



## **LSSI Mourns the Unexpected Death of Gordon Conable**

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January 13, 2004 – It is with great sadness that Library Systems & Services announces the unexpected death yesterday of Gordon Conable, Executive Vice President for Public Libraries.

Joining LSSI in 1998, Gordon made many important contributions, infusing his extensive library experience and expertise into his position as Executive Vice President. He was a respected and valued member of the LSSI team, where he was responsible for management and performance of LSSI's public library contracts, including the 30-branch Riverside County, CA system.

“Gordon was an outstanding senior manager at LSSI as well as a great friend,” said LSSI President and CEO, Frank Pezzanite. “He was a passionate advocate for libraries and the library profession, and brought his extensive knowledge and deep convictions to every aspect of his job and life. He will be sincerely missed by everyone who knew him.”

Extremely active in state, regional and national professional associations, Gordon was serving his second term as President of the Freedom to Read Foundation and had served multiple terms as an elected member of the policymaking ALA Council. In 1994 he was the first librarian recognized as Michigan's Public Administrator of the Year. His First Amendment work has been honored by the Freedom to Read Foundation, the American Library Association and the Andy Warhol Foundation.

No information on services is available at this time. Gordon is survived by his wife Irene and their son, Ted.



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