

RESOLUTION CONCERNING ZERO FUNDING OF LIBRARY PROGRAMS

- WHEREAS, The role of libraries in ensuring an enlightened citizenry and a knowledgeable populace is well recognized; and
- WHEREAS, All major federal library programs have enjoyed bipartisan support since the initial legislation for public libraries was enacted in 1956; and
- WHEREAS, These programs contribute to the overarching goal of achieving equal educational opportunities for all Americans; and
- WHEREAS, All early reports indicate that the present Administration's budget may recommend that no federal funds be appropriated in fiscal year 1986 for the continuance of these programs; and
- WHEREAS, These programs have demonstrated and continue to demonstrate the importance of using federal aid as a stimulus to encourage state and local fiscal initiatives; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the American Library Association express its concern that the fiscal year 1986 budget may continue the historical pattern of zero funding for the major library programs by the present Administration; and, be it
- FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Library Association respectfully request the members of the U.S. Congress to fund the federal legislated programs in support of public and academic libraries and library and information science education and research.

Adopted by the Council of the
American Library Association
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