

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

Memorial Resolution Commending Dorothy Evans

Whereas Dorothy Evans was a beloved children's librarian, mentor, and advocate throughout her illustrious six-decade career; and

Whereas she served children, families, and colleagues at Chicago Public Library for 59 years, working as both Hall Branch library associate under legendary storyteller and African American literature maven Charlemae Rollins and as South Shore Branch's celebrated children's librarian; and

Whereas she honored people of all ages, cultures, backgrounds, and abilities, elevating their hearts, minds, and spirits through her talent for relationship-building at local, state, and national levels; and

Whereas she won the ardent admiration of children's authors, illustrators, and book publishers as an early and influential champion of every child's right to see himself or herself in books; and

Whereas she loved and respected African American literature during a lifetime spanning the Harlem Renaissance through the Obama presidency; and

Whereas she embodied ALA's values of equity, diversity, and inclusion through pioneering work with the Coretta Scott King (CSK) Book Award and the Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT); and

Whereas she engaged actively with the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) as a member of many media award committees, including Caldecott, Newbery, and Notable Children's Film and Videos; and

Whereas she mentored generations of youth librarians and influenced the lives of thousands of children through her remarkable guidance, distinguished leadership, commitment to diversity, and enormous capacity for respect, inclusiveness, and integrity; now therefore be it

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

1. highly commends Dorothy Evans for her countless contributions to children's librarianship and children's lives; and
2. extends its deepest sympathy to her daughter, Patricia; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins; and host of colleagues and friends.

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