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Summer is here! Well, almost... and even though many of us are still teaching, taking classes and attending to all of the job functions that keep the university running, we are enjoying the longer, sunnier days and slightly better parking.

In the IU Kokomo Library, we will be here all summer long to assist with your summer classes and preparations for the fall semester. If you are teaching in the fall, remember: it is never too early to contact us to plan for information literacy instruction so that you may incorporate that into your fall syllabus.

Check out the “Get Caught Reading” section (page 4) to see what students and staff around campus are reading and be sure to browse our bestsellers collection on the first floor of the library to find your own literary inspiration. I am already digging into my summer reading list, which includes fiction and non-fiction selections from various genres - science fiction (Shift, Hugh Howey), crime (The Fifth Witness, Michael Connelly), biography (Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention, Manning Marable), history/science (Women After All: Sex, Evolution and the End of Male Supremacy, Melvin Konner) and whatever else I find that looks interesting. I always find something in the bestsellers or 2nd floor stacks that grabs my attention and imagination.

Drop by this summer to do some research, find a book or DVD to relax with at home, or hang out at one of our game or puzzle tables. When you are here, be sure to congratulate our recent IU Kokomo graduates who will be working with us for a few more months before moving on to new adventures – find out more about them on page 3.

Please take a few minutes to browse our newsletter and read about the changes coming to the library for the fall semester.

Have a great summer!

Polly Boruff-Jones

Librarian Heads to Esteemed Research Institute

Angie Thorpe, our Digital Experience Librarian, was accepted into the Institute for Research Design in Librarianship at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, California! Ms. Thorpe is one of 21 participants selected for the 2015 institute cohort. While there, she will focus on continuing the study she and three other colleagues, Diane J. Bever, Ria Lukes, and Yan He, initiated during the 2013-2014 academic year.

“The study will take place during the 2015-2016 academic year, and it will take a deeper look into whether use of the library affects student success metrics, namely GPAs and retention rates,” said Thorpe. “This new research study will also introduce a student questionnaire aimed at assessing students’ potential intrinsic motivation for academic success.”

She is most excited about being able to learn more quantitative and qualitative analysis skills. “Such skills will be useful not only for my planned research project but also future initiatives,” said Thorpe “I’m also looking forward to discussing and further developing this project with colleagues from across the country.” A follow-up interview will be in the next issue.

- Martha Young
Check Out Our 2015 Graduates

**Ashley Glassburn** received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She has attended IU Kokomo for four years. Her goal is to obtain a nursing job in a hospital, preferably with a local hospital. She says she has no idea what her favorite class was “because with all of the nursing courses you always learn something interesting.”

**Brad Deaton** received his Bachelor of General Studies and a minor in English Writing. He spent his last two years of studies at IU Kokomo. Brad has been looking for employment along the West coast and British Columbia. He will be going to Japan to teach English in the near future, as well. When asked what his favorite class was during his entire college career, he answered that one was the ‘Power, Madness, Identity’ class he took with Professor Netty Provost.

**Whitley Wilson** received her Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging Technology with a concentration in sonography. She attended IU Kokomo for five years, and plans to look for an ultrasound technologist position at a hospital or clinic. When asked what her favorite class was during her entire college career, she replied, “My favorite class of my entire college career was ‘Abnormal Psychology’ with Dr. Downey.”

Out With the Old
In With the New

Among the many changes our progressive campus is going through, one addition being made to the library is the purchase of furniture. On the first floor of the library, a series of shelves are being removed to make room for a more open and functional space. From a proposal of four options, Polly Boruff-Jones, Dean of the Library, has decided to purchase multiple chairs and end tables to promote a serene environment. This exciting new addition will be set up in the area next to the staircase and across from the Ask A Librarian Desk. The project is scheduled to take place over the summer.

- Jason Benzinger

Database Highlight

**Academic Search Premier**

Looking for a multi-disciplinary database that has over 4,000 peer reviewed journals and articles? Then **Academic Search Premier** might be just what you are looking for! Academic areas covered include: social sciences, humanities, education, computer sciences, engineering, language and linguistics, arts and literature, medical sciences, and ethnic studies.

It can be found under “A” at the link below: [http://iuk.libguides.com/databasesaz](http://iuk.libguides.com/databasesaz)

Coming Soon To A Library Near You...

**Reserving study rooms**

This fall semester the library will begin taking reservations for the four study rooms on the second level: KA220, KA222, KA224, and KA226. These rooms will be available for currently enrolled IU Kokomo students with a valid student ID and should be used for independent or quiet, small group study. Reservations may be made for at least one hour and up to three hours per day, per individual or group. Scheduling may be made up to one week in advance, until closing the night prior to the desired reservation date. If there are no reservations or if a reserved time is not claimed within 15 minutes, the study room will be available on a first come basis. Students may start making reservations August 17, 2015 for the beginning of Fall semester.

To make or cancel a reservation, visit the Circulation/Reserves Service Desk or call: 765-455-9513.

- Christina Fivecoate
Get Caught Reading

What are You Reading this Summer?

Reading is a great way to spend your time in the summer. We’ve asked a few people on campus what they are reading this summer. Do any of these titles catch your eye? Get caught reading with us!

Name: Julia Williamson
Major: Secondary Science Education
Reading: Frozen in Time by Mitchell Zuckoff
Why did you choose this book? “I really enjoy reading historical non-fiction”

Name: Kathleen Mills
Works in the Parking Office
Reading: Wayfaring Stranger: A Novel by James Lee Burke
Kathleen loves to read and reads at least 40 books a year. In fact, she loves reading so much that she has written her own series called the “Hen House Series”, which is about women bounty hunters and is hoping to have it published one day.

Name: Ethan Patrick
Major: Elementary Education with a minor in Special Education.
Reading: *Thief’s Magic by Trudi Canavan
Why did you choose this book? “She is my favorite fantasy novelist.”

Name: Faith Renken
Major: Humanities with a minor in Creative Arts, Sociology, and Spanish
Reading: Curious: The Desire to Know and Why Your Future Depends on It by Ian Leslie
Why did you choose this book? “It looked interesting and, it was about why we do what we do and the effects that our choices have on us.”

Name: Clarence Thompkins
Major: Health Science
Reading: The Last Man: A Thriller by Vince Flynn
Why did you choose this book? “Reading helps me stay up to date with current events, and I also use it to gain more knowledge.”

Location of Books in the IU Kokomo Library Highlighted in this Article
Curious: the desire to know and why your future depends on it by Ian Leslie, Located in New Books BF323.C8 L447 2014
The Last Man by Vince Flynn, Located in Bestsellers PS3556.L94 L37 2012
*Thief’s Magic by Trudi Canavan can be requested through Interlibrary Loan (ILL)
Plan Ahead

Summer Semester - May 18– August 14, 2015

Monday 8 a.m.-- 8 p.m.
Tuesday 8 a.m.-- 8 p.m.    May 25 (Mon.) CLOSED
Wednesday 8 a.m.-- 8 p.m.
Thursday 8 a.m.-- 8 p.m.    July 3-4 (Fri.—Sat.) CLOSED
Friday 8 a.m.-- 8 p.m.
Saturday noon-- 5 p.m.
Sunday CLOSED

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Ask A Librarian Service Desk
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Summer Hours:
Monday-Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday by appointment
Saturday Closed
Sunday Closed

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

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.