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Be watching for our next issue, coming out the first week of June.
Notes from the Dean

Welcome to our spring newsletter. It is hard to believe it is April already! Time to put away the heavy coats and boots (barring another spring snow storm!) and look forward to sunnier days. April also means we are in the home stretch of the winter/spring semester with only a month to go before finals and the beginning of summer break.

April is National Library Week month and we have lots of activities planned to give you a break from your classes and remind you of our library’s services and resources – more about these activities can be found on pages 3 and 5 of this newsletter.

During finals week the library will once again co-sponsor “Take a Paws” (with the Office of Counseling and Psychological Services), a time-out from the stress of exams to pet a fluffy dog, play a board game, work a puzzle – whatever relaxes you! See page 4 for “Take a Paws” details.

Wishing you a Happy Spring!

Polly Boruff-Jones
Dean of the Library
National Library Week
April 12-18, 2015
With our busy lives, we don’t often think what life would be like without libraries. Libraries offer people books, music, audiobooks, DVDs, magazines, and much more in a free and open environment. The first National Library Week was sponsored by the American Library Association in 1958 as an effort to celebrate the benefits that libraries provide.

The theme for National Library Week 2015 is “Unlimited Possibilities”, and that is exactly what libraries offer in academic, school, and public settings.

This year, the IU Kokomo Library is combining the celebration of National Library Week with the 20th birthday of the library building. The activities will start with a kick-off event on Monday, April 13, at 11:30 a.m. and we will continue the celebration throughout the week. A full list of activities is available on page 5.

IU Kokomo Library Fun Facts
- Prior to 1965, the library was located in the kitchen of the Seiberling mansion.
- In 1981 the library received the department’s first computer, courtesy of the Nursing Department.
- In 1994 we had 12 databases and some of the first databases were on 5¼” floppy disks.
- The library moved to its current location in 1995.
- In 2003, a proxy server was added to allow 24/7 access to electronic resources from off campus.

Way to grow, IU Kokomo Library!
The chart below shows the growth in the number of items in the library’s collection from 1965-2014.

- **1965** 10,000 items (approximately)
- **1975** 100,000 items
- **1984** 180,397 items
- **1995** 492,334 items
- **2005** 623,170 items
- **2014** over 1,051,531 items

A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life.
— Henry Ward Beecher
De-stress event was Pawstastic!

The de-stress event, co-sponsored by the Office of Counseling and Psychological Services and the IU Kokomo Library, was a huge success and will return during finals week. Stop by to see Jesse, our favorite therapy dog, and enjoy other activities planned May 4th and 5th from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in KC 130.

Utilizing Library Resources

I recently spoke with Dr. Darr, Associate Professor of Communication Arts, about how he utilizes IU Kokomo Library databases for personal research and classroom activities.

“I use several of the databases for research. I use Communication and Mass Media Complete and JSTOR very frequently,” said Darr.

Darr uses these databases to find full-text journal articles and usually downloads article PDFs, so he can keep track of his research materials and can access them whenever he would like. He also uses IUCAT to search for books. In his classroom, he requires that students use scholarly journals when writing papers and giving speeches.

When asked about improving the databases he stated he has no specific recommendations because they work well and he has had great success with them.

— Martha Young

Where Are Those Books Going?

Students may have noticed that books are being pulled from the shelves and being removed from the library. All libraries use weeding projects to remove unused or outdated materials from their collection. The IU Kokomo Library is participating in a special state-wide project, the Academic Libraries of Indiana/Private Academic Libraries Network of Indiana Shared Print Project. This project is meant to help academic libraries across Indiana weed materials in a shared manner that allows for copies of books to remain available in the state of Indiana. After considerable planning and manipulation of bibliographic data by a company called Sustainable Collection Services, the IU Kokomo Library book data was placed in GreenGlass from which we ran queries to help us find the materials that were candidates for withdrawal. The parameters we chose to determine withdrawal titles included titles purchased prior to 2009, titles that were never borrowed or used in-house, a minimum of fifty libraries across the U.S. had to own the exact edition of the title, and the title must have a minimum of one circulating copy from the Bloomington IU Libraries. This project will result in a smaller footprint needed to house library materials which will in turn provide additional space for individual and collaborative learning in the library. So, don’t fear— if we don’t have a title you need we will be able to get it for you. And even better— future plans for the library space to meet the needs of students!

— Ria Lukes

Info Divas complete Climb IU Challenge

Info Divas, comprised of IU Kokomo Library staff and faculty, accepted the Climb IU Challenge. Team members were Angie Thorpe (team leader), Polly Boruff-Jones, Christina Fivecoate, Cynthia Lipken, Ria Lukes, and Janine Stanley.

Climb IU was an employee program that ran from January 29-February 19. The challenge was for each person to climb 56 flights of stairs over three weeks. The Info Divas doubled the challenge and averaged 112 flights of stairs and were the IU Kokomo team winner.

CONGRATULATIONS, INFO DIVAS!
Join us in celebrating National Library Week

**INDIANA UNIVERSITY KOKOMO LIBRARY**

**Monday, April 13**

11:30a.m. - 2p.m.
Kick-off Event in Upper Alumni Hall (outside Library)
- Sign-up for a library card to the Kokomo-Howard County Public Library
  (All students, faculty and staff, regardless of county residency, are eligible. You will need to bring your Cougar Card and ID with current address. Visit [khcpl.org/tempcard](http://khcpl.org/tempcard) for additional information.)
- Guessing contest—win a prize!
- Create your own Flat Librarian
  Don’t forget to take a selfie with your flat librarian and share!
  #FlatLibrarianIUUK #IUKLibrary, #miuk #librarymade
- Free giveaways
- Free popcorn

**Tuesday, April 14 – National Library Workers Day**

**Wednesday, April 15**

11a.m.-1 p.m. – Create your own Flat Librarian in KC Commons

Don’t forget to take a selfie with your flat librarian and share!

#FlatLibrarianIUUK #IUKLibrary #miuk #librarymade

2 p.m. – Happy Birthday, IU Kokomo Library!
Join us for cake to celebrate, in the lobby of the IU Kokomo Library!

**Activities ongoing throughout the week**

> Guessing contest—win a prize
> Free popcorn at various times, Tuesday-Thursday
> “Where’s Houdini” scavenger hunt; a different clue posted every day!
> Selfie stations in the library: Grab a prop, strike a pose, say cheese, and share your photo!

#miuk #IUKLibrary #FlatLibrarianIUUK #librarymade

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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

The first person to print out, complete, and turn the crossword puzzle in at the Circulation desk will receive a screen cleaner.

Across
2. What congressional district does the IU Kokomo Library Federal Depository serve?

3. What is the name of the location containing the name of the largest book collection in the physical library?

6. The desk where you go for assistance with research questions is the Ask A _______ service desk.

8. The computer lab in the library used for video production and editing, aided by a collection of Apple Mac computers.

Down
1. This is where you go to get help on writing papers for class.

4. The desk you go to for checking out materials such as DVDs and books.

5. There are four of these rooms on the second floor of the library.

7. PZ5 to PZ90 are shelved in the _______’s Literature Collection.

9. Online catalog to look up materials owned by IU libraries either at home or on campus.

Answers found on page 7
Utilizing Ask a Librarian

In mid-September 2014, IU Kokomo Librarians started training student assistants to work at the Ask A Librarian service desk. The Ask A Librarian service desk is where someone might go to get help on finding books, articles, or other materials for assignments. The students who currently work at the Ask A Librarian service desk are Jason Benzinger, Jessica Gordon, and Nicole Blas. These three students also work at the Circulation desk.

“I like working at the Ask A Librarian desk because of interacting with the librarians that work over there and interacting with the patrons,” said Jessica Gordon.

Many students at IU Kokomo may not know the purpose of the Ask A Librarian service desk or the services offered. One of the many things I talked about with Jessica was why use library databases, which is a popular question at the Ask A Librarian service desk.

“The databases make it easier to complete their research papers. It also provides academic scholarly peer-reviewed resources.”

Jessica has learned a lot of things while working at the Ask A Librarian service desk, but a primary lesson she has utilized is how to be more organized. This is because there is a certain place for everything at the Ask A Library service desk so that everyone who staffs the desk can always find what they need. She has taken this lesson and applied it to her everyday life — Martha Young

The More You Know!

Ria Lukes, Technical Services Librarian at Indiana University Kokomo Library, was interviewed to obtain the answer to one simple question: what exactly does a Technical Services Librarian do? A Technical Services Librarian is responsible for the purchasing, cataloging and processing of all materials for a library; therefore helping add to the current collection to further the research and success of users. Indiana University Kokomo Library provides quality resources for students, faculty and other library users, along with expert assistance from the library faculty.

When asked what research she has performed, as is required for faculty, she mentioned a recent study performed by librarians in the 2013-2014 academic year to determine if the use of the library improves the academic success of students. While the results are being presented at a later date, the preparation for this study required thought and discussion, mostly among the librarians. This process, along with raw data gathered, helped librarians determine what they can do to improve their job performance or library services. This will result in helping others to succeed in their academic endeavors. Ria also has an article being published about library websites in June 2015.

In addition to purchasing materials and conducting research Ria Lukes is in charge of the Federal Depository Library Program representing the Fourth Congressional District. In this role she has conducted studies in order to improve access to government publications which are located on the first floor of the library.

— Jason Benzinger

Answer Key for Crossword Puzzle

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Plan Ahead

**Spring Semester** January 12—May 8, 2015

Monday 8 a.m.—9 p.m.
Tuesday 8 a.m.—9 p.m.
Wednesday 8 a.m.—9 p.m.
Thursday 8 a.m.—9 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m.—5 p.m.
Saturday noon —5 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m.—7 p.m.  April 5 (Sun.) CLOSED

**Extended and Alternative Hours**

April 27-30 (Mon.-Thurs.) - close at 11:00 p.m.
May 3 (Sun.) - close at 9:00 p.m.
May 4-5 (Mon.-Tues.) - close at 11:00 p.m.
May 9-10 (Sat.-Sun.) CLOSED
May 11 (Mon.) 8 a.m.—5 p.m.
May 12 (Tues.) CLOSED Campus Commencement
May 13-15 (Wed.-Fri.) 8 a.m.—5 p.m.
May 16-17 (Sat.-Sun.) CLOSED

I just did a search and got 1,256,440 results. What should I do?

**Ask A Librarian Service Desk**
Located on the first floor of the Library
Hours:
Monday-Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday by appointment
Saturday Closed
Sunday Closed

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

For more details about these services, please see the [Reference and Research Services](#) web page.