



Barbara J. Ford

Barbara J. Ford, assistant commissioner for central library services at the Chicago Public Library, has been selected to direct the C. Walter and Gerda B. Mortenson Center for International Library Programs at the University of Illinois Library at Urbana-Champaign. She has also

been named the C. Walter and Gerda B. Mortenson Distinguished Professor. Ford's academic career includes service as the director of libraries at Virginia Commonwealth University, associate director of the libraries at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, and government documents library head at the University of Illinois-Chicago. She was ALA president (1997-98) and ACRL president (1990-91). Ford is currently a member of the U.S. Government Printing Office Depository Library Council.

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Appointments

Robert Berring, professor of law and director of the McEnerney Law Library at the University of California (UC)-Berkeley, has been named interim dean of the UC Berkeley School of Law; he has directed the law library since 1982. He served as dean of the campus's former School of Library and Information Studies (1986-89). Berring received a UC Berkeley Distinguished Teaching Award in 1987.



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Johan Koren has been named Libra Professor of Library and Information Technology at the University of Maine-Augusta for 2002-03. He plans to develop new courses in the Library and Information Technology Program, including a course intended for legal services in cooperation with LexisNexis and Westlaw and a course in multicultural and multiethnic library services. Prior to this position, Koren was an assistant professor of library and information services at Dominican University. In addition to his teaching there, he served as editor of *World Libraries* and is continuing as editor for 2002-03.

Thomas W. Leonhardt has been named director of the Scarborough-Phillips Library at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas.

Laurel Baker has been appointed reference librarian at the University of South Carolina's Thomas Cooper Library in Columbia.

Anne Barnhart-Park is the new Latin American and Iberian Studies librarian at the University of California-Santa Barbara.

Jeff Barton was appointed stacks renovation librarian in Columbia University's Butler Library.

Kim B. Cullinan has been named reference librarian at Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Missouri.

Fadi Dagher has joined Columbia University as social science reference and collection development librarian in the Lehman Library.

Sebastian Derry has been hired as the fine arts reference librarian and media resources coordinator for the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library at the University of Montana.

Connie Edwards is the new head of technical services at the University of St. Francis Library in Joliet, Illinois.

Kristin Heath has been hired as music and catalog librarian at Carnegie Mellon University.

Christopher V. Hollister has been appointed senior assistant librarian in the Arts and Sciences Libraries at the University at Buffalo.

Robin Imhof is now reference librarian at the University of the Pacific's main library.

Will Jarvis has been named knowledge manager for Washington State University Libraries-Pullman.

Jennifer Jones has been appointed instruction librarian for Emory University.

Mohammed Khan has been appointed supervisory librarian at Osan Airforce Base in South Korea.

Susan Klopper is now business research librarian for the Goizueta Business Library at Emory University.

Gail Kouame has been appointed consumer health coordinator at the University of Washington Libraries.

Ann M. Lally has been appointed head of Digital Initiatives at the University of Washington Libraries.

Andrew Larrick was appointed reference librarian in Columbia University's Arthur W. Diamond Law Library.

Lynn MacLauchlin is the new assistant head of the Elliott White Springs Business Library at the University of South Carolina-Columbia.

Elizabeth Gail McClenney has been appointed associate university librarian for technical services at the University of California-Santa Barbara.

J. Elaine McCracken has been named serials and electronic resources cataloger at the University of California-Santa Barbara.

Karen McMullen is now serials acquisitions librarian at the University of South Carolina's Thomas Cooper Library in Columbia.

Robert Melton has been appointed curator of the Archive for New Poetry in the Mandeville Special Collections Library at the University of California-San Diego.

Edward Miner has been named international studies bibliographer at the University of Iowa.

Patricia A. Moran has been appointed director of development for the information services division at Columbia University.

Hideyuki Morimoto is now Japanese cataloger at the C. V. Starr East Asian Library at Columbia University.

R. Arvid Nelson is now special collections cataloger in the Mandeville Special Collections Library at the University of California-San Diego.

Carolyn K. Ottoson has been named reference librarian at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas.

Liza Posas has been named library fellow at the University of California-Santa Barbara.

Christopher Raab has been appointed college archivist and special collections librarian at Franklin & Marshall College.

Sala Rhodes has joined Emory University as psychology librarian.

Margaret Zarnosky Saponaro has joined the University of Maryland-College Park Libraries as manager of staff learning and development.

Jessica Silver has been appointed reference instruction librarian in the Mandeville Special Collections Library at the University of California-San Diego.

Gus Stamatopoulos has been named head of access services and materials processing in the Science and Engineering Libraries at Columbia University.

Thomas Walker has been appointed associate dean of the School of Information Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Gayle Williams has been appointed Spanish, Portuguese, and Latin American Studies librarian at Emory University.

Derrick Wilmott has accepted the position of catalog librarian at the University of South Carolina's Thomas Cooper Library in Columbia.

Julia Marks Young is the director of development for libraries and information technology at Emory University.

acting director of general libraries in April 1977; he was named director the following year. Under Billings' tenure, the UT Library collections have doubled to more than 8 million volumes; the UT Library Online was developed in 1994; and many improvements to services for students and faculty



Harold Billings

were made. Billings played a major role in the establishment of the TexShare statewide resource-sharing program; he helped Harry Ransom and his staff in the acquisition processes that built the Humanities Research Center; he established the library's Asian and Middle East Collections and worked with students and faculty to create the Mexican American Library Program. He has been on numerous boards and advisory groups and was the founding chair of the Research Libraries Advisory Committee to Online Computer Library Center Inc. Billings is the author or editor of works dealing with contemporary literature and bibliography, as well as articles about library cooperation and the electronic information revolution. His most recent book is *Magic and Hypersystems: Constructing the Information-Sharing Library* (Chicago: ALA, 2002).

Larry Gorman, librarian III in monographic cataloging in Central Technical Services at the University of Iowa, has retired.

Retirements

Harold Billings, director of general libraries at the University of Texas-Austin (UT), will retire on August 31, 2003. Billings began his career at the university in 1954 as a library assistant in the University Library Catalog Department, and he held various positions before being appointed

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Deaths

Ralph Harvey Hopp, university librarian at University of Minnesota Libraries (1971-76), has died. He joined the University Libraries in 1953 as assistant director and assumed the leadership of the library in 1971. During his administration, computers became an essential part of library research and the *Minnesota Union List of Serials* was published in 1974. After five years as university librarian, Hopp stepped down in 1976 to pursue other goals, including fundraising for the library. In 1978, he accepted the position as head of the Institute of Technology Libraries, retiring in 1982. Because of his keen interest in physical fitness, Hopp published a book, *Enjoying the Active Life After 50* (Stone Wall, 1979). ■