

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject:** Report of Faculty Retirement  
**Action Requested:** Adoption of Retirement Memoir

**Judith C. Avery, A.M.L.S.**, senior associate librarian in the University Library, retired from active faculty status on August 31, 2009.

Ms. Avery received her B.A. degree from Michigan State University in 1966 and her A.M.L.S. and A.M. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1968 and 1976, respectively. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant librarian in 1968, and was promoted to associate librarian in 1972 and senior associate librarian in 1974.

Ms. Avery served as acting co-head of the Undergraduate Library from 1985-86, and then joined the Graduate Library reference department as head of the Library Science Library and education and psychology subject specialist. In 1987, Ms. Avery was appointed head of reference services for the Graduate Library. During this time, she was responsible for reference, the microform reading room, and the Information and Library Studies Library. In 1993, she was named the English language and literature, American culture, Canadian studies, and British and U.S. history subject specialist. Ms. Avery took the lead on several key digital library initiatives in the humanities including the *Making of America*. Other contributions included service on two University institutional review boards.

A dedicated and effective teacher and colleague, Ms. Avery focused on helping faculty and students utilize the library's resources for their teaching and research. She excelled in the user-centered areas of reference, instruction, and outreach, and her long experience, knowledge, and subject expertise served as the basis for building rich collections. Scholars for many years to come will benefit from her forethought, leadership, and deep understanding of the collection.

The Regents now salute this distinguished librarian for her dedicated service by naming **Judith C. Avery senior associate librarian emerita**.

**Requested by:**

  
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**Sally Churchill**

**Vice-President and Secretary of the University**

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