

A Memorial Resolution Honoring Mary Redmond

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) and the library community lost an acclaimed and valued leader on May 30, 2021, with the death of Mary Redmond;

Whereas Mary Redmond made a lifetime of contributions to government information librarianship, working tirelessly as a leader, advocate, and contributor who used her influence wisely to move forward;

Whereas she received a Bachelor's degree in 1966 from Rosary College, now Dominican University, followed by a National Science Foundation (NSF) Fellowship at Yale University in the study of language and mathematics, and earned a Masters degree in Music History from the University of Illinois and a Masters in Library Science from Dominican University;

Whereas she assisted the Illinois State Constitutional Convention by compiling an index to its proceedings, which led to her library career in government documents, and her work at the Illinois State Library from 1970 to 1980 included active leadership in the statewide documents community;

Whereas she moved to the New York State Library in 1981, where she served in a series of roles, including as Principal Librarian for Legislative and Governmental Services, Principal Librarian for Public Services, Interim Principal Librarian for Technical Services, Interim Director of the Research Library (2001 to 2005), and Director of Library Operations, before retiring in 2007;

Whereas she became active in local, state, and national associations during her 25 years at the New York State Library, working with other New York State Library staff members to organize conferences in support of New York State and federal documents;

Whereas she was recognized jointly with the New York State Library by the 1991 CIS/GODORT/ALA "Documents to the People" award related to accomplishments in establishing and reforming a depository library system for New York State documents;

Whereas she was an active member in the Government Documents Round Table (GODORT), where among many accomplishments, she served as editor of *DttP: Documents to the People* from 1990-1993, chaired GODORT from 1994-1995, and helped to organize GODORT's 2009 Forum on the Future of Government Information;

Whereas her professional leadership included a term of service on the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer, 1999-2002;

Whereas she continued her professional activity into retirement, including as a full-time volunteer for the Friends of the New York State Library;

Whereas she served as a mentor and inspiration to many government information librarians and sought to promote "Documents to the People" through her advocacy and leadership, in service of the public's right to access government information; now, therefore, be it

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

1. recognizes the remarkable achievements of Mary Redmond and mourns her loss; and
2. extends its sincerest condolences to her friends and family, including her brother William P. Redmond and family.

Mover: Sara Kelly Johns, Councilor-at-Large

Seconder: Matthew Bollerman, Sustainability Round Table Councilor

Endorsers:

Jim Neal, Councilor-at-Large

Sara Dallas, Councilor-at-Large

Erica Freudenberger, Councilor-at-Large