

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REAUTHORIZATION AND FUNDING FOR THE CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING, NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS, NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES AND INSTITUTE FOR MUSEUM SERVICES

- WHEREAS,** The Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) supports outstanding Public Broadcasting System (PBS) video and National Public Radio (NPR) audio productions on social, scientific and literary topics that enrich collections in public, school and academic libraries; and
- WHEREAS,** children's programming produced by PBS promotes literacy and educational readiness; and
- WHEREAS,** PBS and NPR provide journalism laboratories where students learn about freedom of speech and the press; and
- WHEREAS,** Between 1990 and 1994, 18 of the 22 recipients of the National Book Awards, National Book Critics Awards and Pulitzer Prizes for either fiction or poetry received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA); and
- WHEREAS,** The Institute for Museum Services (IMS) supports exhibits and programs that travel to libraries, schools and academic institutions and often provide the only opportunity for citizens in rural or isolated areas to experience these resources; and
- WHEREAS,** The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) supports projects and programs that have resulted in wider access to library materials and collections through indexing and preservation and library humanities programs which involve widespread community participation regardless of age, race or economic status; and
- WHEREAS,** Threatened cuts in funding to these agencies would eliminate these and other programs and would restrict availability to diverse opinions and cultural resources in libraries and educational institutions; and
- WHEREAS,** ALA policy #51. Federal Legislative Policy states "A democratic society depends on the Federal government's ensuring the right of access for all its citizens to a comprehensive range of knowledge and variety of communications media;" now therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** That the American Library Association urge Congress to continue current funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, National Endowment for the Arts, National Endowment for the Humanities and Institute for Museum Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, That ALA request that its members transmit this resolution to their representatives; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be transmitted to President Clinton, the appropriate congressional committees involved in the discussion of the reauthorization and funding of these agencies and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, National Endowment for the Arts, National Endowment for the Humanities, and Institute for Museum Studies. *Services*

Adopted by the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee
Endorsed by the Committee on Legislation
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