

# Forward

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It has been a pleasure and honor to facilitate the creation of this festschrift, *In Honor of Sandra Levy*.

When Sandra retired from the University of Chicago Library in 2019, I could not think of an appropriate gift that was worthy to celebrate her long career. Instead, I simply contributed to the collective gift and signed the card. However, as time passed, I still wanted to give a more personal gift as Sandra was both a colleague and friend. It took a year, but finally inspiration came in the form of a Facebook posting from another Chicago colleague. The post recapped a conversation about festschriften and their inclusion or exclusion as part of approval plans. Yes, a festschrift! A festschrift was the perfect gift checking all of the metaphorical boxes. I could afford it. I knew she didn't already have one. And it could be adjusted to fit, encompassing not only her library career, but her other interests. I knew that this was not a solo project. I needed and wanted assistance. It was not difficult to find a small group of co-conspirators to join me and off we went.

Together we created a vision for our festschrift. We wanted it to truly reflect the person of honor and to accomplish that we decided to be open to various formats of scholarship and creative expression. We put out the calls, and the results were wonderful. Academic essays sit alongside, poetry, comics, and photographs. The submissions are written in Russian and English.

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