

White House Conference on Libraries Resolution

WHEREAS, the American public has a greater need for knowledge and for access to information than in any previous time in history;

WHEREAS, only a network of public, school, academic and special libraries can provide information services to the total population;

WHEREAS, the American Library Association and its colleagues and affiliates possess the leadership to communicate to the American public the uses and potential of library services;

WHEREAS, only national attention to the welfare of libraries and the growth and development of their services can produce the needed wide base of support for all kinds of libraries;

WHEREAS, the National Commission on Libraries is now in being and its recommendations merit nationwide consideration;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the American Library Association call upon the President and the Congress to call a White House Conference on Libraries in the year 1974;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that said Conference be based upon conferences in every state and territory which involve the lay leadership of the states' communities and the library leadership from their libraries of all types;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the American Library Association offer its full cooperation in the planning of a White House Conference on Libraries.

Adopted by the Council of the
American Library Association
Chicago, January 28, 1972

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