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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

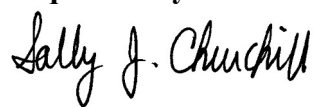
Barbara A. Bolek, M.L.I.S., librarian in the Mardigian Library, University of Michigan-Dearborn, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2020.

Ms. Bolek received her B.A. and M.L.I.S. degrees from Wayne State University in 1996 and 1999, respectively. For 45 years, she devoted her life to the field of library and information science, working in public, special (medical), and academic libraries. She joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty as an assistant librarian/cataloger in the Technical Services Department in 2002. Ms. Bolek was promoted to associate librarian in 2005, senior associate librarian in 2009, and librarian in 2016.

Through knowledge and cataloging expertise acquired over the years at the Mardigian Library, Ms. Bolek played a key role ensuring materials were easily accessible via the catalog and in the physical material collection. She kept the workflow going while participating in large projects, such as the Michigan School Program Information withdrawal project. She also supervised and trained countless UM-Dearborn student employees in the Technical Services Department. Her work was not confined to her role in the Technical Services Department. Ms. Bolek served on the Campus Benefits Committee and volunteered to be a mentor at Women on the Move events. For 12 years, she served on the Commission for Women board, chairing the Professional Development Committee and co-chairing the Susan B. Anthony Awards Committee. She served as chair of the Commission for Women three times. Her work on the commission led her to volunteer with and join the Wyandotte-Downriver Chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), a very active community group that promoted equity and education for women and girls. Ms. Bolek also served on the American Library Association's Public Relations Exchange Committee, which showcased library marketing materials at the American Library Association's annual conference. She was actively involved in a number of regional, statewide library groups and associations, including the Southeast Michigan League of Libraries, as well as participated in the Michigan Innovative Users Group and served on and chaired the Technical Services Interest Group of the Michigan Library Association. She also assisted in the creation of the Michigan Academic Library Association and served on their first board as secretary of the association.

The Regents now salute these contributions by naming **Barbara A. Bolek, librarian emerita**.

Requested by:



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