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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

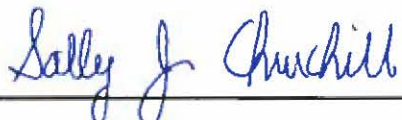
Janet I. Crayne, M.L.I.S., librarian in the University Library, retired from active faculty status on March 15, 2019.

Ms. Crayne received her B.A. (1971) and M.A. (1976) degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and her M.L.I.S. (1986) degree from the University of Rhode Island-Kingston. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate librarian in 1993, and was promoted to senior associate librarian in 1998, and librarian in 2002.

Ms. Crayne left the University of Michigan Library an enduring legacy of a superb collection, one of the best in the nation, as well as a legacy of constant improvement and innovation in description of and access to research resources. She spearheaded numerous projects that aimed to digitally preserve rare materials at a time when digital technology was in its nascent stages. She also excelled in attracting a record number of donors who entrusted her with their prized collections. Beyond the U-M campus, Ms. Crayne became an internationally recognized expert in the area of Slavic bibliography and electronic resources, and was considered one of the top U.S. specialists on the Balkans. She engaged in high-profile national and international activities that solidified the university's leadership among Slavic studies research centers. Appointed to a number of leadership positions in organizations such as the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies and the International Congress of Slavic Librarians, Ms. Crayne worked tirelessly to advance the library profession in her subject area and to foster collaboration across institutions and nations. Her professional activities often converged with humanitarian efforts, such as the preservation of civic documents of the former Yugoslavia in the aftermath of war to help returning refugees document their former residency and claim their right to vote. She also led the Bosniaca Bibliography Project to help the National Library of Bosnia and Herzegovina restore its collections. Ms. Crayne's leadership in Slavic, East European and Eurasian studies positioned the University of Michigan Library at the forefront of this field. In addition to the impact measured by numbers, she has left a lasting mark on a human dimension represented by aid to populations ravaged by war, restoration of national treasures, mentorship to countless individuals, and a great spirit of teamwork.

The Regents now salute this distinguished Librarian for her dedicated service by naming **Janet I. Crayne, librarian emerita.**

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