Barbara A. MacAdam, A.M.L.S, associate university librarian for public services and librarian, University Library, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2011.

Ms. MacAdam received her A.B. and A.M.L.S. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1972 and 1979, respectively. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant librarian in 1979, and was promoted to associate librarian in 1982, and librarian in 1987. She was appointed associate university librarian for public services in 2008.

A tireless advocate for the learning, teaching, and research needs of students and faculty, Ms. MacAdam achieved national recognition for the University Library through the application of new information service models and the integration of cutting edge technology. With her unflappable leadership style, she guided the University Library through multiple waves of transformative new technologies and changing roles. As head of the Shapiro Undergraduate Library (1987-99) and head of reference and instruction at the Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library (1999-2008), Ms. MacAdam oversaw a major expansion of the undergraduate library and renovation of the graduate library, the launch of the University’s first institutional web portal in 1994, and major infrastructure updates to Mirlyn, the library’s online catalog, from the NOTIS to Ex Libris platform, in 2004.

Ms. MacAdam was an adjunct faculty member in the School of Information and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, where she taught a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses. She has dozens of publications and presentations to her credit, spanning a wide variety of issues. Ms. MacAdam served on the Senate Assembly and the Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs (SACUA), and on the Advisory Board on Intercollegiate Athletics, the Board for Student Publications, and numerous University-wide advisory and search committees. Her awards include the Association of College and Research Library’s Miriam Dudley Instructional Librarian Award (1996), the University’s Librarian Achievement Award (2004), and the University Library’s Diversity Award (1996 and 2011).

The Regents now salute this distinguished librarian for her dedicated service by naming Barbara A. MacAdam librarian emerita.

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