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UM SELECTS LIBRARY DEAN

MISSOULA--

Ruth J. Patrick, a specialist in automated library operations, became dean of library services at the University of Montana August 1. She succeeds Earle C. Thompson, who held the position for 18 years.

Patrick has been assistant director of library operations at Wayne State University, Detroit, Mich., since September 1978. At the University of Montana, Patrick administers the diverse functions of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, including Instructional Materials Services and Archives and Special Collections.

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 Projects for the U.S. Office of Education.

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. Currently she is chair of the National Council on Quality Continuing Library

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Education and member of SCOLE, the ALA Standing Committee on Library Education. Also, she is a recipient of a Council on Library Resources grant to study the impact of microcomputers in academic research libraries.

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

She was born in Saskatoon and her parents, Jim and Josephine Patrick, still reside in Saskatoon. She is married to John Aubry, a telecommunications consultant and they have one seven-year-old son, Ryan.

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