



ALA Memorial Resolution Honoring Dr. Carole J. McCollough

We do not have to become heroes overnight. Just a step at a time, meeting each thing that comes up, seeing it not as dreadful as it appeared, discovering we have the strength to stare it down."
Eleanor Roosevelt

Whereas, the **American Library Association (ALA)**, the **Coretta Scott King Book Awards Round Table (CSKBART)**, and the broader library community lost a valued member with the death of Dr. Carole J. McCollough, who departed this life to join the ancestors December 1, 2023.

Whereas, Dr. Carole J. McCollough being one of the first two African Americans to graduate from Mumford High School (her sister Loretta Ann McKissack being the other one), she earned an undergraduate degree and teaching certificate from Eastern Michigan University, a master's degree and PhD in Library and Information Science from Wayne State University and the University of Michigan respectively;

Whereas, Dr. Carole J. McCollough was an enterprising leader, whose example of "quiet thunder" (mission first, respectful/intensive listening of all issues, and essentials-based compromise) provided a model for handling demanding situations;

Whereas, Dr. Carole J. McCollough served more than four decades in the library profession as Associate Professor and former Dean of the Library and Information Science Program at Wayne State University (Detroit MI), an auxiliary faculty, trainer, and curriculum committee member for the Children's Defense Fund;

Whereas, Dr. Carole J. McCollough was a committed advocate and promoter of quality African American Children's literature and their reading thereof;

Whereas, Dr. Carole J. McCollough inspired countless library students, prepared them to become effective leaders, and conducted workshops for college interns training to run summer literacy (Freedom School) programs. She served: as Chair of both the Coretta Scott King Book Awards Committee and Jury, on the Library Boards of Southfield Public Library, (Southfield, Michigan), and the Langston Hughes Library (Clinton, Tennessee);

Whereas, Dr. Carole J. McCollough was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., was active with the Links, the Northland Gardens Community Association, and took immense pleasure in gardening in her yard;

Whereas, Dr. Carole J. McCollough was a loving mother and beloved Nana who modeled the best for her three children, nine grandchildren, and three great grandchildren; and

Whereas, Dr. Carole J. McCollough influenced leaders in the field of Library Science and Children's Literature, and delivered old-school "home training" to everyone whose lives she touched, therefore, be it

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



1. we eulogize her memory by trying to bring into our own lives that excellence, professionalism, and inspirational spirit, coupled with sustained commitment, love, and purpose that made her life a worthy pattern for our emulation, and that we earnestly try to live as purposely and unselfishly as did Dr. Carole J. McCollough and be it further
2. the **American Library Association and the Coretta Scott King Book Awards Round Table** express sincere sympathy to the extended family of **Dr. Carole J. McCollough**, that we place a copy of this resolution in the permanent archives of the **American Library Association, Coretta Scott King Book Awards Round Table**, and that we also send a copy of this resolution to the members of **Dr. Carole J. McCollough's** family in order to show to her loved ones the high esteem in which we hold her life and her memory.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leslie Burger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Leslie Burger, Interim ALA Executive
Director, and Secretary of the ALA
Council