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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

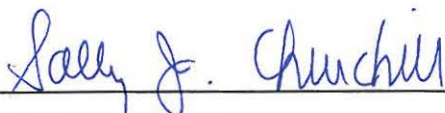
**Judith R. Ahronheim, A.M.L.S.**, librarian in the University Library, retired from active faculty status on October 31, 2016.

Ms. Ahronheim received her B.A. (1973) and A.M.L.S. (1975) degrees from the University of Michigan. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant librarian in 1990, and was promoted to senior associate librarian in 1993, and librarian in 1999.

Ms. Ahronheim played a pivotal role in implementing new workflows and leveraging computing to achieve greater efficiency in creating new catalog records. Throughout her career, she provided leadership in cataloging, metadata, electronic resource management, and made significant scholarly contributions to the library profession. Ms. Ahronheim held a number of key positions in the Graduate Library, including head of the Original Cataloging Unit (1992-99), metadata specialist (1999-2007), and head of the Electronic Resource Access Unit (2007-16). As chair of the Library-wide Cataloging Policy Council, she developed training to implement new policies and expose catalogers to the cataloging of new types of collection materials, including online resources. In recognition of her efforts, Ms. Ahronheim was awarded the American Library Association's Esther J. Piercy Award in 1998. As the metadata specialist, she shaped many of the practices utilized to create or transform existing descriptive metadata to enable discoverability and access to locally hosted resources on the web. Ms. Ahronheim also led working groups and committees that facilitated access to the Library's extensive collection of licensed electronic journals, databases, and ebooks. She played a vital role in the development of the Copyright Review Management System used to determine which HathiTrust collection materials are viewable as public domain works. The Copyright Review Management System project team received the L. Ray Patterson Copyright Award in 2016. Ms. Ahronheim served on the editorial board for the *Journal of Internet Cataloging*, chaired numerous Library and national committees, and held elected positions on both the Librarians' Forum and the Librarian Promotion Review Committee.

The Regents now salute this distinguished librarian for her dedicated service by naming **Judith R. Ahronheim, librarian emerita.**

**Requested by:**



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**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**

**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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