Library News

Information Commons coming Fall 2009

This fall, the reference area will become an Information Commons. The IT department has collaborated to provide the library with twelve additional student computers for a total of 24 student computers and 10 community computers. The Information Commons will be a student-friendly area that encourages group study and allows individuals to have some seclusion while working on a project. The new Information Commons will be a place for students to work in comfort while getting help they need for their research class.

IU Northwest’s 50th Anniversary Exhibit

As many of you know, the year 2009 marks the 50th anniversary of IU Northwest’s Glen Park campus. As part of the celebration of this milestone, IU’s Calumet Regional Archives has opened an exhibit in the lobby of the Library/Conference Center. Displays include photographs, documents, and other records from the Archives’ collections and cover topics such as IUN’s move from downtown Gary to Glen Park, honorary degrees awarded by our campus, the first commencement in 1967, the campus’ buildings, and previous locations of IUN (downtown Gary, Gary College, and the Calumet Center in East Chicago). In addition, the exhibit comprises selected headlines from issues of the student newspaper (from the Gary Centerian to the Northwest Phoenix) over the past fifty years.

The exhibit will be available for viewing during regular library hours for most of 2009. Please stop by and enjoy some campus history as we commemorate our golden jubilee year!

Taking Little Steps:
Get Started On Your Health

May is National Physical Fitness and Sports Month! It’s no secret that there is an obesity epidemic in the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 66% of American adults, age 20 and over, are overweight or obese. It’s more difficult now than ever to for adults be physically active. The President’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports is issuing a challenge known as the President’s Challenge. Starting May 1 – July 24, 2009, Americans can join the challenge and start incorporating physical activities into their lives.

For more information, visit: www.presidentschallenge.org

If joining a national challenge is not your cup of tea, you can incorporate activity into your lives by making minor changes. Exercise during TV commercials. There are about 10 minutes of commercials for every show. If watch an hour of television, you will have achieved 20 minutes of activity.

Visit: www.smallstep.gov for simple suggestions to increase your activity and health.

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What Interlibrary Loan Can Do For You

A professor asked for a paper which was published in 1895 in Germany. The catalog record was found at the State Library in Berlin with a note: ‘possibly destroyed during the war’. A request was sent and the paper supplied via e-mail attachment. What initially appeared to be an impossible task came to a satisfactory conclusion, due to many people's help along the way.

For more information about Interlibrary Loan, please contact:
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Director’s Corner

Thanks for reading the Library’s Newsletter. In this issue I thought I would highlight 10 things about the Library about which you might not be aware:

1 - You can always email the Library with a question from home, campus computer lab, or office - see www.iun.edu/~lib/ask

2 - The Library’s arguably most popular service is InterLibrary Loan combined with IUCAT’s ”Request Delivery” feature - just about anything that is published the Library can either get a copy or borrow - see http://kb.iu.edu/data/aqga.html

3 - This summer the Library’s Online Catalog, IUCAT, will get a new more userfriendly search “front end” called WorldCat Local - to demo it try http://iun.worldcat.org

4 - If you want to know if the Library has access to the full text of articles from a particular journal or magazine go to www.iun.edu/~lib/elecinfo, click on ”Electronic Journals”, and then type in the title of the journal/magazine.

5 - By next fall the Library and campus IT will have established for students a new Library ”Information/Learning Commons” - to see what a similar Information Commons at IUSB Library looks like go to www.iusb.edu/~libg/ic

6 - The Library co-sponsors each year a “One Book, One Campus” reading event - plans for a book to be read for Fall 2009 are in full swing - to see info about previous year’s book titles and events see www.iun.edu/~lib/reading

7 - The Library employs 7 expert librarians to be of service to the campus - each librarian has one or more advanced degrees pertaining to the information sciences - when you can’t find what you need for teaching, learning, and/or research please contact one of these expert information specialists (with @iun.edu usernames: astevens, smchane, cszymans, rosselli, lbooker, ssandbe, or suthera).

8 - In the Library Cafe area are "CyberCafe" computers, a selection of new books, the most recent issues of numerous magazines/newspapers, and a Diversity Library selection of resources www.iun.edu/~lib/Diversity - explore these with your next cup of coffee.

9 - The Calumet Regional Archives is helping the IU Northwest campus celebrate 50 years in the Northwest Indiana region - please stop by the Library lobby to see the numerous exhibits documenting the last 50 years on campus – also see http://iunglenparkcampus50th.wikispaces.com

10 - The Library’s GIS Data/Demographics Center is expert at visualizing data and information through colorful digitized maps. Stop by the Data Center on the 2nd Floor of the Library (Room 232) to see examples of how spatial maps can make numbers and statistics understandable.

So...What’s New?

Philosophy

B171 .C36 2005

HV6025 .P494 2006

BS05 .L65 2006

Social Work

Beder, Joan. (2006). Hospital social work: the interface of medicine and caring [Available online through IUCAT]

HV11 .R69 2008


Women Studies


HV6250.4.W65 J65 2007

Kumar, Neelam. (2009). Women and science in India : a reader
Q130 .W65 2009

E784 .Z45 2006

June 19th: the Word of Freedom

In 1863, during the American Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which declared more than three million slaves living in the Confederate states to be free. More than two years would pass, however, before the news reached African Americans in other states were celebrating the day as well, making it an annual tradition. Celebrations have continued across the United States into the 21st century and typically include prayer and religious services, speeches, educational events, family gatherings and picnics, and festivals with music, food, and dancing.

Juneteenth became a state holiday in Texas in 1980, and a number of other states subsequently followed suit. The day is also celebrated outside the United States, with organ-

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The Association of American Publishers Publishing Latino Voices for America (PLVA) Task Force has declared May Latino Books Month. During the month of May, libraries, booksellers, and others in the book industry are encouraged to promote writings by Latinos and to encourage reading amongst Latinos. Latino Books Month was created to raise awareness of the vast variety of books authored by Latinos that are available. Listed are a few available from the IUN library.

**Alegria, Claribel.** (1989). Woman of the river. [Available online through IUCAT].


**Storni, Alfonsina.** (1964). Obra poética completa. PQ7797.S74 1964 3rd floor


Google Scholar – scholar.google.com

Google Scholar finds academic materials such as peer-reviewed papers, theses, books, abstracts, and technical reports from broad areas of research. It searches a variety of undisclosed academic publishers, professional societies, and universities, as well as scholarly articles available across the web.

**Advantages of Google Scholar**

- Many articles are available full-text.
- Google Scholar can connect you to library resources.
- The sources are more academic than those you would find through a standard search engine query—though you should still always evaluate the content you find.
- It covers a wide range of academic content areas and is continually being updated.
- It ranks and lists results according to how relevant they are to the search query. The most relevant references should theoretically appear at the top of the page.

Information courtesy of IU Bloomington Libraries

For more information, please contact a Reference librarian at: (219) 980-6582

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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

1. Paperback books first appeared in the United States around 1845. They virtually disappeared when the Copyright Act of 1891 banned the reprinting of English titles in paperback form. The books reappeared in 1936, when Allen Lane’s Penguin Press, an English publishing house, started to publish them again. By about 1980, about 70% of the books published in the U.S. are paperbacks.

2. Murasaki Shikibu wrote the world’s first novel, The Tale of the Genji, in around 1008.

3. The youngest female author was Dorothy Straight. She was only 4 when she wrote How the World Began, in 1964, for her grandmother. Her parents thought it was good enough to be published. They were right! The youngest male author was Dennis Vollmer who wrote Joshua Disobeys in 1987 at age 6. The book and illustrations tell the story of a baby whale who doesn’t listen to his mother’s warnings and gets in trouble. Dennis won The David Melton Memorial Written & Illustrated by…Contest for Students in the age 6–9 category. Authors in three different age categories from ages 6 to 19 can enter The David Melton Memorial Written & Illustrated by…Contest for Students. The contest began in 1985. For more information on the contest, go to www.landmarkditions.com.

4. J. J. Audubon’s The Birds of America, published in 1840, is the most valuable book in the world. It sold for $8,802,500 in March 2000—the highest price ever paid for a book. (Answers from factmonster.com)

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