

**RESOLUTION PROMOTING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2009, AS INTERGENERATION DAY MEANS  
LIBRARIES**

- WHEREAS, Intergeneration Day was started in 2003 by the Intergeneration Foundation to connect generations through communication, celebration, and education; and
- WHEREAS, The goals for Intergeneration Day include creating a national time period that focuses on intergeneration activities, educating and informing all people about the overall benefits of connecting varying age groups through intergeneration programs, telling intergeneration success stories, and encouraging intergeneration programs and relationships; and
- WHEREAS, Intentional connections across generations reduce segregation and isolation; and
- WHEREAS, Creating an age-integrated community leads to a healthy community, where the strengths of one generation meet the needs of another; and
- WHEREAS, Libraries are a cornerstone of our democracy and are even more important in the information age; and
- WHEREAS, Libraries bring generations and communities together in an environment where people of every age are using their local libraries in increasing numbers, not only to enjoy the printed page, but to hear stories, explore new technologies, discuss books and movies, learn a new craft, and volunteer; and
- WHEREAS, The American Library Association and its divisions and roundtables are committed to providing “leadership for the development, promotion and improvement of library and information services and the profession of librarianship in order to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all;” and
- WHEREAS, The Association’s guiding principles include diversity, equity of access, education and continuous learning, intellectual freedom, and 21st century literacy; and
- WHEREAS, All generations grow in an appreciation for cultural heritages, traditions, histories and values; and

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WHEREAS, Any day, any week, any month can and should be about connecting generations, an activity that libraries do every day; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association (ALA), through the adoption of this resolution:

1. Urges its member libraries to support the goals of *Intergeneration Day Means Libraries* by considering to offer multi-generational activities during the week of October 4, 2009, and
2. Urges its divisions and roundtables to support and promote *Intergeneration Day Means Libraries* by adding a link, if possible, from their website to the Intergeneration Foundation website at <http://www.intergenerationday.org>.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association  
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In Chicago, Illinois



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