

*This memorial resolution was adopted by the ALA Council on Tuesday, June 27, 2017*

## **A MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING MARIJA C. SANDERLING**

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) and the broader library community in New England and South Carolina, lost a valued member and colleague on April 27, 2017, with the death of Marija Sanderling;

Whereas she was an outspoken and tireless advocate for libraries and intellectual freedom;

Whereas her commitment to serving her community was shown through her pursuit of a life of books and a love of connecting people with information;

Whereas Marija Sanderling served, most recently, as the Branch Manager at Charleston County Public Library and for many years as the Head of Reference Services at Lane Memorial Library in Hampton, NH;

Whereas throughout her career, she was an incredibly supportive and encouraging supervisor who mentored countless library workers, encouraged professional association involvement and helped prepare them for future careers with her belief in their abilities;

Whereas Marija Sanderling earned her Master of Library and Information Science degree from University at Albany, SUNY;

Whereas she served on the New England Library Association (NELA) Board as Secretary 2006-2010 and Chair of Intellectual Freedom Committee 2010-2012;

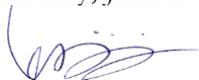
Whereas Marija Sanderling was a longtime member of ALA and other library organizations devoted to Intellectual Freedom and the promotion of libraries, archives, and reference services; and

Whereas Marija Sanderling's professionalism, dedication, warmth, infectious smile, humor, and writing, enriched and inspired her coworkers, colleagues, and friends, now, therefore, be it

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

1. recognizes the significant contributions of Marija Sanderling over the course of her career and mourns her death; and
2. extends its sincerest condolences to her colleagues, friends and family.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association  
Tuesday, June 27, 2017, in Chicago, Illinois



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