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This memorial resolution was adopted by the ALA Council on Tuesday, July 1, 2014

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING ELIZA DRESANG

Whereas Eliza Dresang, Beverly Cleary Professor for Children and Youth Services in the Information School at the University of Washington and member of the American Library Association for years, died on Monday, April 21, 2014;

Whereas her theory called “Radical Change,” explained in her award-winning 1999 book, *Radical Change: Books for Youth in a Digital Age* and numerous journal articles, has been used to identify and analyze literature for youth reflecting the interactivity, connectivity, and access of the digital world and has now been adopted in the scholarly community to explain various aspects of information behavior;

Whereas she modeled excellence as a professor of library science; exemplifying standards of excellence in teaching, research, and service in the field and in 2004 was awarded the Eliza Atkins Gleason Professorship at Florida State University and the singular Beverly Cleary Professor for Children and Youth Services in 2009 at the University of Washington Information School;

Whereas she was currently engaged in a research project, ProjectVIEWS2, to measure early literacy outcomes for children from birth to entering kindergarten when leveraged by innovative public library and school partnerships, a 2011 \$635,000 National Leadership Research Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services;

Whereas she received a \$100,000 IMLS grant with faculty colleagues Karen Fisher and Katie Davis to host a Digital Youth iLab in which top scholars in the field will come to the University of Washington to share their work and their ideas around the field of Digital Youth;

Whereas she exemplified professional service through her entire career, including serving as one of 11 members of the Laura Bush Foundation for America’s Libraries Advisory Committee; chairing the Newbery Award, Pura Belpré Award, Batchelder Award, the ChLA Phoenix Award, and the Notable Children’s Books committees; and serving on the Jane Addams Children’s Book Award, Caldecott Award, Great Websites for Children, Odyssey Award, and Notable Audiobooks committees; and leading through her service as an ALA Councilor, Association for Library Service to Children Board of Director, and Freedom to Read Foundation trustee;

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Whereas she was the recipient of several awards, including the Florida State University School of Information Studies' first Outstanding Faculty Award in 2000; the 2007 American Library Association's Scholastic Library Publishing Award, presented to a librarian whose work promoting literacy and reading among young people exemplifies achievement in the profession; the 2001 University of Wisconsin School of Library and Information Science Distinguished Alumna Award; Whereas she promoted the leadership potential of school librarians with the development of the Project LEAD program and the establishment of a research center at Florida State University; and

Whereas she influenced generations of youth librarians with her passion, commitment, scholarship, and dedication to expanding children's minds and hearts through library services and children's literature; now, therefore, be it

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

(1) recognizes the remarkable achievements of Eliza Dresang and contributions to the library profession as a leader, innovator, and a valued and engaged colleague; and

(2) expresses its sincere sympathy to the Dresang family and to her colleagues in Wisconsin, Florida State University, and the University of Washington, as well as her colleagues and friends throughout the library profession.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association

Tuesday, July 1, 2014, in Las Vegas, Nevada

Keith Michael Fiels, ALA Executive Director and Secretary of the ALA Council