

This memorial resolution was adopted by the ALA Council on Tuesday, February 3, 2015

A Memorial Resolution Honoring Ernest A. DiMattia, Jr.

Whereas Ernest A. DiMattia, Jr. was a longtime ALA member who dedicated his career to providing extraordinary library service to the Stamford community until his passing on June 26, 2014;

Whereas Ernest DiMattia, President of The Ferguson Library from 1976 – 2014, was one of the longest serving library directors in Connecticut and as such, enabled the Ferguson Library to become one of the first public libraries in Connecticut to offer public Internet access, and the first to establish enterprise zones in a library: a U.S. Passport Office and a Starbucks Coffee House;

Whereas he was an Associate Professor/Visiting Lecturer at the University of Connecticut School of Business, Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Rutgers University Graduate School of Communication and Information, and Pratt Institute School of Information and Library Science;

Whereas he assumed leadership roles for the Connecticut Library Association, ranging from chairing the state's EBook Task Force to participating in the Connecticut Governor's Conference that provided the state's input to the first White House Conference on Libraries;

Whereas he was the past chair of the Working Group on World Literacy for the International Federation of Library Associations; and ALA-appointed member of several IFLA standing committees, including the Public Library Standing Committee, for which he made lecture tours to Russia and Australia;

Whereas he was president of ALA's Library Leadership and Management Association, a director of the Public Library Association, chair and member of several ALA working committees, and member of the executive committee of the Exhibits Round Table for a dozen years;

Whereas he chaired many ALA award committees, including those for the Ken Haycock Award, the Lippincott Award, the Melvil Dewey Award, the World Book and H. W. Wilson Awards; the Futas Award, and Beta Phi Mu Award;

Whereas he himself received several awards, among them the Alumni Achievement Award from Simmons College, the Junior Achievement Silver Leadership Award, and Rotary International's Paul Harris Fellow Award;

Whereas he played an active part in the civic life of the Stamford community, for which he was duly recognized and honored: now, therefore, be it

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Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members, honors Ernest A. DiMattia, Jr. for his many contributions to the library profession and for his service to the American Library Association.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
Tuesday, February 3, 2015, in Chicago, Illinois



Keith Michael Fiels
Executive Director and Secretary of the ALA Council