

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

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING ERIC MOON

Whereas Eric Moon—groundbreaking librarian, editor, publisher and activist—died on July 31, 2016, in Sarasota, Florida;

Whereas Eric Moon, served as president of ALA in 1977-1978, editor-in-chief of *Library Journal* from 1959 to 1968, and president of Scarecrow Press from 1968 to 1978, and continued to serve as a member of ALA Council into the mid-1990s;

Whereas Eric Moon's leadership spanned more than four decades and helped to shape a 20th century library activism;

Whereas Eric Moon was a tireless voice -- and virtual conscience -- championing civil liberties, a proponent of peace, a social critic, and mentor, who inspired an entire generation of librarians with a humanistic and socially progressive philosophy of library service;

Whereas Eric Moon, as president of ALA, was in the forefront of advocacy for a national information policy and continued to work for the development of equitable access to information;

Whereas Eric Moon, who believed passionately in a democratic, strong and articulate American Library Association, founded the ALA Council Caucus and was the first elected president who ran by petition;

Whereas Eric Moon-- with wit, charm, integrity and dedication -- wrote and edited countless seminal articles and editorials, and encouraged and published many new and important voices in the profession;

Whereas Eric Moon fought tirelessly against segregation and discrimination against African-American librarians and with EJ Josey led the fight to get ALA to expel chapters still practicing segregation;

Whereas Eric Moon also supported the women's movement within the profession, appointing the first members of the Committee on the Status of Women in librarianship; and

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Whereas Eric Moon received numerous awards, including the highest honors American librarianship offers, for his trailblazing influence on libraries and librarians: ALA Honorary Membership, the Joseph W. Lippincott Award, and the highest honor of the British library profession, Honorary Fellowship; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the American Library Association, on behalf of its grateful members:

1. acknowledges Eric Moon as an extraordinary ALA leader whose contributions to librarianship are so outstanding that they are of lasting importance to the advancement of the whole field of library service;
2. mourns his death; and
3. extends its deepest condolences to his many friends and colleagues, and especially to his wife Ilse, a retired librarian and library association leader, his sons Max and Alan, and his grandchildren Eric and Colin

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