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Dr. Fran Caplan Retires after 34 Years at RMU

Moon Township, PA -- In her 34 years at Robert Morris University (RMU), Dr. Fran Caplan successfully navigated the RMU library through numerous transitions including, but not limited to, the move from a college to a university library, the paradigm shift in information retrieval technology from print to electronic content, and the consolidation of all RMU library resources and services to the flagship Moon Campus location.

Dr. Caplan was the first RMU library director to earn a doctoral degree. Her 2003 dissertation "The Rise of Robert Morris from a Junior College to a Graduate Institution, 1967-1989: The Sewall Years" is one of only two available texts that provides a readable narrative of RMU history and institutional development and continues to be one of the library's most requested archival documents. Soon after she earned her degree, Dr. Caplan was named Dean of the Library, which was another RMU library first.

Additionally, Dr. Caplan's service record extends beyond the RMU library walls. She was very active in professional communities and served on a number of RMU and larger library-related committees including, but not limited to, the Pittsburgh Council on Higher Education and the Pennsylvania Academic Library Consortium Inc.

Also of note, longtime employees Charles Werme (Circulation) and Virginia Yannick (Dean's Office/E-ZBorrow Assistant) have also retired. The library at RMU wishes them well.

Submitted by Jacqueline Courtney Klentzin, Robert Morris University



Dr. Fran Caplan, pictured in the Robert Morris University library, is retiring after 34 years (Photo submitted by Jacqueline Courtney Klentzin).