Susan Ardrey Retires

Susan Ardrey, part time reference librarian, retired December 18, 2009. For the last several years Susan has been instrumental in gathering and organizing the Indiana University Kokomo campus archives as well as assisting users at the Ask A Librarian service desk.

Many of you might not realize that Susan started her career at Indiana University Kokomo as an Library intern (1970-1971), then was an Assistant Reference Librarian (1971-1973) and Reference Librarian (1973-1975). In 1975 Susan moved to the Division of General and Technical Studies and Continuing Studies were she held several positions until serving as the Director of Continuing Studies from 1981-1985. Wanting to spend more time with her growing family she then worked part time as the Coordinator for Continuing Education in Nursing (1985-1997) before coming to work part time as a reference librarian in 1998.

We thank Susan for her many years of service; she will be missed. We wish Susan all the best as she spends time with her family (including twin granddaughters).

Academic Book Reviews

Choice Reviews Online

Tired of waiting for 4x6 Choice cards to be routed every month in your snail mail? The library has decided to purchase Choice Reviews Online. We will continue to route Choice cards throughout the 2010-11 academic year to give all faculty a chance to set up their own profile online.

Choice Reviews Online is the premier resource for academic book reviews. For detailed information on how to use this resource see: Using Choice Reviews Online.
Student Donates World War II Materials

Jonathan Guse (student) and Karla Stouse (faculty) donated World War II materials fall 2009 to the Indiana University Kokomo Library. The materials were collected as part of the Asian Cultures course, F200.

The course F200 Asian Cultures was taught in Summer I 2006. The students focused on four specific cultures (native Hawaiian, Japanese, Chinese, and Korean with a bit of Thai added). They also went with a service focus, to create a way to honor three populations (Pearl Harbor survivors, internment victims, and members of the 100th Battalion, the Nisei or second generation Japanese Americans who became one of the most honored battalions in WWII). The students visited the Zen garden at the East-West Center (University of Hawaii) and the Byodo-In Temple, visited the Japanese Cultural Center to learn about internment, interviewed Pearl Harbor survivors Al Bodlenos and Everett Hyland, toured the Punchbowl Cemetery (where Pearl Harbor casualties, members of the 100th Battalion, and Ernie Pyle are buried), and met with several members of the 100th Battalion at Club 100 to hear their stories. The students returned to Kokomo to develop the design for The Peace Garden to honor the three populations; the Garden was subsequently built in Darrough Chapel Park and dedicated on July 27, 2008.

Class members were: Joshua Johnson, Sarah Waite, Lindsey Winslow, Audrey Bennett, Chelsea Conrad, Aubrey Birden, Cayce Arnett, Jonathan Guse, Matt Bair, and Ashley McKibben. Accompanying the students were Gail Hipp, Anne Lamar, Carol Garber, Tom Garber, Linda Bielewicz, Kathy Coppola, and Karla Stouse.

The materials included signed books and an autobiography compiled by Saburo Nishime. The materials are located in closed areas (Special Collections – Archives and Rare Books) and are available to view upon request.

- Nishime, Saburo. Autobiography. Memories with the 100th Infantry Battalion. (spiral binder)

Photo (L to R): Diane Bever, Karla Stouse, Joshua Guse, Rhonda Armstrong, Ria Lukes, & Gail MacKay
Blackwell Journals Now Have Full-Text Articles Available

The Library has completed negotiations for the full-text articles of Blackwell published journals. Beginning January 1, 2010, the Library gained access to 1,100 Blackwell published titles. Most access for these titles begin in 1997 (i.e. we don’t have electronic access to earlier issues).

Blackwell Publishing was purchased by John Wiley & Sons, Inc. in the recent past, so all of the new Blackwell titles have become part of Wiley InterScience. You may access Wiley InterScience by using the Library Web page. Click on Databases A-Z and click on the “W” tab. Click on Wiley InterScience. We hope you find this new collection useful in your research!

Library Diversity Effort

To support the diversity effort of the campus the Library identifies purchases with diverse or global subject matter. Interested in reviewing these titles? Check out the diversity bibliography.

New titles will be added as they arrive to the corresponding tab of the month.

Selected new titles will be highlighted each month. A complete bibliography is available using the Bibliography box found on the upper left side of the page.
The library now has access to the full SAGE journal content, an additional 154 titles that were not previously available to library users. SAGE has also begun publishing journals, for which we provide full-text access, on behalf of the Association for Psychological Science and for the American Sociological Association. Are you a SAGE journal connoisseur? You may be interested in learning that more than half of all SAGE journals are publishing articles ahead of their appearance in an issue and, in order to ensure that researchers can make the most of these OnlineFirst articles, SAGE Journals Online now features RSS feeds for new early release manuscripts. Sign up for these new RSS feeds by selecting the RSS feed button on the home page of your favorite journal.

New content is continually added to the American History in Video, a streaming video collection. The collection currently has a total of 4,163 videos, equaling about 1027 hours. Interested in knowing what is newly added? Check out this link for information. http://ahiv.alexanderstreet.com/Whatsnew
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