

This resolution was adopted by the ALA Council on Tuesday, June 28, 2016

A Memorial Resolution Remembering Richard T. Sweeney

Whereas the American Library Association and the broader library community lost a valued member and leader on May 19, 2016, with the death of Richard T. Sweeney;

Whereas he graduated from Rowan University with a Master of Arts in Library Science and from Drexel University with a Master of Science in Information Systems;

Whereas he began his career directing public libraries in Columbus, Ohio, Flint, Michigan, and Atlantic City, NJ and he directed the library at the Polytechnic University, Brooklyn for 11 years;

Whereas Richard Sweeney served over 20 years at New Jersey Institute of Technology Library and was a pioneer in the development of electronic and digital library systems, information literacy, "smart" buildings, and new multi-media teaching methods;

Whereas Richard Sweeney was an active member of the American Library Association, serving on various committees, presenting and lecturing at various sessions throughout his career;

Whereas Richard Sweeney was a visionary researcher of the behavior of Millennials and information literacy, which he presented at over 60 sessions, nationally and internationally, including to a global UNESCO audience in 2008 at the oldest library in the world, the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in Egypt;

Whereas Richard Sweeney served with excellence on the Virtual Academic Library Environment (VALE)-NJ Executive Board and had a strong commitment to shape NJ academic libraries to be effective and essential resources for their respective communities;

Whereas Richard T. Sweeney's kindness, sense of humor, and graciousness enriched those fortunate enough to know and work with him; he was much loved and respected by his family, friends, and colleagues;

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

- (1) recognizes the significant contributions of Richard T. Sweeney over the course of his distinguished career and mourns his death; and
- (2) extends its sincerest condolences to his family and his friends at the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
Tuesday, June 28, 2016, in Orlando, Florida



Keith Michael Fiels
Executive Director and Secretary of the ALA Council