

**Memorial Resolution of the Academic Staff Assembly  
Of the University of Wisconsin-Madison**

**On the Death of Rebecca Holz, Information Architecture Librarian, Ebling Library**

*"Like a great book, she will always be remembered, shared and cherished, and never forgotten"*

Rebecca Joy Holz, age 38, died Sunday, November 27, 2011 surrounded by her loving family. Rebecca grew up in Racine and Madison and graduated from Horlick High School in Racine. She attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and Anthropology in 1997. She continued her education at UW-Madison, earning a Master of Arts degree in Library and Information Science in 2002. Rebecca started working for the libraries in 2001 as a Technical Services Assistant for the Primate Research Center Library and as a Project Assistant for the Water Resources Institute Library. Rebecca began her work at the Ebling Library in 2002 as a Research Intern for the Document Delivery Unit within Access Services. She was responsible for developing web-based applications in support of document delivery processes while supervising six full-time staff. Starting in 2004, Rebecca accepted a position in the library as an Information Architecture Librarian. In that position, she led the library through a number of web reconstructions and developed applications for mobile technologies in support for education. Her high-level degree of technical expertise and outstanding programming skills gave the library the opportunity to provide a number of integral services. A colleague from another research university described Rebecca as brilliant and a joy to work with on a number of detailed, technical projects. Her colleagues and friends at the Ebling Library and throughout the campus community will remember Rebecca most for her giving nature, her ready smile, and her willingness to always help out library colleagues, faculty, staff, and students. She could always be counted on and never let people down.

As a child, Rebecca was an avid reader and had a passion for music. She began playing piano at age 7, and continued to find comfort and joy in music through adulthood. She also enjoyed expressing herself artistically through unique arts and crafts. Rebecca's caring and concern for all creatures shone through in her eagerness to rescue several animals over the years, including her sweet dog, Mystic.

Rebecca is survived by her cherished family; her mother Deborah Bailey; fathers, Lynn (DeAnn) Bailey and Stephen (Ann) Scarseth; her sister Emily (Mark) Perkins; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. She will be missed by her husband Will Holz and stepchildren, Brianna, Kimmy Sue, and Logan.

*"She was such a bright and beautiful light in the world,  
and her light continues to shine brightly in our hearts."*