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UM SELECTS LIBRARY DEAN

MISSOULA--

Ruth J. Patrick, a specialist in automated library operation, will become dean of library services at the University of Montana July 1, assuming approval of the Montana Board of Regents.

She will be paid \$42,000 a year. She succeeds J. Earle Thompson, who held the position for 18 years. Erling Oelz has been acting dean since Thompson's retirement Oct. 1.

Patrick has been assistant director of library operations at Wayne State University, Detroit, Mich., since September 1978. She was one of five finalists brought to the UM campus for interviews. She was recommended for the position by a nine-member committee that screened 46 applicants during a national search begun in October.

At UM, Patrick will administer the diverse functions of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, including Archives and Special Collections, Interlibrary Loan Service and Instructional Materials Services.

Patrick has had teaching and administrative experience in library automation and technology, systems analysis, networking and staff development, and continuing education.

From October 1976 to March 1978, she was a senior project analyst in the Education System Division of Applied Management Sciences, Silver Spring, Md., where she co-directed a study of Library Cooperatives, Networks and Demonstration

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She was coordinator of continuing education at the School of Information Studies, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y., from September 1974 to May 1976.

She publishes extensively and has served on the editorial board of the Journal of Library Automation. She is active in professional societies, and she has been a consultant on library planning for the University of California.

Patrick received a doctorate from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1972 in library and information studies.

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