

A Memorial Resolution Honoring Linda Anne Dougherty

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) and the broader library community lost a valued and tenacious member, advocate, and leader on December 15, 2023, with the passing of Linda Anne Dougherty;

Whereas Linda Anne Dougherty was a devoted public librarian and lover of History and Journalism;

Whereas Linda Anne Dougherty was a proud graduate of Indiana University, earning both her BA in History and MLS degrees;

Whereas Linda Anne Dougherty served for over twenty-years at the Chicago Public Library (CPL) in various roles and locations, and found her home as the Branch Manager for the Clearing Branch of CPL, where she brought grassroots efforts in bringing the community together through her library work, thus making the library a true community hub of connection;

Whereas Linda Anne Dougherty dutifully gave of her time and her mind to the library profession with ALA committee work and roundtables; various letters to the editor written; lobbying efforts accomplished, and mentorships and friendships woven;

Whereas Linda Anne Dougherty served as ALA Councilor and chaired the Library Instruction Round Table (LIRT) in its formative years;

Whereas Linda Anne Dougherty was a life member of ALA;

Whereas Linda Anne Dougherty was a devoted supporter for libraries, literacy, community, and forward progress;

Whereas Linda Anne Dougherty inspired many in her community to think about the transformative power of libraries, especially her daughter, Annie Miskewitch, who followed in her professional footsteps;

Whereas Linda Anne Dougherty had a laugh, wit, passion, and commitment of service that made many gravitate to her;

Whereas Linda Anne Dougherty was committed to life-long learning for herself and encouraged that mindset to others;

Whereas Linda Anne Dougherty was much loved by her three grandchildren where she instilled the love of reading;

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

1. recognizes the significant contributions of Linda Anne Dougherty over the course of her career and mourns her death; and
2. extends its sincerest condolences to all whose lives she touched in the library community and to her friends and family, especially to her only daughter, Annie Miskewitch

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