

ALA Memorial Resolution Honoring William Noel

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) lost a valued colleague on April 29, 2024, with the death of William Noel;

Whereas Noel earned his Bachelor of Arts in Art History and a Ph.D. in medieval manuscript studies at University of Cambridge;

Whereas Noel served as the John T. Maltzberger III '55 Associate University Librarian for Special Collections in Princeton University Library, and Chair of the Philadelphia Consortium of Special Collections Libraries; Noel was a curator and librarian specializing in the study of medieval and Renaissance European book, and in the application of the digital technologies;

Whereas Noel previously served as the Director of the Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books, and Manuscripts, the Director of the Schoenberg Institute for Manuscript Studies, and as an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Art History at the U

Whereas Noel was a visionary thinker around the role of digital projects in special collections and collaboration across special collections at various institutions;

Whereas Noel was active in the Association of College and Research Libraries' Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS); Noel was a kind friend, colleague, and mentor to many; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA) on behalf of its members:

1. recognizes the significant contributions and accomplishments of William Noel over the

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