

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 literacy and equal educational opportunities for all Americans; and
- WHEREAS, Fiscal constraints and the elimination of general revenue sharing are having serious effects on the ability of libraries to deliver essential services; and
- WHEREAS, The Administration's budget recommends that no federal funds be appropriated in fiscal year 1988 for the continuance of federal library grant programs; and
- WHEREAS, The Administration has also proposed rescission of funds already appropriated in fiscal year 1987 for several 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 initiatives; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the American Library Association recommend that Congress strongly reject the proposed elimination of funding for federal library programs as well as the proposed rescission of already appropriated funds.

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American Library Association  
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