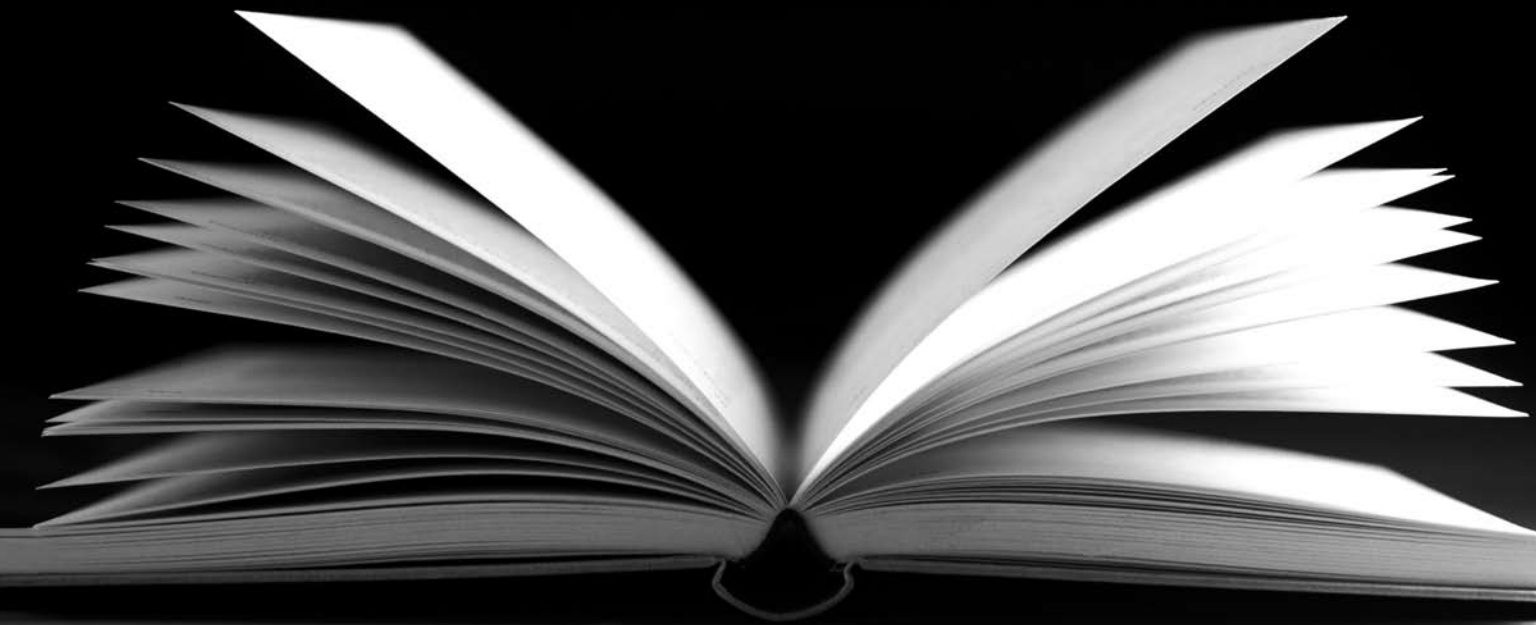


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THE MODERN WING

ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO



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HER LOVING BROTHERS AND SISTERS:

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BUZZ AND DENISE FINGERET
HOWARD AND SHIRLEY KATZMAN
STEVEN AND JUDY PAVSNER

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THE MODERN WING ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO

On May 31, 2005, the Art Institute of Chicago unveiled master plans for the Modern Wing, the museum's newest addition since 1988. The Art Institute chose architect Renzo Piano to design the \$200-million project that, among other things, increases gallery space by 33 percent and houses new educational facilities. The new building is dedicated to the Art Institute's modern and contemporary collections: paintings, sculpture, photography, film and video, and architecture.

The striking design of the Modern Wing compliments the adjacent Millennium Park and provides another masterpiece for Chicago's architectural reputation. The new structure features two-story glass walls on the north and south sides of the building that form a double-layer envelope of transparent glass. A metallic-colored, extruded-aluminum sunscreen (dubbed a "flying carpet" by Piano), hovers over much of the new construction and captures the north light and delivers it to the third-floor gallery skylights while gently shading the street-level public garden below. A bridge to Millennium Park stretches from the western pavilion of the new building gracefully and gradually arches north into the park. The Modern Wing opened in May 2009.

Renzo Piano is a world-renowned Italian architect and recipient of the Pritzker Architecture Prize, AIA Gold Medal, and the Sonning Prize. Born in Genoa, where he still maintains a home and office, Piano was educated and subsequently taught at the Politecnico di Milano. From 1965 to 1970 he worked with Louis Kahn and with Z. S. Makowsky. He worked together with Richard Rogers from 1971 to 1977; their most famous joint project is the Centre Georges Pompidou in Paris (1977). He also had a long collaboration with the extraordinary engineer Peter Rice.

Select U.S. projects include: Renzo Piano Tower I & II, San Francisco, California (2006); Whitney Museum of American Art, New York City, (2005-); Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, Massachusetts (2005); Los Angeles County Museum of Art (2003); New York Times Building on 42nd Street, New York City (2008); Morgan Library Expansion (2003-2006) New York City; High Museum of Art Expansion (2005) Atlanta, Georgia, and the Nasher Sculpture Center, Dallas, Texas (2003).

FREEDOM TO READ FOUNDATION 40TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

Dinner and Welcome

Burton Joseph
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Greetings

Judith Platt
Freedom to Read Foundation President

and

Gretchen Helfrich, former host of Chicago Public Radio's
Odyssey: A Daily Talk Show of Ideas

Recognition of Honorees

Presentation of Civic Achievement Award to McCormick Freedom Museum

by Jim Rettig, American Library Association President

Presentation of the William J. Brennan, Jr. Award to the late Judith F. Krug

by Robert M. O'Neil, Thomas Jefferson Center
for the Protection of Free Expression

Presentation of Founder's Award to the late Judith F. Krug

by Judy Blume, author

Featured Speaker

Scott Turow, attorney and author

Closing Remarks

James G. Neal
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HONOREES

JUDITH F. KRUG

IN MEMORIAM

MCCORMICK FREEDOM MUSEUM

JUDITH F. KRUG

IN MEMORIAM

No person is more closely identified with libraries and the cause of intellectual freedom than Judith F. Krug, director of the American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom since it was founded in 1967.

During that time, Krug helped to found the Freedom to Read Foundation and served as its executive director since 1969. In 1982, she helped to create Banned Books Week, now an annual event.

In an April 14, 2009, editorial about Judith Krug, the *New York Times* noted the large role librarians play in our democracy, facilitating access to information and ideas and promoting and protecting a precious First Amendment right: the freedom to read.

6 "No one took that role more seriously.... Defending the freedom to read from damaging assaults by censors in and out of government was her life's work." The *New York Times* noted that Krug explained that the role of librarians is to bring people and information together. "We do this by making sure libraries have information and ideas across the spectrum of social and political thought, so people can choose what they want to read or view or listen to. Some users find materials in their local library collection untrue, offensive, harmful or even dangerous. But libraries serve the information needs of all people in the community—not just the loudest, not just the most powerful, not even just the majority. Libraries serve everyone."

The *New York Times* also noted that Krug "assisted countless local librarians and library trustees dealing with objections to library materials. She waged principled legal battles challenging both book and Internet censorship in libraries all the way to the Supreme Court. She stood up

against an insidious portion of the 2001 USA PATRIOT Act that allowed government officials broad access to confidential library records and to secretly monitor what people read.

"She found reassurance in the perennial appearance of works like J. D. Salinger's *Catcher in the Rye* and John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*... 'That means censors, real, and would-be, are not making the headway they think they are,' she said. 'Books that matter are still in libraries.'"

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign cited her for the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, stating: "Judith Fingeret Krug, advisor, author, public servant. You are a remarkable leader in the struggle to educate the public concerning the right to the free expression of ideas... you have been an unwavering supporter for writers, teachers, librarians, and, above all, students... you work relentlessly to ensure the public's right to know... your legacy is your lifetime of passionate commitment, advocacy, and affirmative actions to protect the Constitutional rights of citizens granted under the First Amendment."

Judith loved her friends. She loved her profession and her staff. She loved her colleagues and the many board members of countless organizations. All enabled her to make a difference every day.

Krug was honored as the recipient of many respected awards over the years, the most recent being the William J. Brennan, Jr. Award, presented by the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression, and the Founder's Award, presented by the Freedom to Read Foundation.

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Here is a sampling of highlights and honors of Judith F. Krug's career:

- Vice President of the Phi Beta Kappa Society
- Chair of the Board of Directors of the Center for Democracy and Technology
- Chair of Media Coalition
- Vice-chair of the Internet Education Foundation
- Advisory Board of GetNetWise
- Board of Directors of the Fund for Free Expression
- Board of Directors of the Illinois Division of the American Civil Liberties Union
- Member, American Bar Association's Commission on Public Understanding About the Law
- Advisory Council of the Illinois State Justice Commission
- Irita Van Doren Award, presented by the American Booksellers Association
- Harry Kalven Freedom of Expression Award, presented by the American Civil Liberties Union to the Office for Intellectual Freedom of the American Library Association
- Robert B. Downs Award for outstanding contribution to the cause of intellectual freedom in libraries
- Carl Sandburg "Freedom to Read" Award, presented by the Friends of the Chicago Public Library
- Open Book Award, presented by the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union
- President's Award of the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union
- Intellectual Freedom Award of the Illinois Library Association
- Ohio Educational Library Media Association/SIRS Award for Intellectual Freedom
- Freedom to Read Foundation Roll of Honor Award
- Joseph W. Lippincott Award for distinguished service to the library profession
- ALA Honorary Membership

In 2005, Krug received an honorary doctorate, Doctor of Humane Letters, from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

MCCORMICK FREEDOM MUSEUM

What is free speech? How is it limited? Where does freedom come from? Can I read anything I want to? Can I dress the way I want to? These are the questions that the McCormick Freedom Museum and its program have been asking over the past three years.

In 2005 as part of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the McCormick Foundation, which was established upon the death of Colonel Robert McCormick, longtime editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*, the foundation announced that it would combine the three passions of Colonel McCormick (the First Amendment, civic engagement and a love of Chicago), by building the McCormick Freedom Museum in his beloved Tribune Tower. The Freedom Museum would be dedicated to educating its visitors through the use of interactive technology and contemporary stories about the importance of the First Amendment and the role it plays in defining and enabling the ongoing struggle for freedom.

The Freedom Museum was unveiled to the public in April 2006 as the first museum dedicated to the struggle for freedom and the importance of the First Amendment. With a focus on the five freedoms in the First Amendment—religion, speech, press, assembly, and petition—the museum’s mission is to actively engage citizens of all ages in dialogue regarding freedom and the First Amendment.

The Freedom Museum has done this with great success, through challenging exhibits, hosting hundreds of school visits, and offering a diverse series of public programs—from annual Supreme Court reviews with professors Geoffrey Stone and Richard Epstein of the University of Chicago Law School, to speakers like John Seigenthaler, George McGovern, and Nobel Peace Prize Recipient Wangari Maathai. Each year the museum sponsors a national student expression contest, Seen & Heard, during which high school students can express their thoughts on contemporary social, political, or economic issues using four media outlets: editorial cartoons, film, photojournalism, and digital design. Partnering with ALA in 2007 and 2008, the museum hosted the Banned Books Week Readout on Michigan Avenue—featuring “banned” authors Judy Blume, Lois Lowry, Phyllis Reynolds Naylor, Lauren Myracle, Justin Richardson, Peter Parnell, and many others who read from their books and talked about the challenges of censorship.

In March 2009, the Freedom Museum transitioned from a physical museum on Michigan Avenue to an extensive outreach program that will take the museum’s educational and inspirational message on the road to reach even more students and citizens of all ages. The museum’s new outreach model includes expanding its public programs to reach a wider and more diverse audience, continuing to inspire citizens, especially students, to understand, value, and protect their First Amendment rights.

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FREEDOM TO READ FOUNDATION'S ORIGIN

The First Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees all individuals the right to express their ideas without governmental interference and to read and listen to the ideas of others. The Freedom to Read Foundation was established to promote and defend this right; to foster libraries as institutions wherein every individual's First Amendment freedoms are fulfilled; and to support the right of libraries to include in their collections and make available any work that which they may legally acquire.

The organization of the foundation in 1969 was the American Library Association's response to the interest of its members in having adequate means to support and defend librarians whose positions are jeopardized because of their resistance to abridgments of the First Amendment; and to set legal precedent for the freedom to read on behalf of all the people.

Foundation Activities

The foundation's charter lists four purposes:

- Promoting and protecting the freedom of speech and of the press;
- Protecting the public's right of access to information and materials stored in the nation's libraries;
- Safeguarding libraries' right to disseminate all materials contained in their collections; and
- Supporting libraries and librarians in their defense of First Amendment rights by supplying them with legal counsel or the means to secure it.

The foundation's work has been divided into two primary activities:

- The allocation and disbursement of grants to individuals and groups primarily for the purpose of aiding them in litigation;

- Direct participation in litigation dealing with freedom of speech and of the press.

The foundation is devoted to the principle that the solution to offensive speech is more speech, and that the suppression of speech on the grounds that it gives offense to some infringes on the rights of all to a free, open, and robust marketplace of ideas.

Support and Assistance

Through the provision of financial and legal assistance to libraries and librarians, the foundation attempts to eliminate the difficult choice between practical expediency and principle in the selection and distribution of library materials. Persons committed to defending the freedom to read should be given an assurance that their commitment will not result in legal convictions, financial loss, or personal damage.

Through its ongoing resistance to repressive legislation, the foundation benefits all members of the library profession. Laws such as obscenity statutes can be significantly dangerous to individuals and institutions, for they may permit, and even encourage, prosecution of non-commercial interests which have neither the incentive nor the resources to defend the propriety of individual works.

Librarians should not be vulnerable to prosecution for disseminating works, which the First Amendment entitles their patrons to receive. The denial of the basic rights of library patrons through censorship is not consistent with the philosophical basis of the library profession. The choice between censorship and criminal punishment is inimical to the concept of intellectual freedom and a derogation of the responsibilities of librarians. The foundation will challenge the constitutionality of those laws, which can inhibit librarians from including in their collections and disseminating to the public any work, which has not previously been declared illegal.

SIGNIFICANT FREEDOM TO READ FOUNDATION CASES

The Freedom to Read Foundation has been involved in approximately 200 court cases in fulfillment of its mission. One example per decade follows:

1970s

The foundation's first major action was a 1970 grant to assist Joan Bodger, who was director of children's services at the Missouri State Library. After the University of Missouri removed issues of underground newspapers from the student union, Bodger wrote a letter to her local newspaper protesting the action. She was subsequently fired. An ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee fact-finding report vindicated Bodger and condemned the dismissal.

1980s

The foundation often lends support to cases by filing amicus curiae ("friend of the court") briefs, as in the case of *Board of Education, Island Trees Union Free School District No. 26 v. Pico*, 457 U.S. 853 (1982). The foundation, along with the New York Library Association, the Long Island School Media Association, the Nassau County Library Association, the Suffolk County Library Association, and the Suffolk School Media Association, supported student Steven Pico's challenge to the constitutionality of the Island Trees Union Free School Board's removal of nine titles from the district's high school and junior high school libraries. The nine titles removed contrary to recommendations of a committee of parents and school staff were: *Soul on Ice*, *A Hero Ain't Nothing But a Sandwich*, *The Fixer*, *Go Ask Alice*, *Slaughterhouse-Five*, *The Best Short Stories by Negro Writers*, *Black Boy*, *Laughing Boy*, and *The Naked Ape*. In support of its actions, the board said such books were "anti-American, anti-Christian, anti-Semitic, and just plain filthy." Pico brought suit in federal district court challenging the board's decision to remove the books. Although school boards have a vested interest in promoting respect for social, moral, and political

community values, their discretionary power is secondary to the transcendent imperatives of the First Amendment. The U.S. Supreme Court, in a 5-to-4 decision, held that as centers for voluntary inquiry and the dissemination of information and ideas, school libraries enjoy a special affinity with the rights of free speech and press. Therefore, the board could not restrict the availability of books in its libraries simply because its members disagreed with the ideas or content.

1990s

American Library Association v. United States Department of Justice (decided sub nom *Reno v. ACLU*), 521 U.S. 844 (1997), challenging the Communications Decency Act, resulted in the 1997 decision by the U.S. Supreme Court striking down the Communications Decency Act of 1996 by a vote of 9-0. The decision is regarded as the "birth certificate of the Internet." The Court held that speech on the Internet is entitled to the highest level of First Amendment protection, similar to the protection granted to books and newspapers. Noted First Amendment Attorney Bruce Ennis of the Washington, D.C., office of Jenner & Block took the lead on the case for the foundation, which was joined by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

2000s

In *John Doe, Inc., John Doe, and American Civil Liberties Union v. Mukasey, et al.*, 549 F.3d 861 (2d Cir. 2008), the foundation supported the ACLU by filing amicus briefs in this Second Circuit Court of Appeals case which placed some limits on the government's ability to impose a gag order against the recipient of a National Security Letter to obtain information and gives courts the opportunity to determine whether government restrictions on speech are justified, instead of allowing the FBI to make that decision unilaterally. The Second Circuit opinion became final in May 2009 when the Obama administration declined to seek U.S. Supreme Court review.

FREEDOM TO READ FOUNDATION ROLL OF HONOR AND CONABLE SCHOLARSHIP

The Freedom to Read Foundation Roll of Honor

was established in 1987 to recognize and honor those individuals who have contributed substantially to the Foundation through adherence to its principles and/or substantial monetary support.

1988 Everett T. Moore and Sidney Sheldon
1989 Alex P. Allain and Jeanne Layton
1990 William D. North and Russell Shank
1991 Judy Blume and Carrie C. Robinson
1992 Eleanor and Elliot Goldstein and R. Kathleen Molz
1993 Lillian M. Bradshaw and Jerry A. Thrasher
1994 The Partnership of the School Board,
Superintendent, and librarians of the Juneau,
Alaska, School District, and Frank Zappa
1995 J. Dennis Day and Judith F. Krug
1996 Gordon M. Conable
1997 Bruce J. Ennis
1998 Dorothy M. Broderick
1999 Charles L. Levendosky
2000 Emily Wheelock Reed
2001 Carolyn Forsman and John K. Horany
2002 Joyce Meskis and Candace D. Morgan
2003 Theresa Chmara
2004 June Pinnell-Stephens
2005 David Cohen
2006 Carolyn Caywood
2007 Lucille C. Thomas
2008 Burton Joseph
2009 Robert P. Doyle

Gordon M. Conable Memorial Fund and Scholarship

Following his sudden death in 2005, the Freedom to Read Foundation established a fund in Gordon Conable's name, which will be used to advance the causes to which he was most devoted and for which he worked most passionately. His wife, Irene, asked that any gifts in Gordon's name be directed to this fund.

In 2008, the FTRF Trustees created the Gordon M. Conable Scholarship. Recipients of the scholarship receive registration, transportation, housing, and a per diem for attendance at the ALA Annual Conference.

2008 Jason McGill
2009 Amanda Sharpe

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MY HERO



EVERYBODY HAS A HERO, WHETHER IT IS SOMEONE YOU LIVE WITH OR SOMEONE THAT DID SOMETHING SPECIAL THAT YOU LIKE ABOUT HIM OR HER. I KNOW I DO AND THIS PERSON IS MY GRANDMA. SHE IS THE BEST, SHE LOVES US ALL, AND HER JOB IS AWESOME!

MY GRANDMA IS THE BEST AND SHE IS ALSO VERY KIND. IF I HAVE A PROBLEM OR SOMETHING THAT IS VERY EXCITING TO ME, SHE IS ALWAYS THERE AND LISTENING EVEN WHEN IT'S OVER THE PHONE. SHE WILL ASK QUESTIONS AND WILL ALWAYS UNDERSTAND ME. FOR EXAMPLE, THE OTHER WEEKEND I HAD A SKATING COMPETITION AND SHE LOVED HEARING ABOUT IT.

SHE ALSO LOVES EVERYBODY, INCLUDING MY 3 COUSINS, MY SISTER, AND ME. SHE ALWAYS TALKS ABOUT US EVEN IF IT IS DURING WORK, TO FRIENDS, AND EVEN TO US SHE TALKS ABOUT ONE ANOTHER AND THIS MAKES ME HAPPY AND IT LETS ME KNOW THAT SHE KNOWS THAT I AM SPECIAL. ONE TIME I WENT TO WORK WITH HER AND SOMEBODY THAT WORKS WITH HER CAME UP TO ME AND SAID, "HI" AND "OH, YOUR GRANDMA TALKS SO MUCH ABOUT YOU!".

THE LAST AND BEST THING ABOUT HER IS HER JOB. HER JOB IS TO LET PEOPLE HAVE THEIR FREEDOM FOR THE BOOKS THEY READ. I THINK THIS IS REALLY COOL BECAUSE WHEN PEOPLE SAY, 'OH YOU CAN NOT READ THAT BOOK' SHE LETS OTHER PEOPLE KNOW, 'OH YES THEY CAN!' THIS IS BECAUSE SHE FIGHTS FOR BOOKS. SOME PEOPLE BANNED BOOKS AND SHE HELPS PEOPLE SO BOOKS ARE NOT BANNED AND CAN STAY IN LIBRARIES FOR ANYBODY TO READ. ALSO I GET TO MEET A FEW AUTHORS AND THEN THEY SIGN MY BOOKS.

SO MAYBE THIS MAKES YOU THINK ABOUT A HERO IN YOUR LIFE LIKE MY GRANDMA AND HOW SHE IS THE BEST, SHE LOVES US ALL, AND HER JOB IS AWESOME. HOPE IT DOES AND TELL THAT PERSON "YOU ARE MY HERO" AND TELL THEM WHY, THEY WILL FEEL SPECIAL AND VERY HAPPY.

BY JESSICA FLORENCE KRUG, AGE 11

WE ARE SO PROUD OF "OUR" HERO AND WE WILL MISS HER IMMENSELY.
STEVEN, DENISE, JESSICA AND SYDNEY



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 1, 2009

The Family and Friends of Judith Krug
2770 Sheridan Road
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Dear Friends:

I was saddened to hear about the passing of Judith Krug. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you mourn her loss and celebrate her life.

She was a champion of free speech and a true steward of the marketplace of ideas. Although words cannot ease the pain of such a loss, I trust that her spirit and strength will continue to serve as a guiding force for everyone who benefited from her life and her life's work.

May Judith's memory continue to bring you great joy and pride.

Sincerely,



THE MEMBERS OF THE
AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
SALUTE AND THANK THE
FREEDOM TO READ FOUNDATION
FOR ITS 40 YEARS OF TIRELESS WORK
TO PRESERVE FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION
AND FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS.

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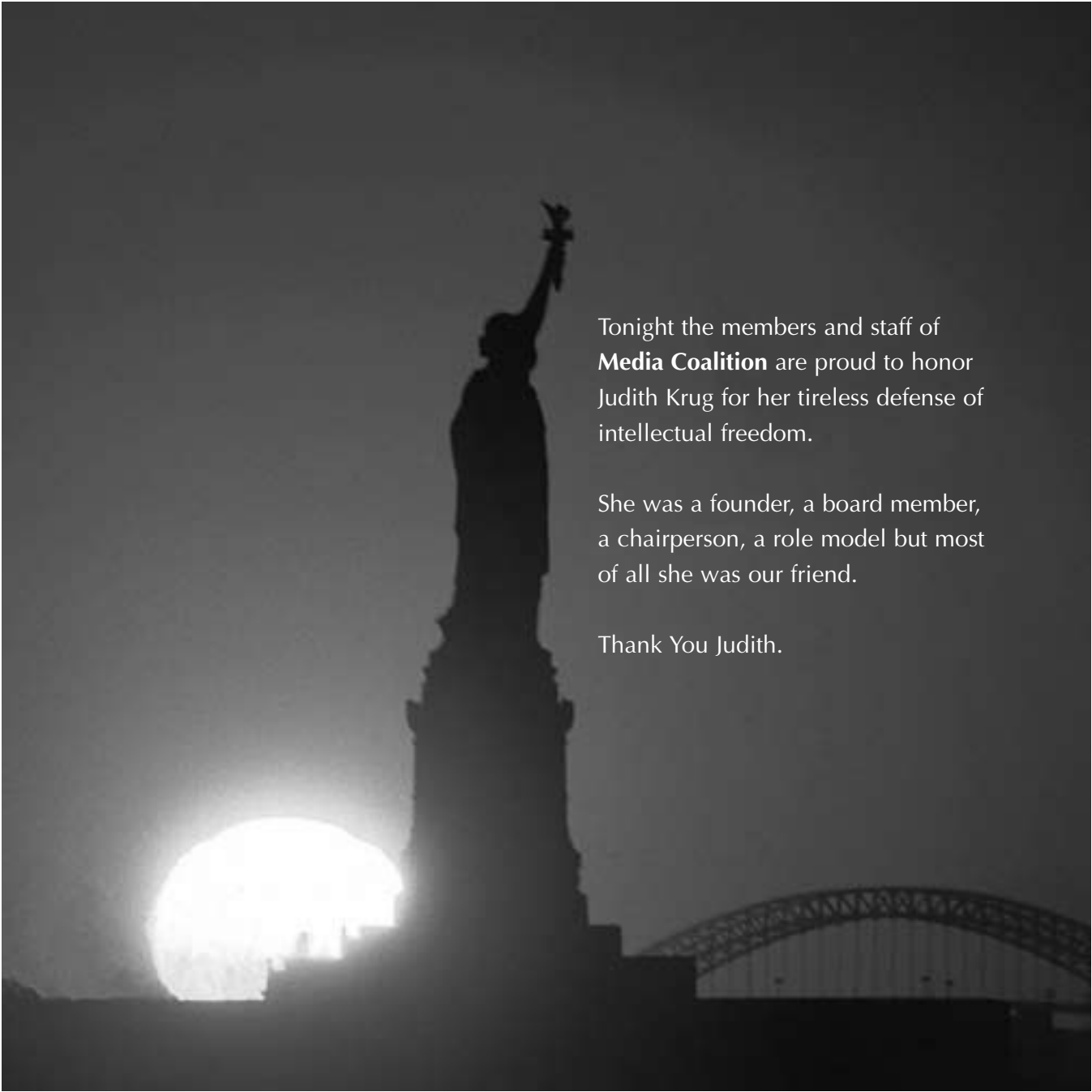


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*Committed to Serve.
Children, Communities
and Country.*

The McCormick Foundation
would like to thank the
Freedom to Read Foundation
for honoring the McCormick
Freedom Museum with the
2009 Civic Achievement Award.





Tonight the members and staff of **Media Coalition** are proud to honor Judith Krug for her tireless defense of intellectual freedom.

She was a founder, a board member, a chairperson, a role model but most of all she was our friend.

Thank You Judith.



*We are very proud of the
wonderful work accomplished by
our dear friend Judith.*

We will all miss her very much.

The Schmidt Family

*Judy & Aaron
Nancy & Philip
Robert
Jody & David*



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SALUTES THE

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AND THE

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FOR PROMOTING AND DEFENDING

THE FIRST AMENDMENT





CONGRATULATIONS BOB DOYLE

ON RECEIVING THIS YEAR'S FREEDOM TO READ
FOUNDATION ROLL OF HONOR AWARD. YOUR
COMMITMENT TO INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM
AND ALL THE WORK YOU DO TO HELP PRESERVE
FREEDOM OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION IS A
CONSTANT SOURCE OF INSPIRATION TO US ALL.

YOUR FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES,

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Thank you for 40 years of defending access to information, strengthening our libraries and our communities.

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The ALA Communications and Member Relations Department salutes the Freedom to Read Foundation and the outstanding contributions of Judith Krug. Congratulations on your 40th Anniversary!

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*Thank you Judy Krug for your
celebration and defense of our
First Amendment freedoms.
Your impact was immeasurable.*

—Robert P. Doyle



HONORING A LIFETIME OF PASSIONATE COMMITMENT

Judith was an ardent supporter and a good friend of GSLIS. As we reflect upon her life and her legacy, we celebrate her unwavering commitment to intellectual freedom.

We were able to honor Judith for her work twice. Once in 1978, when the GSLIS faculty awarded Judith the Robert B. Downs Intellectual Freedom Award and again in 2005, when Judith was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from the University of Illinois.

In his 2005 remarks, Dean John Unsworth called Judith an “unwavering supporter of writers, teachers, librarians, and above all, students.” Judith touched not only these people, but countless more around the world.

Judith’s friendship will be truly missed.

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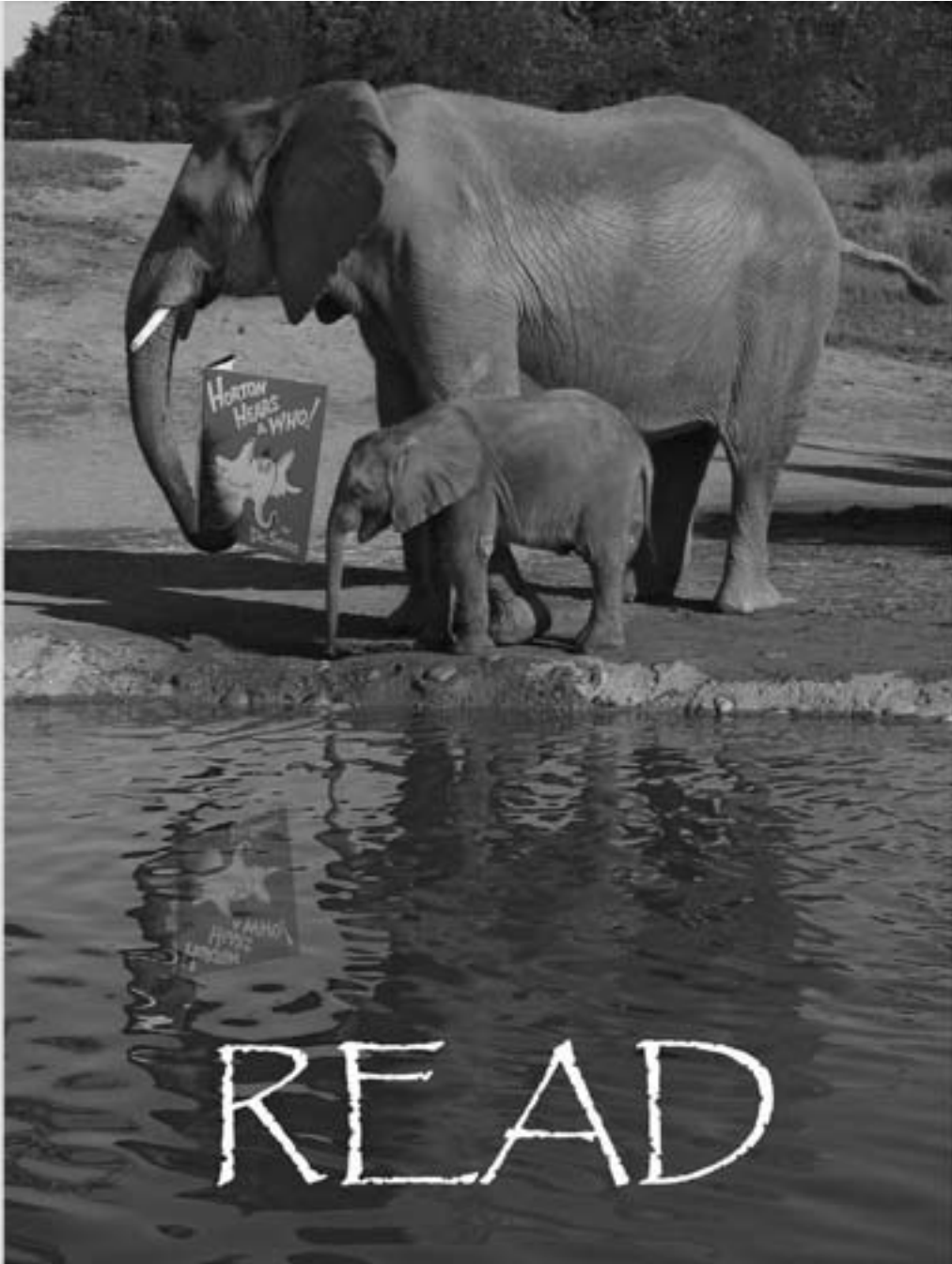
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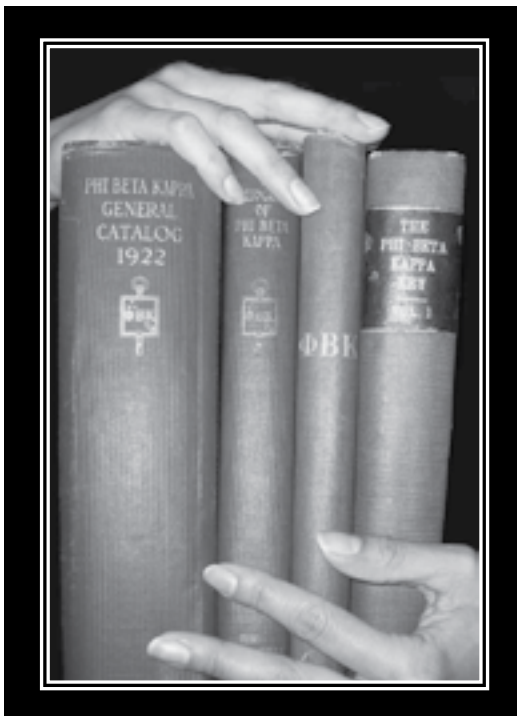


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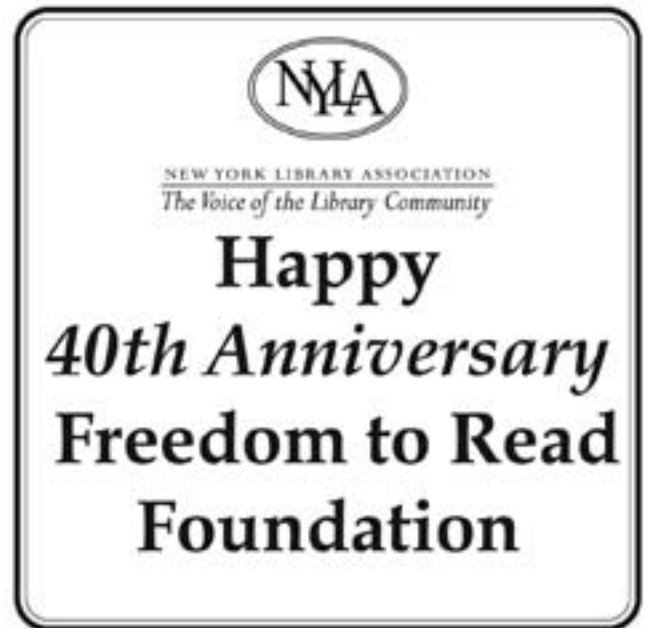
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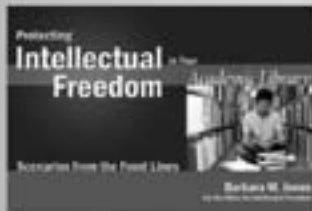
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In establishing the Freedom to Read Foundation in 1969, Krug based the organization’s mission firmly in the First Amendment: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”



Judith Krug ^{1940–2009}

The First Amendment lost a champion with the April 11 death of the director of ALA’s Office for Intellectual Freedom, who fought censorship for 40 years with courage, intelligence, and wit. A look back at the career of a library legend.

by Leonard Kniffel



When Congress did try to make laws “abridging the freedom of speech,” her tenacious involvement in court battles was the stuff of legend. From the triumphant Supreme Court decision that overturned the Communications Decency Act in 1997 to the court’s stubborn upholding of the Children’s Internet Protection Act in 2003, Judy Krug never gave up the fight. Many disagreed with her, but none disrespected her.

On April 11, after a long and courageous battle with stomach cancer, Krug died as she had lived for 40 years, as the proud director of the American Library Association’s Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF), still leading the charge, still presiding over Banned Books Week last fall, as she had done since founding it in 1982.

Krug often said that when ALA established OIF in 1967 and put her in charge, then—Executive Director David H. Clift sat her down and told her to “put that office on the map.” Rallying her BA from the University of Pittsburgh (1961), her master’s in library science from the University of Chicago (1964), and her natural gifts as a writer, speaker, and progressive thinker, she set about to do just that.

“From time to time, and especially in periods of great stress or social upheaval, a variety of real or imagined evils have been attributed to the reading of obscene and pornographic works,” she wrote in the April 1968 issue of *American Libraries* (then called *ALA Bulletin*). “The words ‘obscenity’ and ‘pornography,’ which in



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themselves cause considerable emotion, are often applied indiscriminately to materials containing ideas, acts, and words which one or another group may find reprehensible," she added, setting the stage for placing the American Library Association often on the same side of the censorship battle with the likes of *Hustler* magazine's Larry Flynt and *Playboy* mogul Hugh Hefner.

A suburban Chicago mom in her private life, Judy Krug was no prude, and she understood ALA's obligation to defend the right of Americans to publish and read what she personally thought of as "sleaze," a word she used to describe Madonna's 1992 book *Sex*, which many libraries refused to purchase. Call it sleaze she did, but with the caveat that it should be available

in every public library. Krug understood that people have the right to make up their own minds, without librarians exercising a kind of prior restraint by refusing to buy controversial materials.

Frequently attacked by would-be censors, Krug defended what they often called her liberal agenda. She said in an interview in the September 1995 issue of *American Libraries*, "If I have an agenda, it is protection of the First Amendment. Libraries in this country cannot operate unless we can stand foursquare on the First Amendment. And if that becomes a partisan position, well, OK, I guess if I have to be partisan I will be partisan on behalf of the First Amendment."

Although she was a liberal Democrat in her personal political leanings, Krug was well aware that, as she put it in the same *AL* interview, "Our threats come from across the spectrum of social and political thought . . . We have gone through periods where our biggest threats have been from the left of center, where



people have wanted to remove materials that did not portray, for instance, minority groups in the way that they thought minority groups should be portrayed.” She also believed it was the librarian’s responsibility to listen respectfully to those complaints.

She was speaking from experience. One of her greatest challenges as OIF director came in 1977, when she and ALA’s Intellectual Freedom Committee produced a film titled *The Speaker*, tackling censorship by telling the story of a library’s decision to allow a racist to speak. Designed to serve as a focal point for library discussions about the First Amendment, the film ironically became a divisive issue at the 1977 ALA Annual Conference in Detroit, denounced by some librarians who called it “insulting in its characterization of black people.” Then-ALA Executive Director Robert Wedgeworth, her boss at the time, calls the moment one of the Association’s most dramatic. “It split ALA wide open,” he said, and “there was a lot of pressure for me to fire Judith.”

Whatever the arguments in favor of censorship were, Judy Krug had the rebuttal. “She was always ready for confrontation,” Wedgeworth recalled, “and she was such a good debater she could win almost any argument.”

Cooler heads prevailed in the case of *The Speaker*, said Wedgeworth, “but we had underestimated the fact that discussion of race was the one issue that people could not accept with respect to the First Amendment.” He noted that “true to her convictions, Judith stuck by the film.”

Handling controversy was an innate talent that Judy Krug possessed. “She invented what they now call media training,” said Art Plotnik, former editor of *American Libraries*.

Krug debated the Equal Rights Amendment in Kentucky with conservative activist Phyllis Schlafly in 1990, drawing cheers from a Berea College crowd for articulating “the librarians’ view,” while Schlafly inspired boeing.

Krug refined her communications skills to yet another level when dealing with the media frenzy over sexually explicit



material online, a furor that erupted as internet access began becoming available in public libraries.

For Krug, one of the greatest triumphs of her career was the Supreme Court ruling that overturned the Communications Decency Act. Under her leadership, ALA filed suit in 1996, challenging the CDA, a provision of the Telecommunications Act that President Clinton had signed into law, as an unconstitutional violation of the free speech rights of adults while failing to accomplish its intended purpose of protecting children from inappropriate online content.

Perhaps her greatest disappointment was the 2003 Supreme Court ruling that the Children’s Internet Protection Act was constitutional, ending a battle over internet filtering that cost ALA over a million dollars. Adults, the court decided, could ask that filters be turned off for unrestricted access and Congress could require libraries to install filtering in exchange for funding. It was a decision that Krug had fought hard.

“She was a purist, uncompromising,” said Plotnik. “Anyone else would have caved with the exceptions people would throw at her.” He recalled working many a late night across the hall from Krug. “I never remember her turning away a cold call from a librarian who needed help,” he said. “She would stay long hours to give the most elaborate advice to people calling from the field.”

Krug believed that it was ALA’s role to help libraries set standards and create policies. “If I’ve done nothing else in my career but convince people that they have to have policy and then help them develop good policy, I will have considered my career a success,” she said.

Judy Krug famously attributed her open-mindedness to her unflappable mother, revealing that at the age of 12 she had obtained a sex education book and was reading it under the bed covers with a flashlight when her mother suddenly threw back the covers and asked what she was doing. Young Judith shyly held up the book. “For God’s sake,” her mother said, “turn on your bedroom light so you don’t hurt your eyes.”

But Judith Krug wasn’t doing her job just for librarians; she was doing it for her country, and for the rights and privileges her children and grandchildren enjoy as Americans. From the beginning of her career as a librarian, she thought big, and she inspired countless librarians to do likewise. She shattered the image of libraries as the benign sanctuary of the meek, and she forever altered the image of librarians, from bespectacled guardians of the respectable to articulate and unyielding defenders of the freedom to read. ■

MEMORIES OF JUDITH KRUG, INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM FIGHTER:

1. Debating a state ban on the film *I Am Curious (Yellow)* at a Maryland Library Association meeting, 1969.
2. Debating the Equal Rights Amendment with Phyllis Schlafly at a 1990 Berea College symposium in Kentucky.
3. Accepting the Hugh M. Hefner First Amendment Award from Playboy CEO Christie Hefner and Stanley Sheinbaum of the ACLU Foundation of Southern California, 1997.
4. Hard at work, in an early undated photo circa 1970.
5. At an Intellectual Freedom Committee meeting during the ALA Annual Conference in Dallas, 1971.
6. Undated screen shot from a *Today Show* appearance.
7. Undated photo, circa 1970.
8. Formal portrait, 2001.
9. At a conference cocktail reception, 1969.
10. Early photo in her office at ALA, undated.
11. With then-ALA president John W. Berry at a fundraiser for ALA’s federal lawsuit against the Children’s Internet Protection Act, 2001.
12. With friend and fellow censorship opponent, the much-banned author Judy Blume, 2008.
13. Tango lessons at IFLA in Buenos Aires, 2004.
14. Banned Books Read-Out in Chicago, 2007
15. With author and friend Studs Terkel and ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels, 2002.
16. With lead counsel Bruce Ennis (left) and Bill Burrington of America Online, explaining why the Communications Decency Act is unconstitutional, National Press Club, 1996.
17. Banned Books Week Read-Out, Chicago, 2008.
18. Receiving the Lippincott Award, 1998.
19. Freedom to Read Foundation Honor Roll, 1995
20. With members of her staff: Jen Hammond, Nanette Perez, Jonathan Kelley, Deborah Caldwell-Stone.



LET US RAISE A GLASS TO JUDITH KRUG DEFENDER OF THE FREEDOM TO READ TO LISTEN, AND TO WATCH

DRUM ROLL, PLEASE:

1967: HAIR OPENS AT THE PUBLIC THEATRE, FORMER HOME OF A FREE LIBRARY IN NEW YORK CITY. FIRST "SUMMER OF LOVE" IN SAN FRANCISCO. ALA ESTABLISHES THE OFFICE FOR INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM; JUDITH KRUG, AGE 27, IS NAMED DIRECTOR.

1968: COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY RIOTS, STUDENTS TAKE OVER LOW LIBRARY. SECOND "SUMMER OF LOVE."

1969: STONEWALL RIOTS IN JUNE. EASY RIDER OPENS IN JULY. WOODSTOCK IN AUGUST. BUGLE WAKE UP CALL: ALA ESTABLISHES THE FREEDOM TO READ FOUNDATION AS ITS LEGAL ARM; APPOINTS JUDITH KRUG AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

FOR THE NEXT FORTY YEARS MRS. KRUG USED HER POSITION TO COUNTER, IN THE COURTS AND MANY OTHER WAYS, ALL THOSE ENTITIES, LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL, THAT TRIED TO TURN BACK THE CHANGES THAT THE COUNTERCULTURAL MOVEMENT OF THE LATE 1960S HAD BROUGHT TO THE UNITED STATES, AND, INDEED, TO THE WORLD.

SMALLER DRUM ROLL:

1967: I JOIN ALA HAVING SPENT SEVERAL YEARS AS A YOUNG ADULT LIBRARIAN AND THEN THE BOOK REVIEW SPECIALIST IN THE BRANCH LIBRARY SYSTEM OF THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY. I HAD SOME EXPERIENCE IN DEFENDING "QUESTIONABLE" TITLES TO SOME LESS THAN LIBERATED LIBRARIANS, AND WAS NATURALLY DRAWN TO ALA'S INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE, AND ITS ADVISOR, JUDITH KRUG. IT WAS NOT LONG BEFORE I WAS A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE, AND THEN, SOME TIME LATER, A BOARD MEMBER OF THE FREEDOM TO READ FOUNDATION. WATCHING JUDY IN ACTION AT BOTH IFC AND FTRF WAS REVELATORY. HER KNOWLEDGE OF THE LAW AND HER PASSION FOR DEFENDING THOSE WHO HAD BEEN CAUGHT UP IN THE LEGAL SYSTEM OR CHOSE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES AGAINST IT WAS A LESSON ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A FIRM BELIEVER IN THE TRUE MEANING OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT. BE IT STUDENTS SUING TO PREVENT THE REMOVAL OF BOOKS FROM HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARIES, OR BOOKSTORE OWNERS ARRESTED FOR DISPLAYING "DIRTY" MAGAZINE COVERS, JUDY AND THE LEGAL COUNSEL WITH WHOM SHE WORKED ALWAYS STOOD FIRMLY ON THE GROUND THAT CITIZENS HAD THE RIGHT TO READ, WATCH, OR LISTEN TO WHATEVER THEY WISHED.

THE WORK IS FAR FROM OVER. MAY THE FOUNDATION CONTINUE TO BE INSPIRED BY THE LEGACY THAT JUDY LEAVES TO US AS WE GO FORWARD INTO THE 21ST CENTURY, STILL DEFENDING THESE FREEDOMS WHEREVER WE SEE THAT THEY ARE BEING UNDERMINED OR JEOPARDIZED

RICHARD M. BUCK
IN LOVING MEMORY OF MRS. KRUG



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“Respect comes back to us when we give it; when we let kids know we are working to understand their perspectives.”—Chris Crutcher

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JUDY,

THE MOST HIGH POWER, LOW KEY WOMAN WE KNEW. SHE WAS A WONDERFUL WIFE, DAUGHTER, SISTER, MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER, AND FRIEND. I LEARNED SO MUCH FROM HER. BECAUSE OF JUDY I HAVE FRESH FLOWERS IN MY HOUSE EVERY WEEK. WE HAVE CELEBRATED ALL BIG LIFE EVENTS WITH JUDY & HERB. WE WILL MISS JUDY VERY VERY MUCH.

KAREN & RON BEREBITSKY

JUDY KRUG'S LEGACY WILL STAND THROUGHOUT THE HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FREEDOM TO READ FOUNDATION FOR THE MANY TIMES IT SUPPORTED INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM IN THIS NATION AND ACROSS THE GLOBE.

BETTY TUROCK



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TO SALUTE OUR SISTER ORGANIZATION, THE FREEDOM TO READ
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WE FONDLY REMEMBER OUR FOUNDING SECRETARY
AND ULTIMATE CHAMPION, JUDITH KRUG.



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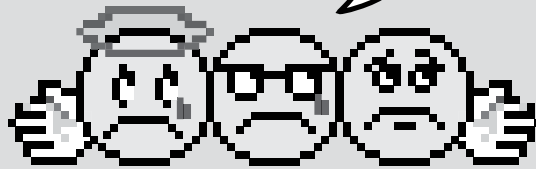
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We love you, Judith! We miss you!



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Lauren Myracle and Amulet Books thank Judith Krug and the Freedom to Read Foundation. Good books need defenders, and Judith was a defender extraordinaire . . . and a heck of a classy lady to boot. Others will follow in her footsteps, but none will fill her shoes.



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 Thank you for 40 years' fine work.*

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 OF OUR FRIEND JUDITH KRUG.



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**HONORS THE LIFE AND WORK OF
JUDITH F. KRUG**

**SHE BLAZED A TRAIL WITH
COURAGE, GRACE, AND PASSION
THAT INSPIRES US ALL**





JUDY KRUG

SHE GAVE US
HOPE - POWER - ACTION

THROUGH HER FOUR
DECADES OF
COMMITMENT AND
LEADERSHIP

FOR THE
FREEDOM TO READ



– THE FREEDOM TO
READ FOUNDATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES



THE INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM
ROUND TABLE CONGRATULATES

THE FREEDOM TO READ
FOUNDATION ON ITS
40TH ANNIVERSARY AND
DEEPLY MOURNS THE LOSS
OF JUDITH F. KRUG.



MY MOM

MY MENTOR

MY CONFIDANT

MY BEST FRIEND

MY STRENGTH

MY LOVE

MY INSPIRATION...

I MISS YOU

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IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAR
FRIEND JUDY - WE MISS
SEEING YOUR SMILING FACE
EVERY SATURDAY. YOU WILL
ALWAYS REMAIN IN OUR
THOUGHTS & HEARTS.



LOVE YOU,

GAIL & BOOIE

SAVILLE FLOWERS

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JUDITH KRUG
CHAMPION OF
INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM



RABBI PETER AND
GOODIE KNOBEL
AND HER FRIENDS AT BETH
EMET THE FREE SYNAGOGUE



CENSORSHIP

CAN CLOSE THE BOOKS ON YOU

SO MUCH HAS BEEN WRITTEN
SO MUCH HAS BEEN SAID

THE FREEDOM TO READ FOUNDATION HAS LOST ITS LEADER
THE FREEDOM TO READ FOUNDATION HAS LOST ITS HEAD

BUT ITS WORK MUST CONTINUE, IT WON'T BE THE SAME

BUT LEADERSHIP IS IN PLACE — WITH BOARD AND WITH STAFF
IT'S SERIOUS BUSINESS — WITH AN OCCASIONAL LAUGH

JUST DON'T FORGET THE PASSION — I WAS URGED TO SAY:
THERE CONTINUES A NEED TO GUARD
OUR WONDERFUL CONSTITUTION

ESPECIALLY THE FIRST AMENDMENT — OUR PRICELESS HERITAGE
LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS HAVE LEARNED TO RELY ON THE
FREEDOM TO READ FOUNDATION:

- FOR CONSISTENCY OF THOUGHT
- FOR CONSISTENCY OF ACTION
- FOR SUPPORT

CONGRATULATIONS ON 40 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE
TO THE PROFESSION — I AM COUNTING ON YOU **ALL** TO PROTECT
AND ENHANCE JUDITH'S LEGACY

HERB KRUG

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Grandma Judy always said that grandchildren were
your reward for not killing your children!



We are your greatest legacy.

Loving you always,
Jessica, Rachel, Hannah, Sydney, & Jason



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honor the memory of
Judith Krug
and salute the
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