

The ALA Memorial Resolution Honoring Joseph John Harzbecker Jr.

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) and the Medical Library Association (MLA) lost a valued member and a colleague on March 5, 2024, with the death of Joseph John Harzbecker Jr.;

Whereas Harzbecker served as a reference librarian and head of reference and electronic collections management at the Boston University School of Medicine, Alumni Medical Library for 35 years;

Whereas Harzbecker received a Bachelor of Arts from Drew University, a Master in Library Science from Simmons University, and a Master of Arts in History from the University of Massachusetts Boston; Harzbecker also received an Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP) certification;

Whereas Harzbecker was active member in ALA, Association of College and Research Libraries, especially in the Distance & Online Learning Section, and MLA; Harzbecker was an active member in the AHIP certification committee and reviewed applications; Harzbecker presented extensively and published on a variety of topics in medical librarianship, collection development, and reference services in many scholarly book chapters and peer-reviewed articles in journals such as *Medical Reference Services*, *Journal of Consumer Health on the Internet*, and *Medical Reference Services Quarterly*;

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