

Memorial Resolution Honoring John Minto Dawson

Whereas, The American Library Association and broader library community lost a valued member and leader with the death of Dr. John Minto Dawson (1917-2010) of Manassas, Virginia; and

Whereas, Dr. John Minto Dawson served with excellence as the Director of Libraries at the University of Delaware from 1958 until his retirement in 1979; and

Whereas, Dr. John Minto Dawson had many including his leadership role in the construction of the original Hugh M. of Delaware which was completed in



Library accomplishments planning, design and Morris Library at the University 1964; and

Whereas, Dr. John Minto Dawson received his Ph.D. in Librarianship from the University of Chicago where he wrote his dissertation on cataloging costs and recommended cooperative cataloging for libraries which he later saw brought to fruition in OCLC of which he was an early supporter and implementer through PALINET (now part of LYRASIS); and

Whereas, Dr. John Minto Dawson published widely with a special interest in organization and technology as applied to Technical Services; and

Whereas, Dr. John Minto Dawson served on both the ALA Council and the ALA Executive Board; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the American Library Association (ALA) acknowledges with admiration and appreciation the contributions of Dr. John Minto Dawson over the course of his distinguished career.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
Tuesday, January 24, 2012
In Dallas, Texas

Keith Michael Fiels
ALA Executive Director and Secretary of the ALA Council