

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

David J. Hart, A.M.L.S., senior associate librarian, Frances Willson Thompson Library, University of Michigan-Flint, retired from active faculty status on April 29, 2011.

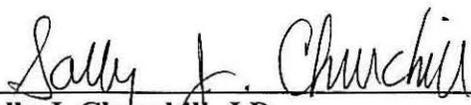
Mr. Hart received his A.B. degree from the University of Michigan-Flint in 1971 and his A.M.L.S. degree from the University of Michigan in 1975. He joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty as an assistant librarian in 1977, and was promoted to associate librarian in 1982 and senior associate librarian in 2001.

Mr. Hart played a key role in the transformation of the University of Michigan-Flint library services from paper-oriented to digital, including the automation of catalog processing and transitioning from paper to digital records for new books. As head of technical services since 1992, Mr. Hart led a multi-year project to convert the bibliographic records of several hundred thousand older books from print to digital formats. These efforts enabled the Thompson Library to include its entire holdings in the University Library's Mirlyn catalog in March 1994. Mr. Hart then continued his leadership in automation by overseeing the introduction of online order-pay-receipt for new books through collaboration with the University Library's acquisitions systems.

While Mr. Hart's work was quiet and behind-the-scenes, it was central to the academic mission of the University. His leadership in helping build the Mirlyn research catalog supported not only current faculty and students, but future generations of researchers. Mr. Hart served for a number of years on the University Library's Metadata Records Committee, the Aleph Service Pack Group, and the Resource Description and Access Task Force. He was a member of the American Library Association and the Michigan Library Association.

The Regents now salute this distinguished librarian by naming **David J. Hart senior associate librarian emeritus**.

Requested by:



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