

A Memorial Resolution Honoring Dr. Phyllis Jean Fisher

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) and the broader library community lost a valued member and leader on April 10, 2024, with the death of Phyllis Jean Fisher, Ph.D.;

Whereas Dr. Fisher, after starting her librarian career at Queens Public Library in 1956, served as a secondary school librarian and Coordinator of Library Services at the New York City School Library System for 16 years where she worked tirelessly to modernize school libraries in the New York City Public Schools and nonpublic schools until retirement;

Whereas Dr. Phyllis Fisher received a Bachelor of Arts from Spelman College, a Masters in Library Science from Atlanta University, and a PhD in Information Studies from the University of Texas at Austin;

Whereas Dr. Fisher served as juror of the Elizabeth Futas Catalyst for Change Award; committee member of Book Wholesalers, Inc/Young Adult Library Services Award Collection Development Grant, administered by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA); and committee member of The Training, Orientation, and Leadership Development (TOLD) Committee;

Whereas Dr. Fisher was a longtime member of ALA, AASL, ALSC, BCALA, SRRT, YALSA, and NYLA, served as an executive board member of outside organizations, and presented extensively on a variety of topics, such as collection development, cataloging, information literacy, library management, and metadata;

Whereas Dr. Phyllis Fisher was a friend, colleague, and mentor to many; now, therefore, be it

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

1. recognizes the significant contributions and accomplishments of Dr. Phyllis Fisher throughout her career and mourns her death; and
2. extends its sincerest condolences to her family, friends, and colleagues.

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