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The Library is now open an additional two hours on Fridays. Library hours are now 8:00a.m-5:00p.m. on Fridays.

Information Commons Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

On October 7, 2009, at 1:00 p.m., the Indiana University Library honored the official opening of the Information Commons with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Thank you to all of those in attendance, with a special thanks to the Information Commons Committee, Elizabeth Van Gordon, Marianne Malj and Chancellor Bruce Bergland. Please be sure to visit the Information Commons which features:



From left to right Elizabeth Van Gordon (CIO for IT), Bruce Bergland (Chancellor), Timothy Sutherland (Director of Library Services)

- 24 new workstations
- Cybercafé Computers
- Café
- New furniture that support working in groups comfortably
- Library Reference Service and Technology Support Desk

Additional features soon to be added are:

- Adaptive Technology Workstations
- Laptops for Checkout within the Library
- Scanners
- Color Printing
- Multimedia Computets
- 46" Display Monitors for Group Work

Please come to the library and enjoy the New Information Commons and the other resources designed to help IU Northwest students achieve success throughout their academic careers and lifetimes.



Library News

Indiana Court Forms

Indiana self-service legal forms are no longer available in the library. Indiana courts are only accepting these forms electronically. Go to: <http://www.in.gov/judiciary/selfservice/forms>. Access all Indiana self-service forms on: divorce, child support, small claims, appeals, protection orders, name changes, and more.

Dia de los Muertos/Day of the Dead

Please come and view our book display for the Day of the Dead. Books will be located on the first floor in the Information Commons.

The Fight Against Hunger: the World Food Day Food Drive

The Library Marketing Committee would like to send a special thank you to everyone who donated food for the World Food Day Food Drive. Your donation was greatly appreciated. World Food Day is

observed each year on October 16th. Thank you for taking a stand to fight against world hunger.



The Library Marketing Committee with the food donated for the World Food Day Food Drive

National Novel Writing Month

Have you always wanted to write a novel? Have you started to write a novel but over-analyzed every character and plot to end up with no results? If this is the case, you might want to take advantage of **National Novel Writing Month**. National Novel Writing Month is a fun way to begin your novel-writing adventures. Starting November 1, participants will begin to write a 50,000 word or 175 page novel to be completed by November 30th before midnight. The focus is more on the quantity rather than the quality. The challenge is to force participants "to lower...[their] expectations, take risks, and write on the fly." "By forcing yourself to write so intensely, you are giving yourself permission to make mistakes. To forgo the endless tweaking and editing and just create. To build without tearing down," (<http://www.nanowrimo.org/eng/whatsnano>).

NaNoWriMo began in 1999 by Chris Baty in the San Francisco Bay area with only 21 participants. Forty thousand potential novelist participated in 2004 and in 2005, more than 59,000 participated worldwide and almost 10,000 completed the task.

For more information, please go to: <http://www.nanowrimo.org/>

Below are some library resources:

What if?: writing exercises for fiction writers / Anne Bernays. PE1413 .B47 1991 3rd floor

Writing effectively / Clare Donnelly [online through IUCAT]

Writing genres / Amy J. Devitt [online through IUCAT]



Library Trivia

1. What is the title of the first novel published in America that was written by an American writer?
2. Unscramble the name of this author:
ilimalw peerasskhea
3. Where was the first library in the U.S. library established?

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So...What's New?

Labor Studies

Kirton, Gill. (2006). The making of women trade unionists.

HD6079 .K57 2006

Moreno, Paul. (2006). Black Americans and organized labor: a new history.

HD6490.R22 U649 2006

Peterson, Katherine. (2006). Bread and roses, too.

PZ7.P273 Bq 2006

David, Ramm. (2006). Jobs in America.

HD5724 .J6873 2006

Schiavone, Michael. (2008). Unions in crisis?: the future of organized labor in America [Available online through IUCAT]

Winthrop, Elizabeth. (2006). Counting on Grace.

PZ7.W768 Cou 2006



Harvest Festivals

A harvest festival is a celebration held annually around the time of the main harvest. These festivals are observed throughout the world at various times due to the difference in climates. "...Ancient farmers believed that their crops contained spirits which caused the crops to grow and die." Many farmers thought that once their crops were harvested, the spirits would be set free and had to be destroyed. If these spirits were not destroyed, it was believed that they would "take revenge on the farmers" who harvested the crops. The harvest festival was a celebration for defeating these spirits.

Harvest and thanksgiving celebrations have been held by many civilizations:

Greeks Demeter, the goddess of grains, was honored each fall with a three day festival called *Thesmophoria*. The first day married women would "build leafy shelters and furnish them with couches made with plants." The second day was a day of fasting and they feasted on the third day and offered gifts to Demeter.

Romans Celebrated their goddess of grains, Ceres (the root word for cereal), with a harvest festival called *Cerelia*. *Cerelia* was observed annually on October 4th.

Chinese The harvest festival, *Chung Ch'ui*, was celebrated in honor of the full moon. *Chung Ch'ui* was observed "with the full moon that fell on the 15th day of the 8th month," the moon's birthday.

Hebrews Sukkoth is an eight day religious Jewish harvest festival. Sukkoth have been celebrated for over 3000 years and starts each year on the 15th day of the seventh month.

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It's Time for Web News



Director's Corner

Thank you for taking time to read the Library Newsletter. Throughout the 2009-2010 year the Library is co-sponsoring several activities and events within the Library Conference Center building. In one sense, we have introduced a new "everyday" event this fall, our new Information Commons (a partnership with IT Services). Every day many students are choosing to stay on campus between classes to spend time in the Library. Using differing measures (students using I.C. computers throughout each day, questions asked at our Help Desks, people buying items from the Café, etc.) there is evidence that perhaps as many as 1/5 of our current student body is in the Library at least once per week. Many are choosing the Library multiple days and times as their destination point when not in class, not at work, or not at home. Below are other activities and events this semester that the Library is co-sponsoring:

Info. Commons Ribbon Cutting (with IT Services) – October 7 – with I.C. and Library Café available every day!

World Food Day Food Collection
www.worldfooddayusa.org &
www.feedingminds.org (with Food Banks of NW Indiana) – October 16 and throughout month of October

NCTE National Writing Gallery/Day of Reading <http://www.ncte.org/dayonwriting> (with English Dept.) – October 22 in Library 2nd Floor

Northwest Indiana Books to Bridge the Region Reading Activities <http://www.books2bridge.org> (with Purdue Univ. Calumet and area public libraries) – October 22 and month of October

Day of the Dead Altars (with Modern Languages Dept. and ALMA) – Month of October on Library 1st Floor

One Book, One Campus www.iun.edu/~lib/reading (with English Dept. and Academic Affairs) – November 17 and 19 in LCC Room 110

GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Day www.gisday.com (with NWI GIS Forum

Household Products Database

<http://householdproducts.nlm.nih.gov/index.htm>

This database links over 9,000 consumer brands to health effects from Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) provided by manufacturers and allows scientists and consumers to research products based on chemical ingredients. The database is designed to help answer the following typical questions:

What are the chemical ingredients and their percentage in specific brands?

Which products contain specific chemical ingredients?

Who manufactures a specific brand? How do I contact this manufacturer?

What are the acute and chronic effects of chemical ingredients in a specific brand?

What other information is available about chemicals in the toxicology-related databases of the National Library of Medicine?

Information in the *Household Products Database* is from a variety of publicly available sources including brand-specific labels and Material Safety Data Sheets when available from manufacturers and manufacturers' web sites. NLM and its Contractor (the Database Providers) do not test products nor investigate to determine if this information is complete or accurate. The Database Providers do their best to record the information as it appears on labels and other sources. Manufacturers frequently change formulations and although the Database Providers strive to keep information current, a lag period may occur between the time when a

manufacturer makes a change to a label or a Material Safety Data Sheet, and the time a change appears in the database. As a result, The Database Providers cannot guarantee that the information in the database is 100% accurate, current or complete at a particular point in time. When precise ingredient information is important, the database should not be considered a substitute for reading labels on products or for contacting the manufacture. For these purposes, the Database Providers have provided telephone numbers and mailing addresses where available.

(<http://householdproducts.nlm.nih.gov/about.htm> accessed on October 30, 2009)

For more information, please visit the website at :

<http://householdproducts.nlm.nih.gov/index.htm>



Spotlight On...

WorldCat Local

<http://www.iun.edu/~lib/databases/>

WorldCat Local is a unique service that works in conjunction with WorldCat.org and provides Web access to WorldCat—the world's richest database for discovery of materials held in libraries.

WorldCat Local gives your library users a Web-scale experience with each and every search, and provides Web visibility for your library on a far-greater level than you could achieve on your own. Powerful social networking

tools also let users share opinions and expertise with online peers.

WorldCat Local delivers the resources of your library and libraries around the world in a single search. As the first step toward cooperative, Web-scale library management services, it connects your users' search experience with other library systems. Today, that means WorldCat, your catalog, local availability and resource sharing.

(<http://www.oclc.org/worldcatlocal/default.htm> accessed on October 30, 2009)

When you put a search within WorldCat Local, various for-

mats will appear such as: books, articles, videos, etc. Items held at IU Northwest Library will appear first, then items from other IU Libraries, and finally, items from other libraries worldwide will appear.

Also, if a word is misspelled, WorldCat Local will give you the correct word and ask if that's the word you wanted to search. Although, articles are available through WorldCat Local, it does not give as many options for articles as a specialized database would. For more information, please contact the Reference Desk at 219-980-6582.



Indiana University Northwest Library

Calumet Regional Archives: 980-6628
 Circulation Desk: 980-6585
 Reference Help Desk: 980-6582
 Library Director: 980-6946
 Library Instruction: 980-6625
 Newsletter Editor: 980-6547
 Systems Services (Interlibrary Loan): 980-6933
 Technical Services: 980-6521

IU Northwest Library...Your Question Deserves an Answer

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United States "In 1817 New York State adopted Thanksgiving Day as an annual custom. By the middle of the 19th century many other states also celebrated a Thanksgiving Day. In 1863 President Abraham Lincoln appointed a national day of thanksgiving. Since then each president has issued a Thanksgiving Day proclamation, usually designating the fourth Thursday of each November as the holiday." (<http://www.holidays.net/thanksgiving/story.htm#> Accessed on October 26, 2009). For more information about Harvest festivals, please go to:

<http://www.holidays.net/thanksgiving/story.htm#>
<http://www.harvestfestivals.net/harvestfestivals.htm>

Library Trivia Answers

1. *The Power of Sympathy or the Triumph of Nature Founded in Truth*. The book was dedicated "to the young ladies of America." First printed in 1789 by the Isaiah Thomas and Co. in Boston, the first edition had no known authors. "Later editions bore the name of Mrs. Sarah Wentworth Apthorp Morton, but literary scholars attribute the novel to William Hill Brown." Brown was a friend of the Apthorp family and embarrassed the family by including a "thinly disguised version of a real event, the seduction and suicide of one of the daughters," in the book, (Famous First Facts, 5th ed., pg. 74).
2. William Shakespeare
3. Charleston, SC in 1698 by Thomas Bray. (Famous First Facts, 5th ed., pg. 319).

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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-



Other resources of interest:

Etzioni, Amitai. (2004). We are what we celebrate: understanding holidays and rituals. [Available online through IUCAT]

Aveni, Anthony F. (2003). The book of the year: a brief history of our seasonal holidays. [Available online through IUCAT]

Waters, Kate. (2001). Giving thanks: the 1621 Harvest Feast.

GT4975 .W38 2001

Madhubuti, Haki R. (1972). Kwanzaa: an African-American holiday that is progressive & uplifting. **GT4803 .M33 1972**

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Group) – afternoon of November 18 in Library Room 230

Glen Park Conversations (with Continuing Studies and Calumet Regional Archives) – September 15, October 20, November 17 and December 16 in the Library 2nd Floor

Displays: New Books, IUN 50th Anniversary (with Cal. Reg'l Archives), and Diversity Library www.iun.edu/~lib/diversity (with Office of Diversity and Equity) – available every day!

Come take advantage of the Library as the place to be on campus!