

This tribute resolution was adopted by the ALA Council on Tuesday, June 27, 2017

A TRIBUTE RESOLUTION HONORING KEITH MICHAEL FIELS

Whereas Keith Michael Fiels has been a strong advocate for libraries and a leader within the profession and at the local, state, national and international level throughout his career;

Whereas Keith Michael Fiels has been a champion for multi-type library cooperation throughout his career;

Whereas Keith Michael Fiels has contributed to the profession of librarianship through all types of libraries leading in library consortia, state libraries and nationally as the President of the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies;

Whereas Keith Michael Fiels has served with distinction as Executive Director of the American Library Association since July 1, 2002, thereby being among the longest-serving Executive Directors of the Association;

Whereas Keith Michael Fiels has demonstrated great patience, warm humor, and broad insight in serving Association members well for fifteen years;

Whereas Keith Michael Fiels has been an active and engaged member of the American Library Association since 1976;

Whereas Keith Michael Fiels, through his leadership of the American Library Association, has had a profound and lasting impact on the growth and relevance of the Association, particularly through the establishment of the Office for Library Advocacy, the Center for the Future of Libraries, the Allied Professional Association, and United for Libraries;

Whereas Keith Michael Fiels has provided skillful oversight of the staff of the American Library Association, while maintaining kindness, compassion, and respect;

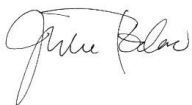
Whereas Keith Michael Fiels has been a notable collector of art and antiquities, reflecting his own interest in pursuing artistic activities upon retirement;

Whereas Keith Michael Fiels has been a friend to those who have worked closely with him, and an approachable and empathetic colleague to many others within the Association; now, therefore, be it

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

1. recognizes Keith Michael Fiels' leadership and his contributions to libraries and librarianship, specifically to ALA and its members; and
2. expresses its appreciation and gratitude for that leadership and those contributions and wishes him well in the years of retirement ahead.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
Tuesday, June 27, 2017, in Chicago, Illinois



Julie Todaro
2016-2017 ALA President