

- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record expressing its appreciation to Donald York for his thirty-eight years of dedicated service to the citizens and to the City of Cambridge and wish him much happiness in his retirement; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Donald York on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council April 28, 2003  
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.  
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

A true copy; 

ATTEST:-  
D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk



# City of Cambridge

Resolution # 18  
**IN CITY COUNCIL**  
April 28, 2003

MAYOR SULLIVAN  
VICE MAYOR DAVIS  
COUNCILLOR DECKER  
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO  
COUNCILLOR MAHER  
COUNCILLOR MURPHY  
COUNCILLOR REEVES  
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

- WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that Donald York will retire from the Cambridge Public Library effective May 10, 2003; and
- WHEREAS: Donald began his employment with the Library on October 26, 1964 as a Professional Librarian II; and
- WHEREAS: For thirty-eight years Donald has been a pillar of the Cambridge Public Library, known to his colleagues and peers as an exceptional librarian and an exceptional man. It has been our distinct privilege and honor to work by his side, to learn from him, and to be inspired by him. If there was something that Donald was not good at, it has not been found. He knows everything you ever wanted to know about just about everything, most especially science fiction, fantasy, mysteries, and quirky books on any topic. Donald single-handedly developed the Cambridge Public Library into one of the, if not the, finest science fiction collections in Massachusetts; and
- WHEREAS: Donald is the collective memory of the Cambridge Public Library. He has instant recall about community events, Cambridge "personalities," and why the library does what it does the way it does it; and
- WHEREAS: Donald has an unparalleled knowledge of Cambridge History and he has been the custodian of the library's historical collection forever. Although his desk is always chaotic, he can put his fingers on anything in a moment's notice; and
- WHEREAS: Donald has demonstrated a knack for space planning, exhibit design, public relations, and general good old common sense. Donald has also been responsible for the library's budget preparation and analysis and he has served as acting assistant director on two occasions; and
- WHEREAS: Donald has the respect and admiration of city employees at all levels. Donald was named as an outstanding city employee in 1994; now therefore be it

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Expressing appreciation to  
Donald York for his 38 ½ years  
of dedicated service.  
**Mayor Sullivan and entire  
membership**

**ORDER ADOPTED.**

**In City Council April 28, 2003**