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Greetings from the IU Kokomo Library!

I hope everyone is having a great fall semester. As I write this, it is early October and campus has already been hopping with activities and events, many of those celebrating IU Kokomo’s 70th anniversary. At the library, we have enjoyed participating in the 70th Anniversary Campus Walk to Foster Park, the Culture Bash, “Take a Paws” de-stressing activities and the Howard County Promise event.

Many of you know that we added a small grouping of soft seating and tables near the bestsellers bookshelves over the summer (in the photo on the first page of this newsletter). I encourage you to visit this area to relax, read, or work with a group. Feel free to arrange the furniture as it suits your needs. This furniture installation is the introductory phase of a library renovation of the 1st floor scheduled to take place next year. We are in the planning stage of the renovation right now and we encourage you to share your thoughts with us about what you would like to see on the library’s 1st floor. Let us know what you like about the library, as it is now, what you would like to change or add, what type of furniture you would prefer for studying. You can share your thoughts by adding comments to the white boards at the entrance to the library, or fill out and submit a comment card.

We have made a few other changes this fall, notably:

- Responding to popular demand, students can now reserve a study room on the 2nd floor of the library. We have four rooms available for reservation. More about reserving a study room can be found on page 4 of Check It Out!
- We now have a Single Service point that brings together Circulation and Reserves, Ask a Librarian, and the UITS Helpdesk (see page 5).

I look forward to participating in the Howard County Reads program this year. Once again, the IU Kokomo Library joins the Kokomo-Howard County Public Library and the Greentown Public Library in sponsoring the annual program. You can find out more about the book we will read and the activities planned around the book on page 6 of this newsletter.

I want to thank the Check It Out! Managing Editor, Cynthia Lipken; Student Editor/Intern, Martha Young; and Student Editor, Jason Benzinger, for putting together the fall 2015 issue.

Watch for more enhancements and events coming to the library in the spring semester!
E-Resource Highlight: JSTOR

JSTOR is a digital library offering both multidisciplinary and discipline-specific collections of searchable full text articles from historical runs of important scholarly journals in the humanities, arts, sciences, ecology, and business.

Access via “J” on the Databases A-Z Lib Guide on the library website or QR code

Library User Highlight

There is a frequent face in the library and he is our new Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (VCAA), Mark Canada.

One thing he likes about the Indiana University Kokomo library is that he has gotten to know various friendly faculty and staff.

Dr. Canada is currently working on a textbook about Information Literacy. This guide for students will educate students on how to obtain information and use their gathered research in projects. Dr. Canada hopes it will be available for book orders in the Fall of 2016.

Having done quite a bit of research, he is currently finishing a book he co-edited with Nami Montgomery titled Thomas Wolfe Remembered. He has published three articles on Wolfe, in addition to other books and articles about American literature. He wrote an article on the Go-To Faculty, which is a student success initiative he founded while at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke. In January 2016, he will be traveling to Austin, Texas, to give a presentation on the psychology of Edgar Allan Poe.

Since Dr. Canada has conducted multiple research projects, I was curious as to what his dream research project would be.

“I’ve thought about writing a biography of James Gordon Bennett, an influential and colorful editor who pioneered journalism for the masses in the first half of the nineteenth century,” said Canada “I’ve never written a biography, but I find the narrative form appealing.”

He would also like to write a book on American boyhood, like it has been portrayed in American art and literature, and has also thought about writing a book on one of his favorite authors, Benjamin Franklin.

“Franklin exerted a lot of influence on a number of people in the nineteenth century, and he has had a somewhat pervasive—though not always obvious—presence in American literature (in The Great Gatsby, for example),” said Dr. Canada.

Dr. Canada is rather passionate about libraries; one reason being he has spent so much time in many different libraries conducting research. When he was working on his first book, Literature and Journalism in Antebellum America (IU Kokomo Library Stacks: P374.J68 C36 2011), he visited the Huntington Library in San Marino, California, Library of Congress, the Mark Twain Collection at UC-Berkeley, and the special collections at the University of Virginia.

For his forthcoming book and other work on Thomas Wolfe, he has worked with manuscripts and other materials in the Thomas Wolfe Collection at the University of North Carolina, special collections at Harvard’s Houghton Library, Yale’s Beinecke Library, and the Ransom Center at the University of Texas at Austin.

What does a VCAA do?
A couple responsibilities on the IU Kokomo campus include leading academic programs and cultivating a culture of research and creative activity.
**Experience of IRDL**

IRDL, Institute for Research Design in Librarianship, is a program that allows selected candidates to develop their research skills and obtain training on how to conduct research projects. The 2015 cohort included only 21 scholars and included our very own Angie Thorpe, Digital User Experience Librarian at the IU Kokomo Library.

Ms. Thorpe learned a lot of things at IRDL, such as how to decide whether a research project should use a quantitative or qualitative methodology. Thorpe liked the one-on-one consultations offered by IRDL instructors. The instructors would lecture for portions of the day, but at least two hours of writing time was also built into the curriculum. During the writing time, scholars would use that they had learned from the lectures to revise and further develop their research projects.

There were many learning exercises, but Thorpe really enjoyed the focus group exercise. The 21-member cohort was divided into two groups.

"You would participate in one focus group, but then you would observe the other group. It was helpful to see the facilitator try to get people out of their shells if they were not talking as much as others," said Thorpe.

The research project that Thorpe worked on while at IRDL is a study on the impact of the use of library resources and services. She is working on this research project with three co-investigators: fellow librarians Diane J. Bever, Ria Lukes, and Yan He. Thorpe chose this project because she would like to investigate whether there are connections between library service usage and student outcomes, such as grades and retention rates. She would like to learn from this research project whether specific services are more predictive of academic success than others.

"All of the library's services are here to help students, and if something is not working as well as it could, then we would like feedback so we know how to change it," said Thorpe.

Thorpe’s research project runs through the 2015-2016 academic year. Students are encouraged to participate in the project by filling out an informed consent form, available online at [http://tinyurl.com/qc3q5re](http://tinyurl.com/qc3q5re). All this is required for participation is submission of the consent form; students will not be contacted for additional follow-up activities.

- Martha Young

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**Reserve a Study Room Today!**

Study rooms on the second floor are now available to reserve! This is how to reserve one:

- Students will need their Cougar Card and username. You can call 765-455-9513 or come to the service desk to make reservations.

- Reservations may be made up to a **week in advance** until **closing the night** prior to the requested reservation date.

- Reservations are made in one-hour increments, up to three hours per day per individual or group.

- The daily schedule for study room reservations will be posted outside each room.

- If a room is not reserved, then it is available on a first come first serve basis.
New this fall in the library is a single service point for library users, located on the first floor to the left as you enter into the library. This single point of service combines Circulation/Reserves, Ask A Librarian, and the UITS Helpdesk into one easy access location for those needing assistance. Another benefit of the single service desk is that student assistants are being cross-trained, which will enable library users to receive the answers they need in a timely manner. The first phase of this training process was implemented last spring when three student assistants were selected and trained to answer simple questions. Phase two is being implemented this semester where all student assistants are being trained by the librarians to answer basic questions, allowing the librarians to focus on assisting those needing more in-depth support.

**Information Literacy**

Information Literacy is not a well-known subject for most students. So what is it? Information literacy is a set of abilities allowing individuals to recognize and search for information when it is needed as well as effectively use that information. Indiana University Kokomo Librarian, Yan He, is one of the librarians dedicated to educating students about information literacy.

Yan He stated that promoting information literacy awareness is extremely important to her, and she sponsors this awareness by demonstrating how this is done in classes like Elementary Composition (AKA W131).

Encouraging information literacy development, as she is doing, will hopefully help students understand that those specific skills will be useful beyond schoolwork. Students will recognize that information literacy skills are not just for the classroom but also for the workforce.

For example, you might find yourself working on a presentation for your superiors and co-workers one day.

“For these kinds of presentations, it will be useful to provide references from other academic sources, as well as statistics to support your presentation. In addition to teaching classes about Information Literacy, Yan enjoys conducting research that affects students and interacting with those students.

“I really enjoy working with the students,” says Yan. “I feel that it’s important to make sure students know how to do research.”

Doing this allows her to make her research more experimental rather than theoretical. After compiling her research (i.e. collaborating with Dr. Masuda to engage students in reading and finding scientific literature, which are crucial Information Literacy skills for college students), she shares her findings through discussion and presentations at professional conferences or in casual settings with colleagues.

- Jason Benzinger

**Government Documents**

Looking for government information online? Use the library web page to direct your search. Click on the FDLP logo on the IU Kokomo Library homepage to display a guide to help you navigate government resources. Looking for government information that isn’t online but is in print? All of our government documents formats (print, maps, DVD, CD, and microforms) are cataloged by author, title, and subject in IUCAT. The IU Kokomo Library is honored to serve as the 4th Congressional District federal depository library and has done so for the last 46 years.
Howard County Reads 2015

Howard County Reads (HCR) is sponsored by the IU Kokomo Library, Kokomo-Howard County Public Library, Greentown Public Library, and the Symposium. HCR is a program where residents of Howard County are encouraged to read the same book and attend events that correlate with the book in order to inspire a sense of community.

The title selected for this year is; And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie. It is a classic mystery novel in which ten people are lured to an island and killed off one by one.

“This book was chosen because we wanted to do a classic this year,” said Trisha Shively.

There are many events planned for Howard County Reads including panel discussion on issues surrounding this year’s title, a mystery dinner/silent auction, movie/book discussions, mystery writer’s workshop, a mindless eating program, a Ham Radio display, and a woodworking demo.

Another important component of the HCR program to inspire a sense of community is the author event, hosted by the IU Kokomo Library. This year’s visiting author is Colleen Oakley, author of Before I Go. This event will be held in Kresge Auditorium on December 10, 2015, at 7 PM. Colleen Oakley will be talking about her book, answering questions, and signing books afterwards.

For additional information on upcoming events visit www.howardcountyreads.org

- Martha Young

Indiana University Kokomo Library
10 Ways We Can Help You!

1. **Library Website**
   - Our website is your 24/7 gateway to resources you can’t find using Google.

2. **Experts**
   - Library faculty and staff are EXPERTS and want to help you succeed.

3. **Federal Depository**
   - We have access to government documents in paper and online. We can help you find them and use them.

4. **Free Library Services**
   - Use interlibrary loan (ILL) and Request Delivery to request materials from anywhere, delivered right to the library at no charge to you.

5. **Technology**
   - All the technology you need to research.

6. **Study Space**
   - Spaces for quiet and group study, plus social spaces and a service desk where you can connect with smart and helpful staff.

7. **Leisure & Entertainment**
   - Materials aren’t always academic; we also have Bestsellers and DVDs for leisure reading and entertainment.

8. **Research**
   - Start your research with EDS. Focus your research with discipline databases.

9. **Variety**
   - We provide a variety of materials—books, e-books, DVDs, CDs, etc., chosen for IU Kokomo courses and programs.

10. **Ask a Librarian**
    - Talk to a librarian for research support, learn how to identify a topic, brainstorm search terms, and find quality sources.
Tips for Academic Success!!

We asked library faculty and staff to name a few things they thought students should know about the library!

- All of us here at the library love when you ask questions! Library faculty, staff, and student assistants are here to help you understand the library and how to access library resources. Talk with a library faculty member if you are having trouble finding materials for your classes. Every type of question is welcome.

- We have a Student Success Center which includes ESL, English as a Second Language, and the Writing Center. The Writing Center is here to help students understand how to edit their own papers, and tutoring in Spanish. And it is free!

- Check out the Library Instruction Guides and Handouts. These guides and handouts will help you find and use library resources. For instance, if you need help understanding the library’s call number system, or as Dorothy in the Wizard of OZ might say “I don’t think we are in Dewey Decimal land any more, Toto”, then check out the Library of Congress (LC) Classification Outline to make finding resources easier. Other examples of resource information are a guide to library research, figuring out if a journal is scholarly or not, resources for short stories, etc. There are also subject guides to help you find books in that particular category. There are also bibliographies.

- IUCAT is a great place to see if we currently have the item you are wanting. If we don’t have the item, check the box “All IUCAT” and check to see if another IU campus has the item. If another IU campus has it, you can select “Request This” button and it will be delivered to our library for you.

- The student entry on the library homepage is helpful for new students as this page covers a lot of important topics and resources. On the library’s homepage, under the EDS search box, click on “I AM A...” and select "Student."

- The majority of the library’s collection is available online and can be accessed from home, campus, work, or anywhere with an Internet connection.

We hope these tips will make your academic year a success; plus we are always at the Single Service Point desk to assist you with your research needs.

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**New Book**

"Atomic Accidents"

A researcher and nuclear energy advocate describes a number of nuclear mishaps, analyzing what happened and why, and explains how each of these accidents have furthered the study of the atom and nuclear energy.

Stacks: TK9152 .M284 2014

**New Movie**

"Selma"

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s historical struggle was to secure voting rights for all people. The book documents a dangerous and terrifying campaign that culminated with an epic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama in 1964.

DVDs: PN1997.2 .S466 2015

**New Database**

"LGBT Thought & Culture"

LGBT Thought and Culture is an online resource hosting books, periodicals, and archival materials documenting LGBT political, social and cultural movements throughout the twentieth century and into the present day.

LGBT Database
New ScanPro Machine

The Indiana University Kokomo Library has received a new ScanPro machine, which is located near KA 130. This machine will be able to read microfilm and microfiche, including government documents. This device is user friendly, you can scan and save the documents you view on a flash drive. You will be able to print the documents as you would any other PDF. Faculty, staff, and students will be able to use this device. Below are a few steps you will want to follow in order to get started. (This is an example with microfilm).

1. Log onto the computer. To turn the ScanPro 1100 on make sure you turn the button on that is on the back of the machine on the right side. A green button on the front of the machine will appear.

2. Double click the icon on the monitor that says “ScanPro 1100“. To load the machine have your microfilm ready and pull the black tray all the way out. There will be a diagram that pops up on the monitor, to show you how to load the film.

3. When you have the film loaded, slowly push the tray back until you see an image. Under the adjustment button you can zoom in or out, and you can increase the brightness of the document.

4. The image within the green box will print on an 8.5x11 page. This can be changed by pressing the Adjust tab, then pressing the Auto adjust to crop to the size needed. Then click “scan size” in order to select the size. If you’re only wanting a certain size for your document, or you just want a small part of the article, just put the crop box to the size you want it, and then click “scan size” in order to select the size you want for it on paper.

5. Once you are done rewinding the film, you will need to close out the window for the ScanPro, turn off the ScanPro machine, and then log off of the computer. Please bring up the microfilm or microfiche when you are done to the circulation desk so someone can put it away.

6. Have any questions, the One Service Point Staff are there to assist.

Soft Seating

There are lots of new things in the library, but one of the neatest is our new soft seating. Stop by and check it out!

The Library is featured in a newly released "This is Cougar Country" YouTube video.

Check it out at https://youtu.be/pgOv8XYZD4Y
On September 17th, the IU Kokomo Library participated in the Culture Bash. It was held this semester to help people learn about different cultures, since those different cultures are present throughout our community.

In all, there were 18-20 international booths, the library’s booth was China. Polly Boruff-Jones, Yan He, Cynthia Lipken, and Christina Fivecoate staffed the booth. Yan He, Information Literacy Librarian, wrote student’s names in Chinese, while tea was given out.

"The Culture Bash’s primary focus is to establish continuous dialogue and engage cultural diversity through an exchange of world cuisine, music, and social interaction.”
- Kim Evans

The Culture Bash is a multi-cultural event here at IU Kokomo drawing attention to different ethnic groups and cultures in our community, here at Indiana University Kokomo.

Christina Fivecoate, Access Service Supervisor at Indiana University Kokomo library, stated that she thought it was a good idea since it would help people not judge someone based on the color of their skin.

To begin the journey students would receive a passport to take around to each booth and learn something about that country. After the students made it around to all the booths, they received a free t-shirt.

On October 2nd, Howard County Promise hosted the “Walk Into My Future” event at IU Kokomo. Howard County Promise brings together all kindergarteners in Howard County, to get children thinking about their options and resources when it comes to college.

Nicole Blas, Library Student Assistant and Elementary Education major, read to the kindergarteners, asked questions, and even got them excited about the library and learning!

“I loved working with the kids and helping them have a positive college experience,” said Blas.

Members of the library committee were: Diane J. Bever, Angie Thorpe, and Ria Lukes along with student assistants Emily Hoover and Nicole Blas.

“Take a Paws” De-Stress Event
Jesse, the therapy dog, came to visit for “Take a Paws” De-stress event on October 7th and 8th, which was co-sponsored by the IU Kokomo Library and Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS). Along with Jesse and his handler, Cindy, there were board games, color sheets, cards, and other games for participants to take a few minutes out of their busy schedules.

According to Chelsi Day, “the ‘Take a Paws’ event helps to provide a brief break from the chaos of the school/life workload. Even though it’s just a few minutes, students have expressed immediate impact and little reminders to take care of themselves can help them change the course of the semester if they let it!”

The next time Jesse will visit the IU Kokomo Campus for another “Take a Paws” De-stress Event will be on December 8th and 9th. See you then!
Fall Semester  August 24– December 18, 2015

Monday  8 a.m.—9 p.m.
Tuesday  8 a.m.—9 p.m.
Wednesday  8 a.m.—9 p.m.  Nov. 25 (Wed.) 8 a.m.—5 p.m.
Thursday  8 a.m.—9 p.m.  Nov. 26-29 (Thurs.—Sun.) CLOSED
Friday  8 a.m.—5 p.m.
Saturday  noon —5 p.m.
Sunday  1 p.m.—7 p.m.

Extended and Alternative Hours

December 7-10 (Mon.—Thurs.) - close at 11:00 p.m.
December 13 (Sun.) - close at 9:00 p.m.
December 14-15 (Mon.—Tues.) - close at 11:00 p.m.
December 19-20 (Sat.—Sun.) CLOSED
December 21-24 (Mon.-Thurs.) 8 a.m.—5 p.m.
December 25, 2015-January 3, 2016 (Fri.—Sun.) CLOSED
January 4-8, 2016 (Mon.—Fri.) 8 a.m.—5 p.m.
January 9-10 (Sat.—Sun.) CLOSED

If you have a question head on over to the Ask A Librarian Service Desk.

For more details about these services, please see the Reference and Research Services web page.

765-455-9521 during service desk hours.  E-mail us your question