

## **Jane Burke ... NOTIS Reunion Bio**

My time at NOTIS. I was hired by John McGowan, the university librarian, as Director of the “NOTIS Office” in 1983. I was recruited from CLSI, a very early library automation company. At that time there were a couple of staff (Peggy, Kenton and Doris Warner) and a couple of customers, including Harvard and the National Library of Venezuela. It was the advent of the “integrated” library system, of which NOTIS was a pioneer, thanks to the insight of Dr. James Aagaard and Velma Veneziano. The University wanted to commercialize the technology. Most large universities had IBM mainframes, and NOTIS was a modestly priced application developed by a well-respected university.

After we started making money, the University decided we should be incorporated, which happened in 1987. I became president. In 1991 Ameritech acquired the company. NOTIS achieved a 50% market share among large research libraries in North America.

I was fired by Ameritech in 1994. Later that year I joined Endeavor Information Systems, a library automation start-up founded by a group of NOTIS veterans. I left Endeavor in 2003. In 2005 I was hired by ProQuest to manage Serials Solutions, a e-resource management company that ProQuest had acquired the year before. ProQuest acquired Ex Libris in 2015. Ironically, Ex Libris had acquired Endeavor in 2006.

So it was a career in library automation, working with wonderful library customers. I retired in December, 2021.