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## Didier elected chair of Library of Michigan board

Elaine Didier, dean of Kresge Library and professor at OU, recently was elected chair of the Library of Michigan Board of Trustees. Her term will expire in October 2004.

"It is a great honor to be entrusted with leadership of the LM board," Didier said. "I look forward to working with State Librarian Christie Brandau and her excellent staff, and with Dr. William Anderson, director of the Department of History, Arts and Libraries, to enhance and support LM leadership and services to libraries and individual citizens across the state."

As chair, Didier also will serve as a member of the Library of Michigan Foundation Board of Directors.

Prior to coming to OU in 1999, Didier worked at the University of Michigan for nearly 22 years. She was appointed to the Library of Michigan board as the representative of the Michigan Library Association (MLA) in 2001. She is past president of the MLA and continues to serve on the MLA Board of Directors. She earned her B.A., A.M.L.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan and also studied at Oxford University.

Didier, who replaces Bettina Graber as chair, served as vice chair of the Library of Michigan Board of Trustees this past year. Clifford Haka, director of libraries at Michigan State University since 1997 and on the staff of MSU Libraries for more than 20 years, replaces Didier as vice chair.

"The Library of Michigan will be well served with Elaine and Cliff in these leadership roles," Brandau said. "Their experience and commitment to the growth and enhancement of library service can only mean good things for libraries in our state."

The Library of Michigan — this year celebrating 175 years as Michigan's official state library agency — promotes, advocates and consistently works to achieve the highest level of library service to the state of Michigan and its residents. The library serves the Legislature, the executive and judicial branches of state government and libraries throughout Michigan by meeting information needs; providing administrative, developmental and technical assistance; and functioning as a statewide resource for individuals and agencies.

The Library of Michigan is part of the **Department of History, Arts and Libraries**. Dedicated to enriching the quality of life for Michigan residents by providing access to information, preserving and promoting Michigan's heritage and fostering cultural creativity, the department also includes the Mackinac Island State Park Commission, the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, the Michigan Film Office, and the Michigan Historical Center.

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