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### ACTION REQUEST

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

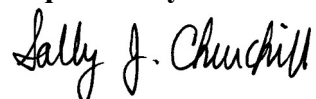
**Elizabeth J. Taylor, M.I.L.S.**, librarian and head of Library Technical Systems in the Mardigian Library, University of Michigan-Dearborn, retired from active faculty status on January 31, 2023.

Ms. Taylor received her Bachelor of Arts in history from Michigan State University in 1987 and her Master of Information and Library Studies (M.I.L.S.) degree from the University of Michigan in 1990. She joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn in 1992 as an assistant librarian. She was promoted through the ranks to librarian in 2006. Initially serving as cataloger in the Technical Services (TS) department, she became head of that department in 2001. She held that position until 2020 when the TS and Systems departments were reorganized into a single department. She continued as head of the Tech/Systems department until her retirement in 2023.

Ms. Taylor managed and coordinated with staff in Ann Arbor on the massive Google digitization project which was an interdepartmental project within the Mardigian Library as well as the Armenian Research Center. She also managed major cataloging projects including the Voice/Vision Holocaust Survivor Oral History Archives, the Juvenile Historic collection, and the Armenian Research Center cataloging project. Over her 30 years, she trained, supervised, and mentored twelve catalogers and numerous students from Wayne State University's library program. Ms. Taylor was active on campus serving on the Faculty Senate and several library, campus, and university committees, as well as statewide library professional groups. She taught library classes on several topics throughout the state and presented at conferences and is known for her mastery of knowledge in authority control. Finally, Ms. Taylor helped her staff transition to remote work with the onset of the pandemic in 2020. She volunteered to be one of the onsite supervisors during the height of the pandemic when the library staff worked in the building while the rest of the campus was closed. She was a member of the library's reopening task force and helped keep the library staff aware and informed of campus and library decisions as the campus reopened. Her excellence in technical services, partnership building, and commitment to making the library's extensive collections discoverable has made the Mardigian Library and its partners on the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus world renown.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Elizabeth J. Taylor, librarian emerita**.

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