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## Library News

### Laptops for Checkout

The library now has 4 laptops available for checkout for IU students, faculty and staff. IU identification is required. The laptops can only be used in the Information Commons or the Cybercafé. Please go to the Information Commons and speak to either an IT Assistant or a Reference Librarian to check out a laptop.

### World Food Day

The Library Marketing Committee would like to thank everyone who donated food for World Food Day. The food bank barrel was overflowing with donations

of non-perishables. There's no donation ever too small to make a difference. Thank you so much for your participation.

### Textbook Donations

The IUN Library is asking all faculty to donate a copy of their textbooks to the Library. The Library will put donated textbooks on two-hour reserve for students to use throughout the semester. If you are interested in donating a textbook to the library, please contact Cynthia Szymanski at 980-6521.

### Information Commons

The Information Commons has gone through its final stage of construction. The IC is currently furnished with: 67 student computers; 6 community computers; 2 large display monitors; 6 scanners; 2 black and white printers and 1 color printer. The Multimedia Room is now open. The Multimedia Room is furnished with two Macs, two PCs, three large display monitors and a printer. Students will be able to create graphics and edit videos. Policies for the Multimedia Room will soon be announced.

## Adaptive Technology Center is Now Open

The Adaptive Technology Center is now open. The Adaptive Technology Center of the IUN Library is located in Room 124, near the Information Commons on the first floor of the library. The ATC computer workstations are geared toward providing assistance to persons with disabilities, including persons with learning disabilities; as well as Spanish speakers seeking software to assist with learning English as a second language, and the general

public.

The ATC contains 2 ergonomic desks, which can be adjusted

with a pneumatic lever on the side of the desk. The desks can easily accommodate patrons using wheelchairs or similar mobility aids. Each desk has an ergonomic task chair, which can be adjusted by a red button on the side of the chair. The ATC has:

- Two Dell OptiPlex 780 computers equipped with

Dell UltraSharp twenty-two inch monitors

- Dell 2330dn laser printer
- For patrons facing issues with dexterity, trackball mice are available when the use of a traditional computer mouse proves difficult
- Scanner will be available for use with the ATC computers
- Jaws II: Screen reading software for the blind

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## Director's Corner

Thank you for taking the time to read this most recent issue of the Library Newsletter. Our Newsletter Editor, Instruction Librarian Latrice Booker strives to provide you with useful information about the Library and its services. If you have questions about the Library, if you would like the Library to provide resources or services not currently available, or if the Library has excelled in or failed you in some particular way, please contact me ([sutherla@iun.edu](mailto:sutherla@iun.edu)), Latrice ([lbooker@iun.edu](mailto:lbooker@iun.edu)), or another librarian/staff member. We seek to have the Library centered on our students, focused on faculty/staff, and engaged with Gary and Northwest Indiana community, as we seek to provide relevant online information resources for learning and research.

As the Fall semester is underway you hopefully have already observed that our Little RedHawk Café <http://www.iun.edu/~food/> remains open for business with expanded hours (8am-6pm Mon.-Thurs. and 8am-2pm Fridays). Our Café/Coffeehouse is a great place to visit between classes for reading, group study, or Cybercafé access to online resources. Our New Books collection, current magazine issues, and Diversity Library area are available in the Café area for browsing over a cup of coffee. The Library Café is popular with over 300 customers on its busiest days.

Over the Summer 2010 the Library and IT Services expanded our Information Commons and Cybercafé areas. These areas on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Library include the following for student use:

about 75 up to date technology workstations with access to Lib. Databases [www.iun.edu/~lib/databases](http://www.iun.edu/~lib/databases), Internet, email, social networking, and applic. software; laptops with wireless and portable scanners for checkout (use within the I.C. area); printing (B&W & color), wireless laptop printing, downloading, photocopying, and faxing; books/E-books, course readings, (e)magazines/journals/newspapers, instructional videos, and interlibrary borrowing;

Adaptive Technology Room (for students with a disability); Multimedia Room with faster computers, large display monitors, and graphics software; one-on-one Service "Reference Help" Desk assistance and library instruction; and 6 workstations for library patrons from the community.

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## So...What's New?

Books are shelved in the New Books Area at the Café.

**Forbes, Scott.** (2005). A natural history of families.

**QP251 .F644 2005**

**Kahn, Si.** (1991). Organizing: a guide for grassroots leaders. Revised Edition.

**HMI41 .K29 1991**

**Patten, Mildred L.** (2000). Understanding research methods. 2ed.

**Q180.55.M4 P38 2000**

**Stanton, Timothy K., Dwight E. Giles and Nadinne I. Cruz.**

(1999). Service-Learning: a movement's pioneers reflect on its origins, practice, and future.

**LC220.5 .S72 199**

## National American Indian Heritage Month

*Information courtesy of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior*

What started at the turn of the century as an effort to gain a day of recognition for the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the U.S., has resulted in a whole month being designated for that purpose.

One of the very proponents of an American Indian Day was Dr. Arthur C. Parker, a Seneca Indian, who was the director of the Museum of Arts and Science in Rochester, N.Y. He persuaded the Boy Scouts of America to set aside a day for the "First Americans" and for three years they adopted such a day. In 1915, the annual Congress of the American Indian Association meeting in Lawrence, Kans., formally approved a plan concerning American Indian Day. It directed its president, Rev. Sherman Coolidge, an Arapahoe, to call upon the country to observe such a day. Coolidge issued a proclamation on Sept. 28, 1915, which declared the second Saturday of each May as an American Indian Day and contained the first formal appeal for recognition of Indians as citizens.

The year before this proclamation was issued, Red Fox James, a Blackfoot Indian, rode horseback from state to state seeking approval for a day to honor Indians. On December 14, 1915, he presented the endorsements of 24 state governments at the White House. There is no record, however, of such a national day being proclaimed.

The first American Indian Day in a state was declared on the second Saturday in May 1916 by the governor of New York. Several states celebrate the fourth Friday in September. In Illinois, for example, legislators enacted such a day in 1919. Presently, several states have

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# It's Time for Web News

## FactCheck.org

<http://www.factcheck.org/>

Factcheck.org is a nonpartisan, nonprofit website that tracks U.S. politics. What distinguishes factcheck.org from other websites is that they not only want to inform, but wants to "reduce the level of deception and confusion in U.S. politics." Factcheck.org monitors U.S. political actions in the media, debates, speeches and interviews. Their mission is to look for the accurateness of what major U.S. politicians are saying. According to the website, their goal is "to apply the best practices of both journalism and scholarship, and to increase public knowledge and understanding."

## Features

### FactCheck Articles

Articles are written on hot topics within the political



## Spotlight On...

### Testing & Education Reference Center

[www.nelnetsolutions.com/terc/](http://www.nelnetsolutions.com/terc/)

Testing & Education Reference Center is a database offered free of charge to all Indiana residents through INSPIRE, Indiana's Virtual Library. Testing & Education Reference Center provides online practice tests for the GRE, GMAT, SAT, ACT, LSAT, MCAT, NCLEX, PRAXIS, TOEFL, and more. In addition to housing various practice tests for free, there is also a financial aid database with nearly \$5 billion

realm. All articles have a summary and analysis of the topics being discussed, in addition to a list of sources.

### The FactCheck Wire

Provides information on the accuracy of different political ads.

### Ask FactCheck

Ask FactCheck allows readers to ask questions and they will be answered by one of FactCheck's staff member.

### Cash Attack

Keeps track of funding from various corporations to political campaigns.

### FactCheck Radio

Weekly podcast of political issues and topics.

### FactCheck Mailbag

Readers can send emails with their comments on any political issue to [editor@factcheck.org](mailto:editor@factcheck.org).

worth of scholarships and grants for college.

Testing & Education Reference Center also provides essay editing online to help applicants to undergraduate, graduate and professional schools with their personal statements and admission essays. There is also a section that allows users to create a resume online. The Online Resume Builder guides users step-by-step in building a resume. "Resume Edge provides resume writing services, resume editing, sample resumes, and instruction from Certified Professional Resume Writers (CPRWs)."

Some emails will be featured on the website.

## For Educators

### FactCheckED.org

FactCheckED.org is geared towards helping students evaluate information. Students have access to so much information that it's easy to use unauthorized sources. FactCheckED.org provides topical lesson plans for educators to use to teach students how to process information from product or political advertisements and to find the accuracy in the information given. Other tools offered on the website are: a directory of credible websites to verify information; a dictionary to look up various political terms; and a five-step guide to help students analyze information.

For more information, please contact the Reference Desk at 980-6582.



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- Kurzweil 3000 is a reading, study skill program designed to meet the needs of struggling learners, and individuals with special needs

Patrons seeking to use one of the ATC computer workstations are asked to make a reservation to ensure that a computer is available during a specified time )

period. Reservations will be accepted for 2-hour periods of time. You can reserve an ATC computer by calling the Reference Desk at 219-980-6582.

## Library Trivia

1. What does J. K. Rowling, the creator of Harry Potter, initials stand for?
2. Given is the first line of a famous novel. Name the novel. "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times."
3. Which country banned *Black Beauty* for its supposed racist title?
4. In which decade was *The Lord of the Rings* first published?
5. "Call me Ishmael" is the first line of which famous novel?

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## Indiana University Northwest Library

Calumet Regional Archives: 980-6628  
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 Reference Help Desk: 980-6582  
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### IU Northwest Library...Your Question Deserves an Answer

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designated Columbus Day as Native American Day, but it continues to be a day we observe without any recognition as a national legal holiday.

In 1990 President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November 1990 "National American Indian Heritage Month." Similar proclamations, under variants on the name (including "Native American Heritage Month" and "National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month") have been issued each year since 1994.

**Transatlantic voices [electronic resource] : interpretations of Native North American literatures** Pulitano, Elvira, 1970-

**Empowerment of North American Indian girls [electronic resource] : ritual expressions at puberty** Markstrom, Carol A.

**Family life in Native America [electronic resource]** Volo, James M., 1947-

**Choctaw nation [electronic resource] : a story of American Indian resurgence** Lambert, Valerie.

**Cross-cultural collaboration [electronic resource] : Native peoples and archaeology in the northeastern United States** Kerber, Jordan E., 1957-

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The IU Northwest Library houses a collection of over 250,000 books and periodical volumes and 250,000 government publications. Special purpose areas include: the Calumet Regional Archives; the Northwest Indiana Center for Data and Analysis; and the Lake County Central Law Library. The IU Northwest Library can also access 7 million bound volumes and over 26 million other materials in the Indiana University Libraries' system.

Books and journal articles held by Bloomington, Indianapolis and other regional campuses can be easily obtained for IU Northwest students and faculty through the System Ser-



## Library Trivia Answers

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1. Joanne Kathleen
2. "A Tale of Two Cities" written by Charles Dickens.
3. South Africa banned "Black Beauty" because the word *black* was in the title.
4. 1950s. The first volume, "The Fellowship of the Ring" with two books, was first published on 29 July 1954 in the UK.  
 The second volume, "The Two Towers" with the second two books, was first published on 11 November 1954 in the UK.  
 Volume three, "The Return of the King" with the last two books and the appendices was first published on 20 October 1955 in the UK. (www.wiki.answers.com)
5. Moby Dick

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Please plan to visit the Library often this semester and give us your feedback about our services.

Tim Sutherland, Director of Library Services