

**Mary Ann Mavrinac**, vice provost and the Andrew H. and Janet Dayton Neilly dean of the University of Rochester Libraries, has been appointed to a one-year term as president of the Association of Research Libraries.

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## Appointments

**Sommer Browning** is now associate director of technical and financial services at the University of Colorado-Denver's Auraria Library.

**Andrea Falcone** has been appointed associate director of education and public services at the University of Colorado-Denver's Auraria Library.

**Nora Gabor** has joined the DePaul University Library as rare books librarian.

**Kelli Getz** has been named coordinator of collections and scholarly resources at the DePaul University Library.

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## Retirements

**Christopher Hoepfner**, associate university librarian for administrative services, has retired after 24 years at the DePaul University Library.

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## Deaths

**Joan Giesecke**, dean of libraries at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln (UNL) libraries for 16 years, has died. During her 25-year tenure at UNL, Giesecke tripled the library's endowment, oversaw renovations to improve the libraries in size and ser-

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vice, developed relationships to help the colleges advance their teaching and research and enhanced the diversity of the libraries' faculty. Enhancing diversity in the library field was critically important to her. Under Giesecke's leadership, the libraries developed a long-term commitment to promoting and supporting diversity. Her work in this area was recognized nationally by ALA in 2011, when she was honored with the Equality award. Giesecke joined UNL in 1987 as an associate dean and became dean of libraries in 1996. From



Joan Giesecke

2009 to 2010, she was interim director of University of Nebraska Press, and, in 2010, was interim associate vice chancellor for Extended Education and Outreach. From 2012 until her retirement in 2014, she served as special assistant to the chancellor and coordinated campus-wide accreditation efforts. Upon her retirement, Giesecke was recognized as dean and professor emerita. During her career, Giesecke taught numerous graduate and undergraduate classes and workshops at Simmons College in Boston and Emporia State University in Emporia, Kansas. Her professional involvement, in addition to the American Research Libraries, included ACRL, the Greater Western Library Alliance, the Nebraska Library Association, and the Virginia Library Association. In 2016, the University of Maryland College of Information Studies recognized her as their Distinguished Alumnus. ♪

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