NEW IUCAT Beta Now Live!

The new IUCAT Beta has been launched for public use on November 18th. Check it out! It has a brand new address: http://new.iucat.iu.edu. A link to the new catalog will appear on Indiana University Libraries websites on all campuses for use by students, faculty and staff. Users can view the catalog through an All IUCAT view or views for each campus. The new IUCAT Beta catalog is available for use on- or off-campus. IUCAT Beta does not prompt users for authentication to view the catalog. However, should a user wish to use features in My Account, such as renewing library materials, to use Request Delivery services, or to use electronic subscription books, journals and databases from off-campus, the user will need to log in using his or her University username and password.

John W. Anderson Library Awarded LSTA Grant

The John W. Anderson Library at Indiana University Northwest has been awarded a 2012 LSTA Sub-Grant, allowing the library to add five additional community patron computers to the six public computers currently available. The additional computers will address the need for computer and Internet access for the citizens of Gary and the surrounding community.

The closing of the Gary Public Main Library on January 2, 2012 and the lack of sufficient public access computers at the Gary Public Library Kennedy Branch (branch library closest to Indiana University Northwest) has led to an increased demand for computer access at the John W. Anderson Library.

This project is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, administered by the Indiana State Library.

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New Library Website

www.iun.edu/library

The library now has a new website designed that is easier to navigate to get the information you need quickly.

Guides have been created to assist users find information whether it is searching for journal articles or learning how to use Reserves.

Gale Cengage Databases

For this issue of the IUN Library Newsletter, the spotlight is on Gale Databases. Gale Cengage offers many unique databases to help patrons that is looking for specialized information. Gale Cengage databases tend to be more specific and usually not for a general subject area. For example, Gale Cengage offers a database called World Scholar: Latin America and the Caribbean. This database offers primary sources about Latin America and the Caribbean in addition to academic articles, maps, news feeds, videos and more. You can consult the LibGuide created for Gale Databases at http://tinyurl.com/d3fnx6y

You can view a list of the Gale Databases we subscribe to by going to http://tinyurl.com/akjhja7
If you need help identifying or searching any of the Gale databases, a reference librarian will be happy to help you.

New Library Hours

Students have spoken and they were heard. Thanks to suggestions from Student Government President, Jennifer Thompson, the library’s hours have now been extended. Hours will change beginning the Spring 2013 semester. The library hours have been extended to open at 7:30 am and close at 10 pm Mondays – Thursdays.

Weekend and Café hours will remain the same.

Weekend:
Saturdays 10am – 5pm
Sundays 1pm – 5pm

Café Hours:
Monday-Thursdays 8am – 6pm
Fridays 8am – 2pm

demic has many multidisciplinary databases that you can use for almost any topic. If you have questions about our new website, feel free to contact the Reference Desk at 219-980-6582.
Community Patrons Day at the John W. Anderson Library

The library will be having an open house Thursday, March 14, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. allowing visitors the opportunity to learn about the services we have to offer. Staff from various library departments will be present to answer questions.

A tour of the library will be given at 12 p.m. Highlights will include: The Adaptive Technology Center, The Calumet Regional Archives, and the additional public access computers and carrels made possible by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, administered by the Indiana State Library.

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Diversity: Get Informed

December 1st-7th is National Tolerance Week. It is amazing that in this time and place, we still need a week to remind us to accept one another and to embrace our differences. Diversity is such an important component in our lives and without it, growth and understanding is hindered.

One time a year, we are reminded to desire peace on earth and goodwill to all men. Goodwill to all men, despite their religious beliefs, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender or disability; everyone has the right to goodwill. The library has resources that can assist anyone who would like to know more about diversity and diverse issues. The John W. Anderson Library has a collection of resources available in print and online that you can read to become more knowledgeable about various diverse groups.

http://www.iun.edu/library/diversity-library.htm

Challenge yourself and your prejudices. Read more about groups of people that you do not know. Remember to be tolerant of all and to expect the same.


The Anderson Library is building a reputation as the place to be outside of the classroom on campus. The Library is a wonderful space for learning and discovery. For fall semester 2012 the number of students, faculty, staff, and community patrons coming in and out of the Library has increased by 25% (compared with fall 2011). This continues a trend from recent years. Reasons for the significant Library use include: ample study space for individuals and groups (1st & 2nd floors); quiet zone study area (3rd floor); technology and software access (Info Commons on all 3 floors - now 125 computer stations); access to Internet and social media; laptops and scanners for in Library checkout; online and print Library resources (databases, e-journals, e-books, and audio-video sources); Interlibrary borrowing, a Help Desk staffed by Reference librarians and IT Service student workers; and food/drink in the Little Redhawk Café.

The Library has very much appreciated its partnership with UITS (IT Services) which has made so much of the new technology in the Library possible. As a result of requests from campus Student Government, the Library is planning to expand its open hours beginning Spring 2013 (See page 2).

In addition to the increased use of the physical Library, the online digital Library continues to grow with most Library resources available 24/7 from home, office, and campus labs. The Library recently, with IT Services help, redesigned its Webpage www.iun.edu/library, to provide easier access to its academic, scholarly, and research oriented content and collections.

Please let me or other Library staff know how our Library space and resources are serving you, and if there are additional ways we can improve what we provide.

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