

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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ACTION REQUEST

March 20, 2008

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Patricia M. Redman, M.S.L.S., librarian in the University Library, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2007.

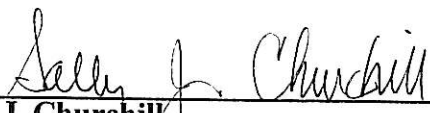
Ms. Redman received her B.A. degree from Marian College of Fond du Lac in 1964, and her A.M.L.S. degree from The Catholic University of America in 1965. From 1965-67, she was a special services librarian in the U.S. Army, and in subsequent years she held librarian positions at Boston College, Santa Clara City Library, the University of Iowa, Erie Community College, and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate librarian at the Taubman Medical Library in 1991, and was promoted to senior associate librarian in 1994 and librarian in 2001. She also held an appointment as adjunct lecturer in the School of Information and Library Studies from 1993-97.

During her tenure at the Taubman Medical Library, Ms. Redman guided many significant changes. She embraced change, fostering a shared vision of user needs and expectations, and keeping current with best practices in librarianship. When large amounts of health-related materials became available on the Internet in the mid-1990s, she pioneered the HealthWeb project, a collaborative effort among the libraries within the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) to provide health information on a variety of topics. While serving as liaison to the School of Nursing, she developed partnerships with faculty that led to the introduction of significant library instruction into the curriculum. As evidence-based practice became critical to the field of medicine, Ms. Redman readily transferred those concepts to her work in the nursing curriculum. She was an early-adopter of new technologies and brought chat reference and other technologies to the University of Michigan Health Sciences Libraries.

One of Ms. Redman's most important legacies is the professional mentoring she provided to many librarian colleagues. She also served in leadership roles within her profession. She was president of the Midwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association, chair of Librarians' Forum (the librarian faculty group on campus), and filled other varied and significant roles within the Medical Library Association and the University Library. Her vision, dedication, and energy will be greatly missed.

The Regents now salute this distinguished librarian for her dedicated service by naming **Patricia M. Redman librarian emerita**.

Requested by:



Sally J. Churchill
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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