

# Beginning anew

This summer seven staff are retiring from the General Library System. This is our opportunity to celebrate more than 159 cumulative years of service to the University of Wisconsin–Madison Libraries. Here is a small reminder about what these people have meant in our work lives.



**Jeanne Boston** has been part of the UW–Madison library staff as director of Library Computer Operations since 1985. She was instrumental in establishing the Library Technology Group’s Help Desk and providing a single point of service to library staff campus-wide for many technology issues and problems. In 1999 Jeanne was project manager for the Voyager implementation. In 1992 she was named Librarian of the Year.



**Thomas Hefko** joined the GLS staff in January 1970 as an LTE, eventually becoming an LSA Advanced and the recognized campus expert on stacks management. He has also been responsible for stack guide maps, both print and electronic, and is known for his calm, organized, caring, craftsman-like approach to his work. Tom has been the chief trainer of staff and students in shelving procedures and has planned and directed major stack shifts during Memorial Library remodelings.



**Dennis Hill** has helped thousands of UW-Madison students over the past three decades through his work first as information librarian and, since 1991, as building manager of Memorial Library. He has served on every campus academic staff appeals body since 1986 and for five years was chair of the academic staff appeals committee. In addition, he has coordinated the UW–Madison Libraries blood donor club. In 1990 Dennis was named the Librarian of the Year and this year he received the inaugural Ann Wallace Career Achievement Award from UW–Madison.



**John Koch** joined the General Library System in 1976 and became a reference librarian at Steenbock in 1987. In addition, he provided information services for Cooperative Extension faculty. John has worked extensively with government information and has been active in WLA’s Government Information Roundtable. His skills regarding geographical information systems and geospatial data are highly regarded. His specialized knowledge has been highly valued by colleagues and library users.



**Lois Komai** has been at Steenbock Library since 1980. In addition to being a reference librarian, she has been an enthusiastic provider of library instruction programs and has served as head of Information Services and as coordinator of Collection Development at Steenbock. Lois has also been a mentor for many student assistants and has been a strong advocate of staff development programs. She was named Librarian of the Year in 1989.



**Jim Seals** joined the libraries in 1969 and has been head of Reserves Acquisitions since 1977. He considers himself fortunate to have helped manage a transition to a boundless world of electronic information from the days “when paper was everything and everything was on paper.” Known for his wanderlust and his avid enjoyment of roller coasters, Jim was the subject of a Profile feature in *Wisconsin Week* in 1995.



**Donna Senzig** joined the GLS in 1963. She has served as head of Germanic Cataloging, head of System Processing, associate director of College Library, and, since 1984, as director of College Library. She has been active in WLA and the American Library Association. Under her direction, College Library has dramatically increased its collections and serves more than 1 million visitors each year.