

A MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING DAVID COHEN

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) and the broader library community lost a valued member and leader on February 5, 2015 with the death of David Cohen;

Whereas David Cohen, in recognition of the multiculturalism of urgent and fundamental significance to libraries, librarians, library education, and American society sought to elevate the Ethnic Materials Information Exchange Task Force (EMIE) of the Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT) to round table status, founding the ALA Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT) in 1982

Whereas Cohen was recognized by many organizations, including the New York Library Association's (NYLA) Outstanding Service to Libraries Award in 1991 for his leadership and efforts to champion the principles of multiculturalism

Whereas David Cohen is held to have made a major contribution to librarianship in the field of ethnic and multicultural library service through his advocacy for the inclusion of ethnic materials in library collections and in the publication and celebration of works of more ethnic and minority authors

Whereas David Cohen served as Adjunct Professor in the Graduate School of Library and Information Studies at Queens College (Flushing, NY), inspiring generations of library school student to organize culturally responsive and reflective library programs

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

1. honors the memory and significant contributions of David Cohen; and
2. expresses its sincerest condolences to his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren

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