

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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ACTION REQUEST

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

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

Ms. Wilhelme received her A.B. and A.M.L.S. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1968 and 1969, respectively. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant librarian in 1969, and was promoted to associate librarian in 1973, and senior associate librarian in 1979.

In 1994, Ms. Wilhelme assumed responsibility for electronic resource ordering and licensing, becoming the library's first electronic resources librarian. In this role, she has been a vital link to publishers and vendors, providing leadership for major collection decisions. Since 2004, when she was appointed head of the newly created Electronic Acquisitions and Licensing Unit, the library has depended on her electronic resource expertise to navigate the complex world of licenses, contracts, and electronic resource management systems. During her forty years with the University Library, Ms. Wilhelme served on numerous committees, participated in several long-term projects, and helped implement the acquisitions functions of multiple library management systems. Throughout her career, she has worked closely with selectors and collection coordinators. As a supervisor, she was committed to organizational diversity and supporting the professional development of her staff.

Ms. Wilhelme's commitment to librarianship extended beyond the University. She was active in numerous professional organizations, including the Michigan Library Association and the North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG). Ms. Wilhelme served as vice-chair of the NASIG planning committee for the conference held on the University of Michigan campus in June 1997.

The Regents now salute this distinguished librarian by naming **Judith J. Wilhelme senior associate librarian emerita**.

Requested by:



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