

A Memorial Resolution Honoring Patricia Ann Hannon
January 1, 1947 – January 26, 2020

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA), the New Jersey Library Association (NJLA) and the broader library community lost a valued member and leader on January 26, 2020, with the death of Patricia Ann Hannon, aged 73;

Whereas she was a lifelong NJLA Member and Past President (2003-2004);

Whereas she was an excellent librarian and administrator known for her kindness and integrity;

Whereas she served the Bergen County Cooperative Library System (BCCLS) as President, working tirelessly to improve communication in the organization's early days;

Whereas her career, spanning over forty years, brought her unique leadership gifts to the directorships of the Emerson, Oakland, Wood Ridge, and West Milford public libraries;

Whereas she was dedicated to NJLA spending much of her time as President leading the Association in its responses to Intellectual Freedom issues in the wake of the PATRIOT Act and the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA);

Whereas in her well-earned retirement she believed in volunteering for the good of her community with the Girl Scouts, Valley Cottage (NY) Library, Rockland County Department of Tourism, the Nature Center at Rockland Lake, and the Blauvelt Dominican Associates; and

Whereas she was an active gardener, avid reader, and lover of all animals, especially her three cats; now, therefore be it

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

1) recognizes the remarkable achievements of Patricia Ann Hannon and gratefully acknowledges her many contributions to the profession of librarianship in New Jersey; and

2) extends its sincerest condolences to her family, friends and colleagues.

Mover: Eileen M. Palmer, New Jersey Chapter Councilor
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