

A Memorial Resolution Honoring Mary Ardeth Gaylord

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) and the library community lost a valued member and colleague on June 1, 2020, with the death of Mary Ardeth Gaylord;

Whereas Mary Ardeth Gaylord served in various librarian roles in both the academic and private sectors including Kent State University and Eli Whitney;

Whereas she was a tireless advocate for business librarianship;

Whereas in 1986 she co-founded the Business Reference & Services Section (BRASS) of the then Reference and Adult Services Division (RASD) and served as its first chair in the transition from a discussion group as a place to provide programming and continuing education for librarians providing business reference assistance across a wide range of academic, corporate, and public libraries of all sizes; and

Whereas her professionalism, energy, fashion sense, and joie de vivre were an inspiration to her coworkers and colleagues, and students, now, therefore, be it

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

1. recognizes the significant contributions of Mary Ardeth Gaylord over the course of her career and mourns her death; and
2. extends its sincerest condolences to her friends and family, especially her sister, Evelyn (James) Giehl and her brother, Robert S. Gaylord, III.

Mover: Jennifer Boettcher, ALA Councilor-at-Large

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