

Memorial Resolution for Michelle Marie Miller

Whereas the school library community lost a strong and brave leader, Michelle Marie Miller on April 26, 2020, after a fierce fight with cancer;

Whereas she was an intermediate school librarian devoted to her students' learning at Gorham Intermediate School, Marcus Whitman Central School District, Stanley, NY;

Whereas Michelle Miller was the current New York Library Association Section of School Librarians (NYLA/SSL) Vice President for Conferences, President of NYLA/SSL in 2017-2018, and a member of the NYLA/SSL Board for more than ten years;

Whereas Michelle Miller was an ALA and AASL member, a past member of the AASL Affiliate Assembly, and one of two New York State delegates trained in the new AASL *National School Library Standards for Learners, School Librarians, and School Libraries* when they debuted in 2017;

Whereas as a trainer in the new school library standards, she presented many workshops to introduce and assist other school librarians in New York State to become familiar with and implement the new standards including at NYLA/SSL conferences and Carol A. Kearney Educational Leadership Institutes;

Whereas Michelle Miller was passionate about encouraging others to enter the school librarian world and the need to encourage other school librarians to find their leadership; she championed the involvement of NYLA/SSL in the New York Library Association Emerging Leaders Program; and

Whereas she was a devoted wife to Steven Miller and mother to two sons, Peyton and Carson, encouraging their sons to be all that they can be academically and in their sports and music; she traveled widely to be a mom in the stands and on the edge of the field; now, therefore be it

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

1. recognizes the significant contributions of Michelle Marie Miller to learners and libraries over the course of her career and mourns her death; and
2. extends its sincerest condolences to her friends and family, especially her husband Steven Miller, sons Peyton and Carson Miller, and her parents Wanda and William DeLamarter.

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