

Resolution Honoring Sallie Farrell (1909-2009)

- Whereas, Sallie Johnson Farrell served the State of Louisiana libraries in various capacities for thirty-nine years—originally as a Reference Librarian with the Louisiana Library Commission and eventually as the second State Librarian of Louisiana; and
- Whereas, Sallie Johnson Farrell, as Director of Field Services with the Library Commission, worked tirelessly for the creation of libraries in the state and participated in the founding of libraries in forty-four Louisiana parishes; and
- Whereas, Sallie Johnson Farrell was one of the forces behind the construction of the State Library building in 1958; and
- Whereas, Sallie Johnson Farrell was active in local professional library organizations: as President of the Louisiana Library Association in 1943/44; as Chair of a statewide citizenship committee, winning the ALA John Cotton Data Award for the State Library in 1951; as Director of the Louisiana Committee for National Library Week in 1958; and, while in her nineties, as a member of the first Louisiana Library Association History Committee; and
- Whereas, Sallie Johnson Farrell was active in national professional library organizations: as Second Vice-President of the American Library Association (ALA) in 1954/55; as an ALA Councilor from 1963-1967; and as a member of an ALA exchange mission to the Soviet Union in 1960; and
- Whereas, Sallie Johnson Farrell received the Louisiana Library Association's Essae M. Culver Distinguished Service Award in 1971; and
- Whereas, Sallie Johnson Farrell was otherwise influential in the promotion of libraries and librarianship in Louisiana; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved, That the American Library Association (ALA):
1. That the Executive Board of the Louisiana Library Association, on behalf of its Membership, acknowledges the contributions made by this library leader and respectfully requests that the American Library Association also acknowledges these contributions; and be it further
 2. That the aforementioned Executive Board on behalf of its membership extends its sympathy to the family and close friends of former colleague Sallie Johnson Farrell.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
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In Boston, Massachusetts



Keith Michael Fiels
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Secretary of the ALA Council