THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject:

Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested:

Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Susan Elliker, M.L.S., associate librarian in the University Library, retired from active faculty status on June 5, 2014.

Ms. Elliker received her B.F.A. and her M.L.S. degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1976 and 1978, respectively. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant librarian in 1997, and was promoted to associate librarian in 1998. She held numerous key positions including research coordinator with the Michigan Information Transfer Source (1997-2000), cataloger with the Monographic Cataloging Production Unit (2000-01), assistant head of the Monographic Cataloging Production Unit (2001-07), head of the Classification and Materials Control Unit (2007-12), and data and materials management librarian (2012-14).

An accomplished librarian, Ms. Elliker excelled in the key aspects of technical processing including cataloging, classification, subject analysis, and collection management. As assistant head of the Monographic Cataloging Production Unit, she managed the Library's copy cataloging efforts with speed, efficiency and a dedication to customer service. In 2007, Ms. Elliker was appointed head of the newly organized Classification and Materials Control Unit, where she oversaw the processing and labeling of new materials and the transfer and withdrawals of existing materials. She also led the large-scale barcoding projects for the Special Collections Library that provided bibliographic access to formerly hidden collections including the Hubbard Imaginary Voyages Collection, the Shakespeare Collection, the Islamic Manuscripts (Papyrology), and the Labadie book and pamphlet collection. Since 2012, Ms. Elliker has served as the National Authority Cooperative liaison for creating Authority Records in the Library of Congress's National Authority File, in support of the Copyright Review Management System's efforts to open Hathi Trust documents to public view. A gifted teacher and dedicated mentor, she was actively involved in the training of staff from the University Library and students from the University's School of Information and Wayne State University's School of Library and Information Science.

The Regents now salute this distinguished Librarian for her dedicated service by naming Susan Elliker associate librarian emerita.

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