

## **WAYNE J. PEAY, M.S.**

### **Director of the Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library**

Slice of Life is indebted to Wayne for his constant support of the project, its meetings and its goals. It is fitting that with Wayne's retirement Slice of Life is also retiring, but the goals and mission of both will continue with the vision of the next generation as well as the experience of the old guard.



Wayne J. Peay, Director of the Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library since 1984 began his career at the library in 1970 as the bindery clerk when the library was located on the B Level of the Medical Center after the medical library was separated from the main campus library and assisted in moving the library to the new Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library in 1971. He left for Washington University in St. Louis where he was Serials Librarian and Coordinator of the PHILSOM Network from 1973-1975. He left St. Louis for library school at Columbia University where he received his M.S. and was Assistant Director of the Data Processing

Department at the Medical Library Center of New York. Wayne returned to the Eccles Library as Head of Media Services 1977-1983 (he remembers being interviewed for the job by Suzanne Stensaas), Head of Technical Services 1980-83 and Head of Computer and Media Services 1983-1984.

Wayne's list of honors and awards is long. He was on the National Library of Medicine's Biomedical Library Review Committee, 1992-1994, served on the Board of Directors for the Medical Library Association, 1992-1996 and was President of the Association of Academic Health Science Library Directors. He received the Bernice M. Hetzner Award for Excellence in Academic Health Sciences Librarianship in 1996, the Utah State Chief Information Officer's Award in 1997 and the Distinguished Service Award from the Utah Library Association in 1999. Wayne presented the Janet Doe Lecture at the Medical Library Association meeting in 1998, became a Fellow in the Medical Library Association in 2000, and was nominated as one of Utah's Library Advocates for the 20th Century in 2000. Most recently Wayne was inducted as a fellow into the American College of Medical Informatics for significant and sustained contributions to the field of biomedical and health informatics.

Three of Wayne's most notable accomplishments during his career are the implementation of technology in higher education and libraries over 30 years, winning the contract for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine for Utah in 2001 and successfully building and administrating the Spencer F. and Cleone P. Eccles Health Sciences Education Building in 2005.