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Summary: The Morris history major’s career as a librarian for a prominent daily newspaper demonstrates a passion for researching, collecting, organizing, and preserving history.

(September 15, 2010)-Sharon Stewart Reeves ’68 will speak on “Memories to Metadata” as the Briggs Library Associates Fall Event guest speaker on Wednesday, September 22, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. in Imholte 109. Her 31-year career as a librarian for a prominent daily newspaper, The San Diego Union-Tribune, demonstrates a passion for researching, collecting, organizing, and preserving history. The public is invited to attend.

LeAnn Dean, Briggs Library director, says that she is eagerly looking forward to the Stewart Reeves talk. “Sharon is the perfect speaker as the Briggs Library Associates’ contribution to Founders Week festivities that celebrate UMM’s 50th birthday. She’ll share recollections of the library and UMM in its first decade and also bring us forward through time as libraries changed the tools used in organizing and sharing information while continuing to serve the needs of academic and public communities. What a perfect combination of past and future perspectives!”

A history major at Morris, Stewart Reeves earned a master of library science at the University of Washington in Seattle. She began her career as a newspaper librarian with The Seattle Times. In 1975, she accepted a position with the San Diego Union and San Diego Tribune at which she began as head librarian and concluded her career as The San Diego Union-Tribune director of library services. She has worked on numerous high profile news stories throughout her career and received recognition along with writers, editors, and publishers when The San Diego Union-Tribune was honored with a Pulitzer Prize in 2007 for reporting on U.S. Representative Randy “Duke” Cunningham’s acceptance of bribes.

The Library Associates organization brings together friends who love books, who enjoy cultural pursuits and who believe in supporting an important campus and regional intellectual resource. As part of its mission, the Library Associates provide programming and exhibits that enrich the cultural, intellectual, and artistic life of the community and region.

For more information about the Library Associates and about the Fall Event, please contact Dean at 320-589-6226 or deanl@morris.umn.edu.

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