

### **A Memorial Resolution Honoring Marcia Goodfellow Schatz**

Whereas the Maine Library Association and Maine Association of School Libraries members and the broader Maine library community lost an avid and valued member and colleague on June 12 2024, with the death of Marcia Schatz;

Whereas she was described by friends and family as one of the dearest, kindest, and most loving people who ever existed on earth;

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

Whereas Marcia Schatz taught to the very end at the Blue Hill Consolidated School and was School Librarian at Sumner High School, Deer Isle-Stonington High School, and the Brooklin Elementary School;

Whereas she served on the library board of the Blue Hill Public Library and became Blue Hill Library's director from 1994-2001;

Whereas Marcia was a woman with vision and drive. Her passion for education and children's literature impacted her work at BHPL;

Whereas she led the library's expansion and renovation project from 1999-2001 and her advocacy for a larger children's room and the first teen area, are why they exist today. In addition, she led the way for automating the library, taking BHPL from card catalogs to computers. Marcia did all of this with patience, fortitude, and humor. She not only made a difference to the Blue Hill Public Library, Marcia revolutionized it.

Whereas throughout her career, she was an incredibly supportive and encouraging mentor and friend to many;

Whereas Marcia Schatz taught others about the core aspects of librarianship and to love what you do by spending time doing things in the library that brought her joy; and

Whereas Marcia Schatz's professionalism, dedication, warmth, infectious smile, humor, and love of teaching and libraries, 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 Marcia Schatz over the course of her career and mourns her death; and
2. extends its sincerest condolences to her colleagues, friends and family.

Mover: Jennifer Alvino Wood, Maine Library Association Councilor

Secunder: Steven Bailey, Washington Library Association Councilor