



**NEW YORK BLACK LIBRARIANS CAUCUS'
MEMORIAL RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF THE LATE**

**DONNA LOUISE HUBBARD
(June 2, 1961 - August 26, 2022)**

WHEREAS, **Ms. Donna L. Hubbard** was born on June 2, 1961, in New York, and she attended Allegheny College, Meadville, PA, from 1980 – 1983, where she was the Chairperson of Association of Black Collegians. There she created a library space and services for the first Afro-American Library at Allegheny. In 1983, she received her Bachelor of Arts as an Alden Scholar. Upon graduation she returned to New York, receiving her M.L.S. degree from Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York in 1986; and

WHEREAS, **Ms. Donna L. Hubbard** began her career at the Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) as a Librarian Trainee in 1984. She became an Education and Job Information Center (EJIC) librarian offering daily reference and research assistance at the Central Library. Moving progressively through the system she served as a Branch Library Manager from 1992-2001. As a Cluster Leader from 2001-2004, she strengthened BPL's overall library operations and excelled in community outreach across multiple libraries; and

WHEREAS, **Ms. Donna L. Hubbard** was a respected public librarian and a powerful force within the institution she was promoted to an Assistant Director from 2004 – 2011 where she had a key role in opening the new Kensington Library which, at the time, was the standard for environmentally friendly facilities. She confronted challenges working tirelessly to provide library services to people impacted by Hurricane Sandy and helped lead efforts to reopen six damaged libraries within one year after the devastating storm; and

WHEREAS, **Ms. Donna L. Hubbard** participated in the District Council 37 Managerial Program in 1990, join the Urban Libraries Council in 2006, and was an active member of the **New York Black Librarians Caucus, Inc.**, and the American Library Association, she was involved in years of events and activities empowering informational professionals across library systems and modeling exemplary leadership; and

WHEREAS, **Ms. Donna L. Hubbard**, was an admired, devoted colleague, administrator, mentor, and visionary leader who thirty-eight distinguished years. Sister Hubbard as a Regional Director, continued to work closely with elected officials, the New York City Department of Education, community organizations and others to spread the word out about BPL's wonderful resources and services. She was instrumental in developing standards in BPL's administrative

tasks, which included collection building, right-sizing staffing and service hours, and most notably, coordinating branch closings and reopening procedures - a process that stands until to this day; and

WHEREAS, **Ms. Donna L. Hubbard** was a tireless advocate for libraries and was a mainstay at City Hall and at Lobby Day in Albany fighting to protect the three library systems' funding, she also was inclined to participate in local events including the Bike the Branches campaign, NYC Summer Meals Program, citywide Summer Reading initiatives and Open House New York events; and,

WHEREAS, **Ms. Donna L. Hubbard** was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, The **New York Black Librarians' Caucus, New York Library Association**, numerous communities throughout New York State, and the entire profession, recognize the indelible mark and profound loss in the home going of our dearest colleague **Ms. Donna L. Hubbard**; and

WHEREAS, **Ms. Donna L. Hubbard** died on Friday, August 26, 2022, at 3:50 PM.

THEREFORE, BE IT....

RESOLVED, that the current membership of the **New York Library Association - New York Black Librarians Caucus Roundtable** formally take this opportunity to recognize **Ms. Donna L. Hubbard** numerous contributions to our beloved organization, to Brooklyn Public Library, to the Borough of Brooklyn, and her colleagues in the library profession; and that this resolution be communicated to Ms. Hubbard's family in order to show to her loved ones the high esteem in which we hold her life and memory.

Respectfully Submitted,

The officers and Members of the New York Black Librarians' Caucus, New York Library Association Roundtable.

_____ on this date September 8, 2022.

Taina Evans, President (2022 - 2024)
Brooklyn, New York
September 8, 2022