

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

A Tribute Honoring Barbara Blossveren on the Occasion of Her Retirement

Whereas Barbara Blossveren graduated from Case Western Reserve University (BA, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa) and Southern Connecticut State University (MLS, Beta Phi Mu);

Whereas she has served the Stratford Library Association for the past 33 years including service as Library Director, Assistant Director, Young Adult Department Head, Reference Librarian;

Whereas she has been recognized with the CT Library Association and CT State Library Excellence in Public Service Award, Southern CT State University Department of Information and Library Science Distinguished Alumnus Award, and the American Library Association, Serving the Underserved III: Customer Services for Young Adults Award;

Whereas she created a plan and developed the Young Adult Department at the Stratford Library, including the establishment of the Stratford Library Youth Review Board, *Books Build Bridges* (an annual intergenerational reading program for seniors, teens and children), Young Adult Summer Reading Program;

Whereas she pioneered the promotion of young adult services in public libraries by travelling nationally presenting training programs for librarians;

Whereas she has been a member of the American Library Association since 1985 including service on the Human Resource Development and Recruitment Committee; and

Whereas her work in the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) has included service on the Margaret Edwards Committee, Michael Printz Award Committee for Selection of Outstanding Young Adult Books, Program-Planning Clearinghouse and Evaluations Committee, Youth Participation Committee, chair of the National Organizations Serving the Young Adult Liaison Committee, and service as Drama Genre Leader, Outstanding Books for the College Bound Committee; now, therefore, be it

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

1. honors and is grateful for the career and dedication that Barbara Blossveren has done for the public library community in Stratford and Connecticut
2. recognizes the positive effect that Barbara Blossveren has had in providing leadership and commitment for librarians serving young adults
3. expresses best wishes for her next adventure in retirement.

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