

Memorial Resolution Honoring David Philip Norris

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) lost a valued colleague on January 13, 2023, with the death of David Philip Norris;

Whereas Norris received a Bachelor of Music from University of Northwestern - St. Paul and a Master of Library & Information Science from St. Catherine University;

Whereas Norris served as the Cataloging and Metadata Librarian at St. Catherine University since 2019; Norris worked at The Toro Company, bibliotheca, Aldis Systems, Inc., and Prime Therapeutics in various roles; Norris was a piano instructor at the Academy of Music; and as a volunteer he created many original cataloging records at Quatrefoil Library, a member-supported library and community center for Minnesota's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community;

Whereas Norris was involved in numerous projects and committee work including projects "exploring how libraries and catalogers are aware of and make use of accessibility metadata in their cataloging, as well as the types of accessible materials in their collections;" Norris was also involved in supporting statistics gathering for *Research on Diversity in Youth Literature (RDYL)*;

Whereas Norris has been described as one of the best students at St. Catherine University by his former professor, Dr. Sarah Park Dahlen; he was a brilliant writer and a thoughtful, diligent, and kind person in addition to being passionate about social justice in libraries;

Whereas Norris prioritized creating inclusive catalogs through leading efforts within the CLIC and MnPALS consortia to change the "illegal aliens" subject head to "undocumented immigrants"; Whereas Norris committed his time and energy to helping other librarians interrogate white supremacy and other systemic inequities in their work through workshops, presentations, writing, and committee work;

Whereas Norris' creative energy, intellect, and deep commitment to promoting inclusivity and equity shone brightly as a student in our program and even more brilliantly as he moved forward in his LIS career, according to Dr. Joyce Yukawa, MLIS Program Director; now, therefore, be it

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

1. recognizes the significant contributions and accomplishments of David Philip Norris over the course of his career and mourns his death; and
2. extends its sincerest condolences to his friends and family.

Mover: Raymond Pun, ALA Councilor at Large

Seconder: Twanna Hodge, ALA Councilor at Large

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