It is with a very heavy heart that the Reserves Department announces the death of our staff member, Marc Liberta. Marc very unexpectedly passed away on July 30, 2013 at the age of 51 years.

Marc began his work in Morris Library in the Reserves Department in the spring of 2007. He took over the job of processing Electronic Reserves for instructors. He also helped out in any other duties that needed to be done within the library and went above and beyond his duties to help patrons with their library issues.

Linda Porter-Smith, head of Reserves said: "I never once heard him say “That’s not in my job description”. He was a hard worker and he was very good at his job. He became a leader for our student assistants, guiding them in their work duties and sometimes as an adult mentor in their personal and academic lives. I know that they appreciated his advice and friendship. Marc was a hard worker, but he was
also a very laid back, friendly person with a great sense of humor. We will miss him dearly."

His funeral will be at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, August 5, 2013 at Epiphany Catholic Church, Normal, with Monsignor Eric S. Powell officiating. Visitation will be from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, August 5, 2013 at the Carmody-Flynn Williamsburg Funeral Home. Interment will be at a later date.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

He was born in Bloomington, Illinois on December 31, 1961, the son of Anthony and Susan Liberta.

Surviving are his parents, Anthony and Susan Liberta of Normal; a sister, Valerie Liberta of Cherry Tree, Pennsylvania; an uncle, Calvin (Marilyn) Fitch of San Diego, CA and one first-cousin, Brian Fitch of Eldorado Hills, CA.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Andrew Ross Liberta and by his grandparents, Ross and Josephine Liberta of LaSalle, Illinois and Horatio and Dorothy Fitch of Allenspark, Colorado.

Marc graduated from University High School and later earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Southern Illinois University. He taught at an elementary school for 10 years in Mesa, Arizona, and later became Library Assistant for Reserve/Controlled Access at Southern Illinois University's Morris Library.

Marc had an avid interest in North American railroad history and wrote numerous articles on the topic. He also served for several years as Secretary of the GM&O Railroad Historical Society. His other passions were rooting for the St. Louis Cardinals and Green Bay Packers.

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