

## A MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING Merlyn Miller

Whereas the library community lost an enthusiastic exemplar of professional leadership and service on July 27, 2017, with the death of Merlyn Miller;

Whereas Merlyn Miller was a graduate of St. Johnsbury Academy in St. Johnsbury, VT, earned a B.A. in Business Administration from The College of St. Joseph in Rutland, Vermont;

Whereas, Merlyn Miller was a dedicated and highly-effective school librarian for many years and retired in 2015 from Burr and Burton Academy in Manchester, VT where she worked for 25 years where she proudly:

1. Planned and created a 21<sup>st</sup> Century vision for the current, physical Burr and Burton Academy – Lisa B. Tuttle Memorial Library, which was built in 1998.
2. Became a Joseph Wickham Society member in 2015, an honorable membership, that only faculty and staff, who have given 25 years of service to Burr and Burton Academy can acquire.
3. Led student members of the National Honor Society at Burr and Burton Academy.
4. Was Burr and Burton Academy NEASC Steering Committee member two consecutive times.
5. Hosted Vermont State and Independent School Conferences at Burr and Burton Academy.
6. Created the esteemed *Literary Wall of Fame* (featuring books written by Burr and Burton Faculty, Staff, Alumni, and Board Members) in the Burr and Burton Academy Library.
7. Collaborated with teachers and outside community programs, actively promoting Burr and Burton Academy's Library, and its program to a larger community.
8. Co-led the Scholar's Bowl team at Burr and Burton Academy for several years.
9. Archived Burr and Burton Academy documents and newspaper articles for 25 years.
10. Made the Burr and Burton Academy community proud when she appeared on television twice (C-span), where she reviewed books from University Press.

Whereas, she effectively coordinated and placed substitute teachers throughout the school year, organized SAT exams, and coordinated academic letter points;

Whereas, Merlyn loved the school library she created at Burr and Burton Academy, designing the library so that the school library community would have a spectacular window view overlooking the historic town of Manchester, Vermont and looking over to the beautiful Green Mountains;

Whereas, Meryln loved her library so much, that she married her husband Steve in the school library on a beautiful summer day;

Whereas, as an active member of AASL, Merlyn served on and chaired a variety of committees and represented both Vermont and New England as an Affiliate Assembly delegate, chaired the AASL/RUSA Association of American University Presses) AAUP Book Selection Committee 2011-12, served as the AASL Affiliate Assembly Chair for 2013-14, chaired a variety of Affiliate

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Assembly committees and represented both Vermont and New England as an Affiliate Assembly delegate;

Whereas, Merlyn was an active member and President of the Vermont School Library Association (VSLA);

Whereas, through her kindness, thoughtfulness and commitment to school libraries, Merlyn set high standards for the school library profession in service to the Vermont School Library Association [VSLA] and on 28, 1998, Merlyn was inducted as VEMA president and was the Southwestern Vermont Regional Representative to AASL's Affiliate Assembly;

Whereas, as an active member of the New England School Library Association [NESLA], Merlyn served as innovative Membership Chair and Conference Registrar extraordinaire and held the offices of Treasurer for several years and President, was among the charter inductees to the NESLA Hall of Fame and the recipient of the NESLA Margaret Hallisey Exceptional Service Award in 2016 and was held in high esteem by her peers; and

Whereas, Merlyn Miller dedicated her professional life to the improvement of school library services for students and teachers in the State of Vermont, the region of New England, as well as throughout the United States, now, therefore, be it

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

1. Honors the memory and contributions of Merlyn Miller throughout the course of her remarkable career
2. Sends copies of this resolution to her husband Steven M. Yell, her daughter Melanie R. Munroe and husband Christopher Munroe and their two children, Myles D. Munroe and Molly R. Munroe of Chittenden, VT.

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