

A MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING DEVONA PENDERGRASS

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) and the broader library community lost a valued member and leader on May 2nd, 2021, with the death of Devona Pendergrass;

Whereas Devona Pendergrass served more than as an employee of Mountain Home Public Schools for 35 years, including roles as Kindergarten Librarian, High School Librarian, and District Library Team Leader;

Whereas Devona Pendergrass served with excellence on the American Association of School Librarians Board of Directors and had a life-long commitment to serving young people in her community and supporting youth everywhere;

Whereas Devona Pendergrass served the Arkansas Association of Instructional Media (serving in various executive roles), and the Arkansas Association of School Libraries (serving as President and Constitution Chair) and was a charter member of the Arkansas Rural Educators Association;

Whereas Devona Pendergrass' warmth, kindness, and commitment enriched those fortunate enough to know and work with her;

Whereas her true legacy lies in the lasting effect she has on the thousands of young people she taught in school libraries, now, therefore, be it

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

1. honors the memory of Devona Pendergrass, celebrates her important work as a school librarian and school library advocate, and remembers her service to ALA and to AASL; and
2. recognizes with great admiration and appreciation the contributions of Devona Pendergrass over the course of her long and distinguished school library career and extends its sincerest condolences to her family and community in Mountain Home, Arkansas.

Mover: Wendy Stephens, Graphic Novels and Comics Roundtable Councilor

Seconder: Steven Yates, Councilor at Large