

Resolution in Memory of Margaret “Peg” Oettinger

Whereas, the American Library Association and broader library community lost a valued member, leader, and school librarian on January 31, 2011, with the death of Margaret Anne (Peg) Oettinger; and

Whereas, Peg was an active member of ALA Council, and regularly observed ALA Council even when not serving as an elected member; and

Whereas, she served on numerous committees in ALA and whereas she earned her bachelor’s degree in music at Catholic University of America, performed as a musician including at one of the inaugural balls for John F. Kennedy; and

Whereas, after a stint as a music educator, she earned her Master’s degree in library science at St. John's University; and

Whereas, as a school librarian she supported extracurricular activities including serving as a soccer referee for many years; and

Whereas, her community service included service as the president of a volunteer ambulance company and the delivery of numerous children while serving as an AEMT (Advanced Emergency Medical Technician); and

Whereas, her EMT training allowed her to spring into action to administer aid to an ALA colleague who collapsed during an ALA Midwinter Meeting Council Session; and

Whereas, she was a representative from the United States on a People to People Ambassador Program Children's Literature Delegation to China, where she distinguished herself in her contributions to both the formal and informal meetings with Chinese colleagues; and

Whereas, in librarianship one of her passions was intellectual freedom, and she actively worked with the Intellectual Freedom Round Table and the Intellectual Freedom Committee; and

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Whereas, she served as a mentor for many in the profession and on ALA Council, with a quiet and cogent analysis of an issue, her smile or infectious laugh used to break the tension when needed; now, therefore, be it

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

- (1) Recognizes with great admiration and appreciation the contributions of Peg Oettinger over the course of her career; and
- (2) Sends a copy of this resolution to her family.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association



Keith Michael Fiels

ALA Executive Director and Secretary of the ALA Council

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In New Orleans, Louisiana