

A Memorial Resolution Honoring Carolyn A. Markuson

Whereas, the American Library Association (ALA), school library associations in the New England region and the national and international library community lost a valued member, inspirational leader, and beloved and generous mentor on January 17, 2020 with the death of Carolyn A. Markuson;

Whereas, Dr. Markuson was an active and distinguished member of ALA and AASL serving on and chairing a variety of committees, including a term as Chair of the Editorial Advisory Board and longtime columnist for *BOOKLIST*;

Whereas, she was elected by her peers as President of the New England School Library Association (NESLA) twice, President of the Massachusetts School Library Association (MSLA) twice, and President of the New Jersey School Library Association (NJASL);

Whereas, in both New Jersey (NJASL), Massachusetts, (MSLA) and New England (NESLA), Dr. Markuson was instrumental in merging school library media-related organizations, giving school librarians a stronger voice for advocacy and continued professional development;

Whereas, she was committed to ongoing professional learning for school librarians and was instrumental in establishing the first New Jersey state school librarian conferences--regionally in three locations--and in conceptualizing leadership conferences for the New England area to cultivate this role for school librarians;

Whereas, Dr. Markuson taught, supervised, and advised practicing school librarians as well as library candidates in masters and doctoral programs in New Jersey and Massachusetts, many of whom have achieved national and international recognition as school library practitioners, professors, and researchers;

Whereas, she worked to promote school libraries through her work as a consultant around the world, particularly through the design and planning of school libraries as founder and president of biblioTECH, and as school library and technology expert witness in the landmark Education Equity case in Massachusetts, *Hancock vs. Driscoll*, 2003-2004;

Whereas, Dr. Markuson was a model leader and advocate for school libraries and an inspiration to her co-workers, colleagues, and students and was recognized as such by NESLA with lifetime membership and selection as a charter inductee to its Hall of Fame and by MSLA with both its Lifetime Achievement award and the Katherine Lowe School Library Championship Award;

Whereas, Dr. Markuson's volunteer service to ALA as a dedicated member for 47 year was extensive, sharing her wisdom, experience and expertise deeply and widely, especially in AASL, RUSA, and ALA Council, receiving the AASL Distinguished Service Award in 1994;

Whereas, Dr. Markuson effected change and promoted high standards of school library practice as the author of five books published by the ALA, the European Council of International Schools (ECIS), Scarecrow Press, and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MDLC), most of which are still in print; therefore let it be

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

1. recognizes the significant contributions of Carolyn A. Markuson over the course of her career and mourns her death; and
2. extends its sincerest condolences, sending a copy of this resolution to her family, specifically her two sons, Donald and David Markuson and their families.

Moved by: Sara Kelly Johns, Councilor at Large

Seconded by: Diane R. Chen, AASL Division Councilor