

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

**ON THE DEATH OF ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR EMERITA LOLA ROSE PIERSTORFF**

Lola Rose Pierstorff, a member of the University of Wisconsin-Madison faculty until 1987, died on Sunday, January 30, 2005 at Cherry Home, Verona at the age of 88.

Lola Pierstorff was born January 27, 1917 in Maiden Rock, Wisconsin to the Reverend Charles and Lilah (Ragan) Pierstorff. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and her master's degree in library science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She served as librarian for Wisconsin High School before becoming a member of the School of Education faculty and director of the Instructional Materials Center (IMC). She designed and developed a new home for the IMC in the Teacher Education Building in 1972 and led the School of Education Historical Materials Collection from 1975 until her retirement in 1987.

Lola contributed to the development of quality children's literature through her decades of work with the Lewis Carroll Shelf Awards and in her role in the envisioning and development of the Cooperative Children's Book Center. She was a member of the CCBC Advisory Board from its founding until 1975.

Lola was known as the unofficial ambassador for generations of students from Southeast Asia and Africa, welcoming these students from these regions into her home, helping them to adjust to working and living in a new culture, and maintained these friendships until her death. During the Vietnam War era, Lola's welcoming spirit helped many students displaced from South Vietnam, Laos, and Thailand find a new home and life in the United States.

Lola is survived by her cousins of the Pierstoff and Flemming families.

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