

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON**

ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR EMERITA HELEN H. LYMAN

Helen Huguenor Lyman died on November 4, 2002 at the age of 92. She was on the faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Library and Information Studies from her appointment as assistant professor in 1967 until her retirement as professor emerita at the end of the fall semester of 1977-78. She continued sharing her knowledge and wisdom with students as adjunct professor at the State University of New York at Buffalo until the age of 88.

Helen brought to her faculty position a wealth of professional experience in librarianship, having held positions in public and academic libraries, in the American Library Association, and in government library agencies at the state and national levels. During this time, she became an internationally recognized specialist in adult education programs and activities in public libraries.

While at the university, Helen directed a large federally-funded research project on the public library's role in adult literacy, including the development of criteria for assessing materials of use to adults learning to read. Using the findings of this research, she published three major monographs that are still of importance to today's programs in adult literacy. She authored or edited over 50 other monographs and articles, many of which were widely used and cited.

Helen was a passionate and compassionate teacher and mentor. Her teaching in such areas as library collection development, audiovisual services, and library services to adults was especially well informed by her wide-ranging knowledge of best practices in the profession. Hundreds of former students and workshop participants remember her as a stimulating lecturer, adroit discussion leader, and valued adviser.

The professions of librarianship and adult education benefitted greatly from Helen's contributions, including association activities. She organized and spoke at many conference programs and workshops, served on countless committees, and held important offices. The American Library Association gave her one of its highest awards, the Joseph W. Lippincott Award, in recognition of "a career which is a model of service and accomplishment."

Helen was a warm and supportive colleague. Her concern for others and optimistic outlook were welcomed especially by younger faculty and staff members and by former students finding their way in the profession. These and many others will miss Helen H. Lyman's wisdom and grace.

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