

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

## *Regents Communication*

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### ACTION REQUEST

January 18, 2007

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Phyllis A. Valentine, A.M., A.M.L.S.**, librarian, Library Systems, at the University Library, will retire from active faculty status on January 31, 2007.


Ms. Valentine received her A.B., A.M., and A.M.L.S. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1965, 1969, and 1977, respectively. She joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1974 as a technical library assistant, and was promoted to assistant librarian in 1978, associate librarian in 1982, senior associate librarian in 1993, and librarian in 2002.

Ms. Valentine began her career at the University Library in the monograph department. She later moved to the systems office, where her role continually broadened, culminating in her promotion to head of library systems in 2000. As a member of the library's information technology management team, she contributed significantly to the overall planning and development of the library's information technology environment and provided management and leadership for the systems and services which support library operations.

During the course of her career, Ms. Valentine has been a leader in implementing technological solutions for managing the library's bibliographic records and access systems. She helped create the automation unit within monograph cataloging and helped ensure consistency of data and circulation standards across the library through her work with the Geac system. Ms. Valentine was instrumental in conducting the library cost study in 1985-86, which led to the selection of NOTIS as the library's first library management system. Most recently, she co-led the library management system review which resulted in the selection and implementation of the current library management system. She has served as a leader within the NOTIS user community, and was involved nationally and within the research libraries group to complete the Pinyin conversion of data.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Phyllis A. Valentine librarian emerita**.

**Requested by:**

  
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**Sally J. Churchill**  
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