

A Memorial Resolution Honoring Ellen Greenblatt

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) and the broader academic library community lost a valued member and colleague with the untimely death of Ellen Greenblatt on July 4, 2019 in Arvada, Colorado; and

Whereas Ellen Greenblatt received a B.A from the University of New Mexico, a M.A. in History from the University of Denver, and a M.L.S. from the University of Denver; and

Whereas she held positions at academic libraries in the United States, including Princeton University, State University of New York at Buffalo, and culminating her career as Associate Dean for Access, Collections, and Technical Services at the Auraria Library in Denver, Colorado; and

Whereas Ellen Greenblatt was a pioneer of the first LGBTQ+ professional organization in the U.S., having served as one of the first co-chairs of the Gay and Lesbian Task Force (now Rainbow Round Table), and later as a longtime member and Chair of the Gay and Lesbian Book Award (now Stonewall Book Award) Committee; and;

Whereas she co-edited (with Cal Gough) the groundbreaking book *Gay and Lesbian Library Service* (McFarland, 1990) and subsequently edited the book *Serving LGBTIQ Library and Archives Users* (McFarland, 2010); and

Whereas Ellen Greenblatt co-compiled the thesaurus for EBSCO's *LGBT Life* database and a revision of the *Homosaurus*, a bilingual LGBTQ+ Thesaurus, for the International Gay and Lesbian Information Centre and Archive; and

Whereas she was an experienced and much beloved library science educator who taught courses on LGBTQ+ resources and issues;

Whereas Ellen Greenblatt was active in the Feminist Task Force of the Social Responsibilities Round Table, was a regular reviewer for *Woman Library Workers*, and was the 2012 recipient of the ACRL Women's and Gender Studies Section Career Achievement Award; and

Whereas Ellen Greenblatt was a warm and generous colleague, a loyal friend, a person of many talents, an avid reader, trivia enthusiast, who spoke several foreign languages, and was devoted to the field of library and information studies, now, therefore be it

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

1. commends the contributions made by Ellen Greenblatt to this association, to LGBTQ+ librarianship, and to the library profession, and applauds her distinguished career; and

2. extends its deepest condolences to her friends, colleagues, and especially to her life partner Laura Reiman.

Mover: John DeSantis, Councilor-at-large

Seconders: Anne L. Moore, Executive Board member, Rainbow Round Table
Patty Wong, ALA Executive Board member

ENDORSED by the Rainbow Round Table