

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

A Memorial Resolution Honoring Donald J. Sager

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) and the broader library community lost a valued member and leader on January 1, 2015, with the death of Donald J. Sager;

Whereas he gave more than 40 years of professional commitment to public libraries and inspired many librarians throughout his career;

Whereas he served as Commissioner of the Chicago Public Library (1978-1981), City Librarian and Director of the Milwaukee Public Library (1983-1991) as well as director of the public libraries in Kingston NY, Elyria OH, Mobile AL, Columbus OH, and Elmhurst IL;

Whereas he was a member of Board of Trustees of the Urban Libraries Council;

Whereas he won numerous awards, including the including being on the 30th Anniversary Freedom to Read Foundation Honor Roll;

Whereas he authored eight books and numerous publications, articles, reviews, and book chapters as well as serving as a contributing editor for *Public Libraries* for 10 years;

Whereas he also served the profession as president of Gossage Sager Associates, an executive recruitment firm specializing in library leadership positions as well as publisher and editor of Highsmith Press;

Whereas he served the American Library Association as president of the Public Library Association (1982-1983), Councilor-at-large, and member of both the Association for Library Trustees and Advocates (ALTA) and International Relations Round Table (IRRRT);

Whereas he was the ALA Representative to the White House. Conference on Libraries and Information Science and chaired ALA Core Values Task Force;

Whereas he played an important role in the development of *Libraries: An American Value*, a set of principles adopted in 1999 by the American Library Association as a contract with the American public; and

Whereas in 2005 he was the recipient of one of the profession's highest honors, the ALA's Joseph W. Lippincott Award, which is presented annually to a librarian for distinguished service to the profession of librarianship; now, therefore, be it

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

- (1) honors Donald J. Sager for his many contributions to ALA, to the library profession, and to his fellow librarians; and
- (2) expresses its sincere sympathy to his family, friends, and colleagues.

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