



**STEM Librarian**

It is with great sadness that I share with you that our colleague Ken Ryan, STEM Librarian, passed away at the age of 75 on July 11, 2017 in his summer home in New York. He had been a highly respected member of the Library Faculty for almost thirty years.

Ken Ryan came to Cal State LA as the Assistant University Librarian and Manager for Public Services in 1988. After two years as a library administrator, Ken returned to the ranks of the Library Faculty where he has served as the Liaison to the College of Engineering, Computer Science and Technology and the College of Natural and Social Sciences.

Some highlights of his nearly thirty years at Cal State LA include:

- Served as Interim Assistant University Librarian from 1993 – 1998
- Served as Acting Associate University Librarian from 2004-2006
- Received the Cal State LA Innovative Instruction Award in 1997-98
- Served as Chair of the Library Faculty Affairs Committee from 1990-92, 2002-04, and 2007-09
- Served as Marshal for the Honors Convocation and Commencement, 1993 – 2010
- Served as member of the Academic Freedom and Professional Ethics Committee, 2008-13
- Served as Chair of the Program Review Subcommittee of the Educational Policy Committee, 2000-04 and 2008-09
- Served as member of the CSU System-wide Electronic Access to Information Resources Committee, 2012-14
- Member of the Phi Kappa Phi Board of Directors, Gamma Epsilon Chapter from 2004-2010
- Oversaw several library re-organizations (functional and physical) in the periodicals and government document areas
- Moved information literacy as a full-fledged campus wide initiative and assisted the Information Literacy Coordinator,

- Library's Information Literacy Advisory Committee and the campus information literacy advisory committee in planning and implementing a series of workshops, community college summit and various staff development opportunities
- Led the Customer Services Task Force and coordinated the "How are we Doing?" survey

Ken's spirit and dedication to Cal State LA, especially assisting faculty and students in his professional librarian capacity, will be deeply missed.

While we are deeply saddened to learn of his passing, I hope we can use the coming days to celebrate his life, including the impactful and important work he did as a library administrator and faculty member from 1998-2017. An informal gathering of those who wish to openly commiserate, visit and share memories of Ken Ryan will be held on Friday, July 21st from 2-3pm in the University Library Dean's Conference Room.

A second larger gathering to celebrate Ken's life and work is being scheduled in early September and will be announced in the coming weeks.

With sadness,

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