

A Tribute Resolution for Charles Kratz

Whereas Charles Kratz has been involved in librarianship since 1974;

Whereas Charles Kratz has served in numerous library roles at Notre Dame, Hofstra University, Rider University, the University of Missouri-Kansas City, and, for the past twenty-eight years, as Dean of Weinberg Memorial Library at the University of Scranton;

Whereas Charles Kratz has been a dynamic leader and created a dynamic team at the University of Scranton in his twenty-eight year tenure as library dean;

Whereas Charles Kratz who not only led the University's library, but created the Teaching & Learning Excellence Center at the University of Scranton in 2004;

Whereas Charles Kratz was not only a library dean but a classroom instructor as well, teaching writing, performance appraisal, and First Year Seminar classes;

Whereas Charles Kratz has served on numerous campus, community, and professional committees;

Whereas Charles Kratz has been a long standing member of the American Library Association (ALA) and served as member and chaired numerous ALA and ALA Division committees and awards juries, such as various committees of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), and Library Leadership and Management Association (LLAMA);

Whereas Charles Kratz chaired the Social Responsibilities Roundtable (SRRT) and played a pivotal role in bringing social issues to the attention of ALA;

Whereas Charles Kratz was actively involved in the work of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities Library Deans group (AJCU) and Pennsylvania Area Library Network (PALINET);

Whereas Charles Kratz served as an ALA Councilor for twelve years, a member of the ALA Executive Board from 2007-2010, and, most recently, as a member of the ALA Executive Director Search Committee which brought the talented Tracie D. Hall to ALA as its new Executive Director;

Whereas Charles Kratz retired in December 2019 after a stellar career in librarianship;

Whereas, Charles Kratz has been a champion of intellectual freedom, sustainability, social justice, and social responsibility during his long lived career; and

Whereas Charles Kratz has been a library leader, advocate, supporter, teacher, mentor and friend; now, therefore, be it

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

1. recognizes the contributions and leadership of Charles Kratz as a leader in the libraries he has served, his Scranton Community, the Pennsylvania Library Association (PLA), and in ALA;
2. expresses its appreciation and gratitude for his forty- five years of service to librarianship; and
3. wishes him well in retirement filled with travel, volunteerism, and well deserved rest.

Mover: J. Linda Williams (posthumously) Councilor at Large with an assist from Susan Jennings, TN Chapter Councilor

Second: James (Jim) G. Neal, Councilor at Large

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