

This memorial resolution was adopted by the ALA Council on Tuesday, January 12, 2016

A Memorial Resolution Honoring Linda Waddle

Whereas the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) on behalf of the American Library Association (ALA) and the broader library community lost a valued member and leader on September 28, 2015, with the passing of Linda Waddle;

Whereas Linda Waddle was a member of YASD from 1963 until 1991 while also serving as an instructor at U.N.I. in the Department of Library Science;

Whereas Linda Waddle worked as the Deputy Executive Director of YALSA in Chicago from 1991 until her retirement in 2002, always serving with a helpful and delightful manner and always presented a positive voice;

Whereas Linda was always a delight to work with and was an invaluable source of help for a generation of YALSA presidents;

Whereas Linda Waddle served as the editor for Patrick Jones' groundbreaking book for the Young Adult Library Services Association, *New Directions for Library Service to Young Adults*. Chicago: ALA, 2002;

Whereas in her eleven years as Deputy Director, Linda Waddle was truly the Voice of YALSA through a period of change, challenge and growth;

Whereas Linda Waddle was innovative, professional and virtually unflappable in times of stress and strife;

Whereas Linda Waddle always showed a vision for YALSA and where the association best fit within ALA as a whole—as Board, Division, Committee, and individual member;

Whereas Linda Waddle has served as the conscience and collective memory of YALSA; and

Whereas, during her tenure, Linda Waddle diplomatically guided the Board to make sound and responsible decisions;

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Whereas, under her guidance, YALSA membership grew from 1,787 personal members to 3,183, the largest increase in its history;

Whereas, Linda Waddle has been an extraordinary and inspiring mentor to people at all levels of their career;

Whereas, Linda was the person who arranged YALSA's festschrift for Mike Printz;
and

Whereas Linda was a woman who served with grace and kindness as she worked so hard for YALSA; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA) and the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), on behalf of their members:

1. honors the memory of Linda Waddle, celebrates her legacy of advocacy for library services for and with teens and remembers her services to ALA, YALSA, AASL and ALSC, and gratefully acknowledges her many contributions to the profession of librarianship and Young Adult Services;
and
2. extends its sincerest condolences to her family, and the teens she served admirably at Cedar Falls High School Library.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
Tuesday, January 12, 2016, in Boston, Massachusetts



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