

Phyllis Mirsky named acting University librarian

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Phyllis S. Mirsky, assistant university librarian for sciences at the University of California, San Diego, has been named acting university librarian at UCSD effective January 1, 1985. Her appointment was announced Friday, November 16, by Chancellor Richard C. Atkinson.

Mirsky, who has served as assistant university librarian since 1981, will replace Millicent "Penny" Abell, university librarian at UCSD for the past eight years, who has accepted the position as librarian of Yale University. Mirsky will serve as acting university librarian through June 30, 1985, or until a permanent librarian is selected.

Mirsky has pursued a career as a librarian for the past 20 years. She began in the Hospital and Institutions Division of the Cleveland Public Library in 1963 and moved to UCLA as a reference librarian in 1965. She served in various library capacities at UCLA until 1979 when she moved to the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, Maryland, as head of the reference section and as coordinator of the Library Associate Program.

She currently serves as president of the Medical Library Association, an international organization with a membership of approximately 5,000 individuals and institutions in the health sciences library field. She is also a member of the Library and Information Technology Association, the American Library Association, the Association of College & Research Libraries and the American Society for Information Science.

Mirsky has served as a guest lecturer at the UCLA Graduate School of Library and Information Science and at the Catholic University Graduate School of Library Science. She has also served as a consultant for several area health education programs and for the American Hospital Association. She is the author of a number of publications dealing with librarianship, especially in the health related fields.

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