

Memorial Tribute for Dr. Dock Alexander Boyd

Whereas Dr. Dock Alexander Boyd was born in October 1939 and died in October 2011;

Whereas Alexander Boyd attended and graduated from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, with his bachelor of arts in the teaching of English;

Whereas later, Alexander Boyd received his master's degree in library science from the same university, and his doctorate from Rutgers University' School of Communications, Information and Library Science in 1980;

Whereas Alexander Boyd's professional career included him becoming the first African American to be hired to teach at the University of Alabama School of Library Science, appointed as the Assistant Commissioner for planning and development, served as an Afro-American bibliographer at the University of Illinois, his alma mater, and he worked at Alabama State University;

Whereas Alexander Boyd became the first African- American director of the Newark New Jersey Public Library System where he worked until health related issues forced his to retire in 2004; and

Whereas Alexander Boyd also served as president of the New Jersey Library Association, ALA Councilor and president of BCALA where during her tenure he facilitated the establishment of the BCALA literary Awards for African American Fiction and Non-fiction; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the American Library Association (ALA):

1. honors his memory for his professional contributions to the Public Library Association, ALA Council, and the Black Caucus of the American Library Association; and
2. extends its sincerest condolences to friends at the Newark Public library.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association



Keith Michael Fiels
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In Anaheim, California