

**A MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING DR. TERI LESESNE**

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA), the Texas Library Association (TLA), the Assembly on Literature for Adolescents (ALAN), the young adult literature community, and the academic library community lost a valued member and colleague on August 31, 2021, with the death of Dr. Teri Lesesne (aka Professor Nana);

Whereas Dr. Teri Lesesne was a voracious reader of young adult and children's books and a prolific presenter at both ALA and TLA about the best books for kids, be it audiobooks, graphic novels, chapter books or picture books;

Whereas Dr. Teri Lesesne wrote the professional books *Naked Reading*, *Making the Match*, and *Reading Ladders*, and will have a co-authored (with Donalyn Miller) book published entitled *The Joy of Reading* to share her extensive knowledge;

Whereas Dr. Teri Lesesne served on numerous state and national committees, including the National Book Foundation National Book Award committee, the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) Odyssey Award, William C. Morris Award, Margaret A. Edwards Award, Michael L. Printz committees, and the TLA Laura Edward Committee, as well as many others;

Whereas Dr. Teri Lesesne served as Executive Director of the Assembly on Literature for Adolescents (ALAN);

Whereas Dr. Teri Lesesne received the 2020 TLA Outstanding Library Services Award, and the 2007 Assembly on Literature for Adolescents (ALAN) Award;

Whereas Dr. Teri Lesesne was a Distinguished Professor of Library Science at Sam Houston State University (SHSU) and inspired countless school library students and prepared them to be effective reading advisors, information specialists, and leaders;

Whereas Dr. Teri Lesesne's boundless energy, penchant for colored hair, witty sense of humor, and *joie de vivre* were an inspiration to those fortunate enough to meet her; and

Whereas Dr. Teri Lesesne's true legacy lies in the profound effect she had on the countless librarians, students, and colleagues who will forever be life-long readers. Now, therefore, be it

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

**2021-2022 ALA Memorial #6**  
**2022 ALA Virtual January Council Meeting**

1. honors the memory of Dr. Teri Lesesne, celebrates the legacy of her impact on the study of adolescent literature, and remembers her service to ALA and other professional organizations;  
and
2. extends its sincerest condolences to her colleagues at Sam Houston State University and her family.

Mover: Elizabeth Nebeker, Young Adult Library Services Association Councilor

Seconder: Diane Chen, American Association of School Librarians Councilor

Additional Endorsers:

Elizabeth Phillilpi, Texas State Library and Archives Commission

Sara Kelly Johns, Councilor at Large

Endorser: Kimberly Patton, Association for Library Service to Children Councilor

Endorser: Kathy Lester, Councilor at Large

Endorser: Joyce Valenza, Councilor at Large

Endorser: KC Boyd, District of Columbia Chapter Councilor

Endorser: Dorcas Hand, Texas Chapter Councilor