Memorial Resolution for Associate Professor Elizabeth Fabry

A significant and rapidly ascending career in library work was brought to an end with the death of Associate Professor Elizabeth Fabry on November 18, 1964. At the time of her death she was head of the Circulation Department of the Kenwood Library.

She was born, Elizabeth Juday, in Rhinelander, Wisconsin in 1921, and attended Milwaukee-Downer Seminary and the University of Wisconsin where she received a Bachelor of Philosophy degree in 1942. After serving for two years in the women's reserve of the Marine Corps she returned to Madison and earned a Master's degree in Philosophy in 1945. She was married to Arthur Fabry in 1948. Mrs. Fabry joined the library staff of the Milwaukee State College in the fall of 1949, remaining there with the exception of a leave of absence during the academic year of 1957-58 to attend the Library School in Madison where she obtained a Master's degree in Library Science. From 1958 to 1963 she was librarian of the UWM Downtown Campus Library.

Mrs. Fabry was an active member of the American Library Association, the Wisconsin Library Association, the Special Libraries Association, and the American Federation of Teachers. She was instrumental in establishing a public library in the city of Brookfield where she lived, and was a member of the Brookfield Library Board serving as secretary and later as its president. Through her efforts the Milwaukee Public Library made Brookfield the first community outside of Milwaukee County to be included in its contractual arrangement for library service.

Some of the more important positions held by Mrs. Fabry were: Secretary of the Wisconsin Library Association; President of the Wisconsin Chapter of the Special Libraries Association; Secretary of the then Junior Administrative Committee of the University; and Secretary of Local 79 of the American Federation of Teachers.

During the present year Mrs. Fabry was state chairman of National Library Week, and was a candidate for membership on the national executive board of the Special Libraries Association.

Although her professional achievements were impressive, the quality of her work was even more noteworthy. Her identification and intellectual empathy with the various academic units with which she worked won her the affection and respect of her colleagues. Her interests varied widely but she was able to acquaint herself with the essence of a problem whether it concerned her various assignments at the University, her duties as library trustee, her work with intellectual freedom, or a host of other interests. She gave unsparingly of herself and demanded perfection in whatever the task might be.

All of those who knew Mrs. Fabry will remember her sincerity, her humanness, and her warm personality that won her so many friends.

We extend our most sincere sympathy and comfort to her husband, her mother, and her two brothers.

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