

A Memorial Resolution Honoring Barbara Ann Schmitt Webb

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) and broader library community lost a valued member, friend, colleague, and leader with the death of Barbara Ann Schmitt Webb, who died on November 12, 2012, after a lengthy bout with cancer;

Whereas she graduated from Elmhurst College in Illinois with a degree in Journalism, from Rosary College (Illinois) with a Masters in Library Science, and from Johns Hopkins University with a Masters in Marketing;

Whereas Barbara worked as director of libraries in Medina County, Ohio and Chester County, Pennsylvania, and as assistant director for branch libraries in both the District of Columbia and Montgomery County, Maryland, and also worked in libraries in Elmhurst, Illinois; Fairfax County, Virginia; and Baltimore County, Maryland, where she created the Library Video Network;

Whereas she was a certified Myers-Briggs trainer and an inspiring teacher at the Catholic University and Drexel University library schools;

Whereas, she was a longtime and active member of the ALA, the Public Library Association (PLA), the Library Administration and Management Association (LAMA), and several state library chapters;

Whereas she served on many ALA committees, the PLA Board of Directors, and the PLA Executive Committee, and also as chair and member of numerous PLA and LAMA committees;

Whereas Barbara was a creative and innovative library professional with an abiding commitment to delivering quality library services by developing and supporting service-oriented staff, promoting effective public outreach and library messaging, and encouraging organizational and personal excellence; and

Whereas Barbara's warmth, humor, and genuine spirit touched all those she met; now, therefore, be it

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

1. recognizes the unique and innovative achievements of Barbara Ann Schmitt Webb as a valued administrator and professional librarian who had a deep commitment to libraries and library users; and
2. expresses its sincere sympathy to Barbara Ann Schmidt Webb's family, including her spouse , Ann Jarman, as well as the many long-time friends within the library community who miss her wisdom, sense of humor, and joyful personality.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association

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