. Davis has served as an effective and collegial ambassador for ACRL within the higher education community, building and nourishing a strong network among internal and external groups including the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), and the Council of Higher Education Management Associations (CHEMA);

Whereas Mary Ellen K. Davis has been an exemplary steward of ACRL resources and talent, working selflessly to maintain a healthy net asset balance while strategically investing in programs and services, growing the ACRL endowment, and developing a strong base of donor support to ensure ACRL's future success in advancing learning and transforming scholarship;

Whereas Mary Ellen K. Davis has led ACRL to undertake groundbreaking research, expand its publishing program, develop a consulting service, and continue to build its highly successful national conference;

Whereas Mary Ellen K. Davis has been active in her church community, received the Girl Scouts Illinois Crossroads Council's Beaman-Denoyer Award for outstanding service to the community in 2000, and the Girl Scouts Outstanding Volunteer Award in 2001; and

Whereas Mary Ellen K. Davis has been a generous friend, wise mentor, and valued colleague to many Association members, leaders, and ACRL staff, working tirelessly to promote and instill a collaborative ethos in the workplace; now, therefore, be it

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

1. recognizes Mary Ellen K. Davis's achievements and many contributions to the profession of librarianship, and specifically to ACRL; and
2. expresses its appreciation and gratitude for those contributions and wishes her well in all the years to come, with many members looking forward to her continued interest in and support of libraries.

Moved by: Jacquelyn Bryant, ACRL Councilor

Seconded by: LeRoy LaFleur, ALA Councilor at Large.