Longtime librarian honored with emeritus status

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Linda Ford always knew she would be a librarian. While attending Sunny Hills High School, she would spend a great amount of time working in the school library during the school year.

Ford began working at CSUF as a library assistant when she was 20 years old. She graduated from CSUF with a bachelor’s degree in history in 1976 and a master’s degree in library science in 1978.

After 46 years of service to the CSUF community, Ford recently retired with emeritus status.

“I loved my job,” Ford, 67, said. “I worked with an incredible group of people. (I will miss) the support system and those people that became my friends. We were a team; we worked really well together.”

As an acquisitions librarian and library services specialist at Pollak Library, Ford was responsible for building the book collection. “I coordinated the staff in the efficient ordering, receipt and processing of materials,” she said. “I worked closely with the faculty to purchase and support campus curriculum needs.”

She and her team were additionally responsible for withdrawing dated material from the library shelves.

Ford recently received a letter from CSUF President Mildred Garcia in which she was bestowed with the title Library Assistant and Acting Acquisitions Librarian, Emeritus.
“It meant a lot to me,” Ford said of receiving emeritus status. “I always felt like I tried to do a really good job and this is a way of giving back to me so I can still continue to stay close to the campus.”

Throughout Ford’s 46 years at the library, there has been one notable game changer: technology.

“In the last few years it has evolved into working with e-books. That was a big change,” she said. “We went from the traditional card catalog to an online catalog to electronic books. Because of technology, our job kept evolving – it never stagnated.”

Ford, who retired in September, said she plans on spending her time traveling, gardening, visiting museums and attending theater productions. She has visited France, Italy and Hawaii since she retired. In April she plans to travel to Washington, D.C., and Rhode Island.

Although most of her time will be spent off campus, Ford said she looks forward to visiting. She recently joined the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at CSUF.

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