

This memorial resolution was adopted by the ALA Council on Tuesday, February 3, 2015

A Memorial Resolution Honoring Julia Claire Blixrud

Whereas the Association for Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS), the American Library Association (ALA) and the broader library community lost a valued member, leader, and deeply engaged colleague on October 29, 2014, with the death of Julia Claire Blixrud;

Whereas Julia Blixrud was a tireless advocate for broader access to scholarly research and new models of scholarly communication;

Whereas Julia Blixrud was a proponent of library collaboration, best practices and standards in service of description and discovery of library resources;

Whereas Julia Blixrud worked for the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) for nearly 18 years, playing a variety of leadership and outreach roles with programs including Statistics and Assessment, Research Teaching and Learning, Leadership Development, Diversity, Membership, and Scholarly Communication, the focus of her final appointment as Assistant Executive Director for Scholarly Communication beginning in 2009;

Whereas Julia Blixrud was also instrumental in developing the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC) where she served as Assistant Director for Public Programs from 1999 to 2009 and an active and enthusiastic contributor to the development of BioOne;

Whereas Julia Blixrud's 35-year career in the library community also included positions at CAPCON and Minitex library networks, the Council on Library Resources, and the Library of Congress. She also served as project manager of the CONSER A&I Coverage Project for several years—an important effort to enrich the national serials database with abstracting and indexing information;

Whereas Julia Blixrud was broadly engaged in service to the library profession throughout her career, playing many roles in the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS), including chairing the President's Program Committee and the Serials Section Executive Committee and serving as a committee member for these and several other committees;

Whereas for her work in serials, Julia Blixrud was awarded the CSA/Ulrich's Serials Librarianship Award from the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS) in 2007 in recognition of her contributions to the advancement of serials librarianship. Her service and tireless outreach through presentations and publications were cited as "unparalleled";

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Whereas Julia Blixrud also contributed to the work of the Association of College and Research Libraries including Chairing its Copyright and Government Relations Committees and serving as a founding faculty member of the ARL/ACRL Scholarly Communication Institute;

Whereas Julia Blixrud contributed her time and talents to several other organizations advancing the work of libraries and librarians including the National Information Standards Organization, where she served for many years as co-chair of their Content and Collection Management Topic Committee and as a member of the Architecture Committee;

Whereas Julia Blixrud touched the lives of librarians and scholars around the globe as she travelled extensively to promote collaboration and broad access to the fruits of research and scholarship;

Whereas Julia Blixrud was an active member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Lawrence, participating as an assistant minister, reader, cantor, and choir member where she played the hand bells;

Whereas Julia Blixrud embodied servant leadership in her life and her work, enriching her church, the profession and those who knew and worked with her; and

Whereas Julia Blixrud was widely beloved for her cheerfulness, collegiality, patience, courage, forthrightness, enthusiasm, and generosity; now, therefore, be it

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

1. honors the memory of Julia Claire Blixrud, celebrates her advocacy for changing the scholarly communication system and the role of libraries and librarians within it and remembers her service to ALA, the ALA's Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS), and the ALA's Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL); and
2. expresses its sincere sympathy to her husband, Keith Russell, and the many friends and family members who will miss her dearly.

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Executive Director and Secretary of the ALA Council

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5. List all parties to whom resolution should be sent:

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6. Impact on ALA Policies and Positions: Explain how the resolution supports ALA's Strategic Plan, its mission, and/or its core values.:

6a) ALA general policy or viewpoint: If the resolution sets forth a general policy or an ALA viewpoint, describe.:

6b) Change in existing policy: If this resolution necessitates a change in existing policy, state the policy number and the change.:

6c) New policy: If this resolution establishes new policy, describe.:

6d) Policy conflicts: If this resolution conflicts with existing policy, state provisions for resolving the conflict.:

7. Initiating Committee or Unit (if any):

8. Pertinent Background Information, e.g. bibliography, citations, supportive quotes, URLs, etc.:

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