Eliska Ryznar, head of Stanford University’s Law Library Catalog Department, retired in January after more than 20 years of service. In addition to working in the Catalog Department, Ryznar is the author of several bibliographies, a specialist translator, a professional indexer, and has contributed entries on the Czech and Slovak Republics to the Encyclopedia Americana.

Deaths

Lianne Schroeder Clark, a former librarian in the Rare Book Department at the University of Chicago, died of brain cancer in January at the age of 65.

Charlotte Jacobson, a retired associate professor and associate librarian at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, died in December at the age of 86. Jacobson started working at St. Olaf in 1931. During her 43-year career she served as assistant registrar, secretary to the president and to the dean of men, associate professor of English, and associate librarian. She retired from St. Olaf in 1974 and became archivist for the Norwegian-American Historical Association, based at the college. That second career lasted 16 years.

Mary Alice Eggleston Kraehe, retired African bibliographer at the University of Virginia (UV), died last August. In positions at the Universities of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Kentucky, Kraehe developed her expertise in the antiquarian book trade. She moved to UV in 1970 as out-of-print librarian, and subsequently became African bibliographer until her retirement in 1994. Professionally active, Kraehe held many offices in the African Studies Association’s Africana Librarians Council and the Southeastern Regional Seminar in African Studies.

Margaret Kelly Toth, retired head of acquisitions at the University of Rochester (UR), died on December 15, 1995. During her 26 years at Rochester, Toth also worked in the areas of special collections and microtext. From 1953 to 1968 she was editor of the UR Press, and served as editor of the ACRL Microcard Series from 1954 to 1966.

John C. Tyson, state librarian of Virginia from 1990 to 1994, died in November after a brief illness. He was 44. At the time of his death, Tyson was an associate professor at the Graduate School of Information Sciences at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He also was president of John Tyson and Associates, a library management consulting firm specializing in human resource development. Before his appointment as Virginia’s state librarian, Tyson served as university librarian at the University of Richmond (1986–1990), and associate professor and assistant director for planning, administration, and development at Northern Illinois University (1984–1986). A passionate supporter of the library profession, Tyson was a force behind the creation of the Black Caucus of ALA (BCALA). In 1992 he received the Distinguished Service Award from the BCALA for “his leadership and vision in planning the First National Conference of African American Librarians.”

Lucille M. Wert, retired professor emeritus at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), died last August at the age of 76. Wert served as science librarian at Harvard University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the State University of Iowa, and UIUC. She retired in 1986 as professor emeritus at UIUC, where she had been on the faculty and in administration.
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