

**2016-2017 ALA Memorial #9  
2017 ALA Midwinter Meeting**

*This memorial resolution was adopted by the ALA Council on Tuesday, January 24, 2017*

**A MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING ROBERT W. WHITE**

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA), the New Jersey Library Association (NJLA) and the broader library community lost a valued member and leader on December 16, 2016 with the death of Robert W. White;

Whereas Robert W. White was an innovative and inspirational leader in public library service pioneering shared library technology services in New Jersey through his more than 30 years of leadership at the Bergen County Cooperative Library Service (BCCLS);

Whereas Robert W. White was a mentor to hundreds of New Jersey librarians offering advice, direction, opportunity and unending support to the many library staff he came into contact with over his career;

Whereas Robert W. White believed in the importance of the role library trustees play in providing library services and demonstrated that commitment through extensive opportunities for trustee training;

Whereas Robert W. White was a relentless champion of library services, library funding and library salaries demonstrating his commitment through the BCCLS Library Champions program and many years of service to NJLA through his contributions to its Public Policy Committee and Executive Board;

Whereas Robert W. White was an acknowledged lover of opera and all forms of classical music and shared that love through his commitment to maintaining accessible library collections to foster such love in others; and

Whereas Robert W. White was a much-loved colleague, friend and inspirational library leader whose impact on those in the New Jersey library community and beyond is profound and everlasting, now, therefore, be it

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

- (1) honors the memory of Robert W. White, celebrates his legacy of library service, commitment and advocacy and recognizes his lasting impact on the lives of all he touched; and
- (2) extends its sincerest condolences to his family, friends and the NJLA community.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association  
Tuesday, January 24, 2017, in Atlanta, Georgia

  
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