

We, Justin Winsor President, G. A. Cutter Treasurer,
and Samuel S. Green, James L. Whitney, and Melvil Dewey

American Library Association

Incorporated,

on December 10

1879.

For \$ 5.00. Paid.

being a majority of the Directors of Executive Board with the power of Directors
of the American Library Association in compliance with the requirements of the fourth section
of chapter three hundred and seventy-five of the Acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, do hereby
certify, that the following is a true copy of the agreement of association to constitute said Corporation, with the names
of the subscribers thereto.

"We, whose names are hereto subscribed, do, by this agreement, associate ourselves with the intention to
constitute a Corporation, according to the provisions of the three hundred and seventy-fifth chapter of the Acts of
the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, passed in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four,
approved June twenty-seventh in said year, and the Acts in amendment thereof, and in addition thereto

The name by which the Corporation shall be known is
the American Library Association

The purpose for which the Corporation is constituted is to promote the library interests of
the country by exchanging views, reaching conclusions, and inducing co-
operation in all departments of bibliographical science and economy;
by disposing the public mind to the founding and improving of li-
braries; and by cultivating good will among its own members.

The place within which the Corporation is established or located is the city
of Boston within said Commonwealth.

The amount of its capital stock is _____ dollars.

The par value of its shares is _____ dollars.

The number of its shares is _____

In Witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands, this first day of December
in the year eighteen hundred and seventy nine.

Justin Winsor (Pres.)
G. A. Cutter (Treas.)
James L. Whitney
Samuel S. Green
Melvil Dewey
Edw. B. Postum
Thomas W. Richard
(Duplicate of original signature)

That the first meeting of the subscribers to said agreement was held on the fifth day of December in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, at the office of 715 - 10-32 Broadway street, Boston, State of Massachusetts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereto signed our names, this fifth day of December in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-nine.

Justin Winsor Pres't
C. A. Cutter Treas'r
James L. Whitney Members Executive Board with
Samuel S. Green James of Directors
Malcol Dewey Sec

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

City of Boston December 5 1879

Then personally appeared the above-named Justin Winsor, C. A. Cutter, James L. Whitney, Samuel S. Green, and Malcol Dewey

and severally made oath that the foregoing certificate, by them subscribed, is true, to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Before me,

Frederic B. Perkins
Judge of Peace

A TRUE COPY ATTEST

William Francis Galvin

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

DATE 10th 1879

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that it appears, upon an examination of the within written certificate and the records of the Corporation duly submitted to my inspection, that the requirements of the first ten sections of chapter two hundred and twenty-four, of the Acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy, and of the fourth section of chapter three hundred and seventy-five of the Acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five, have been complied with, and I hereby approve said certificate, this 5th day of December A.D. eighteen hundred and seventy-nine.

Samuel S. Green
Commissioner of Corporations

CHARTER issued December 10 1879, to the American Library Ass'n as a new corporation, No. 427 or certificate of incorporation is recorded in Charter Book, Vol. 41, Folio 99, Page 112.