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Reflecting on History

Wylie House Museum offers visitors a glimpse of Indiana life in the 1840s.
Dear Friend,

A year can be a measurement, a milestone, a cause for celebration.

This issue of The Source looks at a year at the Wylie House Museum. From season to season, we reinterpret Hoosier life in the 1840s, inspired by what we know of the Wylies through their correspondence and diaries.

The Information Commons is now a year old, and it has been extraordinarily successful in providing students the resources they expect from a research library: access to information and the technology to use it effectively. We will expand the IC to the second floor in the new year. Another milestone.

In this issue of The Source, you’ll also read a bit about our collections, services, and spaces that make the IU Libraries—all 19 on the Bloomington campus—a place for intellectual discovery.

And, of course, this year we recognize our special friends who have contributed at least $100 to the IUB Libraries. If you are among them, thank you. If you’re not, please consider adding your name to our growing list.

Sincerely,

Suzanne E. Thorin
Ruth Lilly University Dean of University Libraries and Associate Vice President for Digital Library Development

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Cover photo: Wylie House volunteer Carol Wise, dressed in period costume, imagines life as Margaret Wylie may have known it in the mid-1800s.

Photo by Kendall Reeves/Spectrum Studio.
From its stately front hall to the bedrooms upstairs, the Wylie House Museum reflects the history of one of Indiana University’s most prominent families. Andrew Wylie, and then his half-cousin Theophilus, owned the gracious home. Andrew Wylie was IU’s first president; Theophilus, a science professor and librarian.

**Then**

Autumn’s harvest offered provisions for the months ahead, and the year’s last warm days offered opportunities to prepare for winter.

**Now**

Autumn signals the return of IU students to Bloomington—and increased class visits to the museum to learn about architecture, American studies, and history.

Tell the boys that I think, as the weather is fine it might be well for them to top the corn on the field nearest home, the fodder will likely be needed for the cattle next winter. The ice house ought to [be] cleared of the straw: the saw dust in it should be dried & saved & more got & stored up for use.

*(Andrew Wylie to Margaret Ritchie Wylie, September 22, 1850)*

28 November 1861. Thanksgiving day—a dull, dark, dusky, drizzly, dreary day as to weather. A gloomy day to me as to feeling. War raging on our borders, soldiers killed on the field and dying in the camp. Thanksgiving seems almost out of place.

*(Diary of Theophilus A. Wylie)*

- Commercial seed companies were just getting started in the mid-1800s. The Wylies saved seeds from their garden, just as Wylie House gardener Sherry Brunoehler does today. Sherry harvests more than 80 strains of seeds from the garden’s heirloom plants and vegetables (some with colorful names like Ragged Jack Kale and Rattlesnake Watermelon) and this year collected 20 additional varieties. Sold at an annual fundraiser, Wylie House seeds and plants last year netted more than $4,000.

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Christmas was a dull day here. Nothing going on at all. I spent it in the kitchen cooking an extra good dinner & was tormented beyond measure by the boys who must have fired off a thousand crackers at my back... I was jumping & squealling all day & was heartily glad when night ended it.

Elizabeth Wylie to John H. Wylie, Richmond, Indiana, February 12, 1847

17 January 1841  Too cold to write... Ink frozen up. Thawed a pen full in the candle to write this.
19 January 1841  Yesterday no fire in my room.
20 January 1841  No fire. Excuse me.

(Diary of Theophilus A. Wylie)

The universal season of renewal: a time to plant crops, clean house, and start fresh.

At the museum last spring, we finished painting several interior rooms and ordered drapes with historically documented reproduction patterns for the dining room and downstairs bedroom.

All are here in good health, but tired out with cleaning, scrubbing & turning things in this big house topsy turvy & inside out — no girl to help. They join me in love to you & yours. They are, at last, breaking ground here on the railroad with great spirit. A considerable influx of new students: & all things seemingly prosperous but the fields & gardens & orchards which are sadly frostbitten.

(Andrew Wylie to John H. Wylie, May 7, 1851)

Have just got through house cleaning, & a few other disagreeable jobs, connected with housekeeping. ... it will be some time before we have garden sarce [sauce: colloquial term for cooked vegetables], the kind we like, shall have lettuce & onions in a few days, peas are 3 or 4 inches up, corn & potatoes have not yet appeared.

(Elizabeth Wylie McCalla to Jane M. Wylie, April 29th 1863).
Editors of the Indiana Daily Student call it a “one-stop, work-until-you-wilt megaplex of technology.” A national library journal calls it the latest and greatest.

We call it the Information Commons.

Students simply love it. Since it opened last fall in IU’s Main Library, the Information Commons has offered everything students need to succeed academically. The size of nearly six NCAA basketball courts, the Information Commons features more than 250 individual and group workstations, wireless networking, library reference services and resources, and technology consultants.

No wonder the Information Commons attracted more than 80 percent of all undergraduate students and 50 percent of graduate students in its first year of operation. Students especially enjoy the anytime access (open 24 hours a day, seven days a week) and the computers configured for easy collaboration. “It’s the best place to do group work,” says student Ryan Krueger, who once met there with his School of Business classmates until 4:30 a.m. to beat a pressing deadline.

“It’s a busy, active, thriving place,” says Suzanne Thorin, dean of the IU Libraries, of the light-filled Information Commons, which overlooks the campus arboretum. “I cannot tell you how wonderful it is to walk through the lobby at 8 in the morning and see students already settled in behind the workstations. I’m told it’s the same at three in the morning.”

The IC also houses a multimedia production laboratory. Using design software applications, scanners, and even a graphics-quality plotter, students can create posters to jazz up a class presentation or make personalized banners for a roommate’s surprise birthday party. (No digital images? No problem! Students can check out digital cameras and video recorders purchased last year by the IU Libraries with a gift of $12,300 from the IU Parents Fund.)

The Information Commons opened in August 2003 as a partnership of University Information Technology Services and the IU Libraries, and it brings together several other campus units. The university’s Writing Tutorial Center offers on-site assistance for students who need help writing research papers and last year hosted more than 2,000 sessions. IU’s Adaptive Technology Center occupies a prominent location at the entrance of the IC and provides technology-based solutions for students with disabilities by offering, for example, Braille printing and voice-recognition software.

What’s more, the Information Commons created essential training space. Librarians boost students’ research skills by holding drop-in workshops, and UITS offers its popular technology training workshops.

All good reasons why we also call the Information Commons a smashing success.

Eighty percent of all undergraduates visited the Information Commons. Usage peaks in the late evening and on Sundays.

Coming Soon: IC2

In September the Trustees of Indiana University approved architectural plans for an extension to the Information Commons. The Loft, or IC2, to be located on the second floor of the Main Library west tower, will convert an additional 9,600 square feet to help address the overwhelming response to the Information Commons. It will include:

- 80+ computer workstations.
- Seating and electrical power for 100+ laptop users in individual and collaborative spaces
- Current, high-use core book collection
- Technology consultation during all open hours
- Library reference assistance
- Printing
- Wireless networking
- Quiet study space

On the Drawing Board: Research Commons

Plans are under way to create a Research Commons in the Main Library. This one-stop destination for research support on the IU Bloomington campus will allow faculty to consult with a wide range of experts about substantive aspects of their research, both print and digital. Faculty members will gain knowledge about new and traditional research tools and digital content as well as learn how to use, create, manipulate, and preserve research data. From identifying ways to leverage statistical software and exploiting the power of mass storage to consulting on matters of technology transfer and intellectual property, researchers will benefit from an environment that addresses their intellectual and practical needs.
More than 4.2 million books fill the stacks at IUB’s Main Library. Laid end to end, they would extend from the IU Bloomington campus to Washington, D.C.

Last year we added 9.7 miles (another 64,862 titles).

The sheer number of books is impressive, but it is the individual books, carefully selected over many years, that make the miles add up to a research destination for students, faculty and friends.

Librarians take many factors into consideration when choosing books and other materials. For example, they consider the curriculum of a school or subject area and look for books that will support the university’s teaching mission. When a new academic area leads faculty and students to new subjects, librarians assist in that work by collecting a body of research.

Angela Courtney, subject librarian for English and American Literature, is working on a project that developed out of collaboration with a faculty member in the English Department. In teaching Nineteenth Century Literature, the faculty member wanted her students to branch out from English and American
literature and explore other Anglophone literature. Though the library collection is strong in modern Anglophone literature, it was not as strong in nineteenth century Anglophone literature. “It stuck in my head that this was something we should work on,” says Courtney.

Courtney received the 2003-2004 White Professional Development Award and a grant from IU’s Office of International Programs which she will use to travel to Australia and New Zealand for this project. While she is there, she will meet with librarians and vendors who are experts in the literature of those countries and will develop an organized approach to building IU’s collection.

Because the budget is not unlimited, librarians also consider how much a resource costs and compare that with how much it will be used either now or in the future. “This has become a more important criterion than ever before because money is tighter,” says Cecile Jagodzinski, director of collection development and digital scholarship.

The librarians at IUB also choose books with an eye toward maintaining strong collections. As Jagodzinski says, “IUB has collections with great breadth and depth. We want to continue to build upon the strengths that we are renowned for.”

Sometimes, though, it is not the number of books, but the little pockets of material that make for a strong collection. “We have one of the best Somali Collections in the world,” says Jagodzinski. It is even stronger than collections in Somalia because many of their resources have been destroyed during the conflict there. In addition, the Tibetan collection at IUB is one of the best in the country. The library is also strong in African Studies, Folklore and even Portuguese.

The IUB libraries strive to be all encompassing. “It’s really about the students,” Courtney says. Often graduate students are on the cutting edge of up and coming trends, so by working with them and with faculty members, librarians can make the choices necessary to create and maintain a strong collection at IU. As Courtney says, “I want them to have what they need here.”
What is This?

Employees in the IUB Libraries Preservation Department began operating a box-making machine in November 2001, and have since produced over 30,000 enclosures for the Auxiliary Library Facility and collections on campus.

Boxes protect materials from dust and light, fluctuations in environmental conditions, and from handling during transfer to and from the ALF. Custom-made enclosures produced in the E. Lingle Craig Preservation Laboratory also protect materials such as Lilly Library sheet music, manuscript collections, the Bradley Film Collections, and Lee Hamilton’s Congressional papers.

The image above is the layout of a flattened box, drawn by a computer program that creates a template based on a book’s measurements. The box-making machine cuts and scores acid-free paperboard, which, when folded and filled, will enclose yet another book in the ALF.

• **Comprehensive Collections**  Ranked the 12th largest collection in the country among academic research libraries, Indiana University Bloomington Libraries consist of more than 6.6 million books (more than the collections of Purdue and Notre Dame combined), nearly 30,000 electronic journals and databases, 83,000 electronic books, 7.2 million manuscripts, 596,000 cartographic materials, 253,000 sound recordings, and 39,000 films and videos.

• **Valuable Assets**  Books in the Main Library, collected over a period of more than 125 years, are a valuable state asset. A conservative (and rough) estimate of the replacement cost—based on the today’s average cost of $50 for an academic title and an additional $5.25 for cataloging—well exceeds $232 million. Even if funds were available, we could never replace materials now out-of-print.

• **Books Matter**  Books form the core collections of an academic research library. Collected carefully over decades, books support learning and research in every academic discipline.

• **Yes, Students Use Books**  Despite the growing number of materials available online—and the demand for electronic resources—books remain essential to research and scholarship. Students, faculty, and residents of Indiana use the university’s books. IU’s circulation rate is the highest of the 15 largest university research libraries in the country.
Indiana University Receives Grant to Train Digital Librarians

Selected to Host National Conference

Indiana University’s Digital Library Program and the School of Library and Information Science received a $939,000 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to educate librarians for work in digital library programs.

IU will partner with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to create the first research-based, comprehensive master’s-level program for training information specialists in digital library development. Both institutions will offer internships for students to gain experience with digital library projects.

The granting agency also selected Indiana University to host a national conference planned by representatives from schools of library and information science that are developing digital management programs, with a goal of developing recommendations for core competencies in digital information management.

“Being selected to host a national conference speaks to our standing as one of the nation’s leading digital library programs,” says Suzanne Thorin, Ruth Lilly University Dean of University Libraries and Associate Vice President for Digital Library Development. “We were already a leader, but this opportunity pushes us to the forefront. I am very proud of the program we have developed at IU.”

Digital libraries provide online collections and services, just as traditional libraries acquire, organize, and give access to print collections. Librarians who create and manage digital collections and services must know about imaging technologies, optical character recognition, indexing and database technologies, programming, and how people use the Web.

The grant will leverage the strengths of the IU School of Library and Information Science, ranked sixth in the nation in library science education, and the IU Digital Library Program, renowned as a leader in research and development through projects such as VARIATIONS, which marked the national introduction of digitized music distributed over a computer network.

“This award recognizes the school’s many strengths in both digital library teaching and research,” says Blaise Cronin, dean and Rudy Professor of Information Science at IU’s School of Library and Information Science. “We have been offering graduate courses in digital libraries for almost a decade and during that time IU has received several grant awards from the National Science Foundation to support digital library-related research.”

Javed Mostafa, associate dean at the School of Library and Information Science, and Kristine Brancolini, head of IU’s Digital Library Program, are co-directors of the grant.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is an independent federal grant-making agency dedicated to creating and sustaining a nation of learners by helping libraries and museums serve their communities. In 2002, first lady Laura Bush, a former librarian, announced the funding program, which seeks to recruit and prepare librarians for the 21st century.

For more information: http://www.dlib.indiana.edu/
http://www.slis.indiana.edu/
Lynda Fuller Clendenning, associate director of technical services and head of acquisitions, was elected secretary of the Acquisitions Section of the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services Division of the American Library Association.

Kathleen Cruikshank was appointed political papers specialist at the Lilly Library. She previously served as the visiting manuscript librarian and political papers specialist at the Lilly Library.

Mary Wallace Davidson, who previously served as head of the music library, will continue her service to the IU Libraries as research librarian at the Lilly Library until the end of December. She will create bibliographic records for IU’s contributions to the Répertoire International des Sources Musicales, specifically to the database comprising manuscripts by individual composers written after 1600 (and before about 1850).

Harriette Hemmasi, executive associate dean of libraries, has been selected to be a fellow in the Academic Leadership Program (ALP) presented by the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC). ALP was established in 1987 to develop the leadership and managerial skills of faculty and professional staff on CIC campuses who have demonstrated exceptional ability and administrative promise.

Lilly Library Director Breon Mitchell received the 2004 Helen and Kurt Wolff Translator’s Prize for the best literary translation from German into English published in the United States in 2003. He translated Uwe Timm's Morenga, a novel about the German-Herero war in South West Africa (now Namibia) in 1905.

Associate librarian Andrea Morrison was lead co-author of International Government Information and Country Information, an authoritative guide published this summer that offers a subject approach to the resources provided by international government organizations, national governments, and other foreign information sources.

“E-journal Management Systems: Trends, Trials, and Trade-Offs,” an article co-written by Taemin Park, associate librarian, Technical Services, was one of the top 10 downloaded articles for the publication Serials Review between July and December 2003.

Philip Ponella was appointed director of the music library. He joined IU from the University of Rochester, where he was the director of Information Technology Services/Academic Technology. Philip previously served as director of technology and music production at the Eastman School of Music, where he also worked as head of public services in the prestigious Sibley Music Library.

Jennifer Riley was appointed metadata librarian in the Digital Library Program. Jennifer had been the digital media specialist in the Digital Library Program since 2000. Additionally, an article she co-authored, “Recommended Best Practices for Digital Image Capture of Musical Scores,” was selected as a Literati Award for Excellence 2004 as the winning paper from the 2003 volume of OCLC Systems & Services.

Virginia Sojdehei was appointed personnel librarian after serving since 1997 as a reference librarian at Gulf Coast Community College in Panama City, Fla. Prior to this appointment, she held positions as the personnel librarian and public services staff librarian at the University of Maryland-College Park Libraries. Virginia received her bachelor of arts in education and her MLS from Indiana University Bloomington.
Steven Sowell, coordinator for the campus libraries and head of the education library, has taken a new position as chief of staff for Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County. Gwen Pershing has agreed to serve as interim head of the Education Library.

Dean Suzanne Thorin was elected to the Board of Directors of the Association of Research Libraries. Additionally, her article “Global Changes in Scholarly Communication” will be published by Springer-Verlag. The article came out of three workshops—Knowledge Creation; Knowledge Management; Concepts, Theories, Practices, Trends, and Case Studies—she presented at the International Conference on Strategic Planning for e-Learning and Digital Content held at Feng Chia University, Taichung, Taiwan, in December 2003.

John Walsh has been appointed associate director for projects and services and will coordinate the Digital Library Program (DLP) on all eight campuses. John previously served as the manager of electronic text technologies for UITS. He was responsible for developing, implementing, and maintaining the technical infrastructure for LETRS (Library Electronic Text Resource Service) where he has worked since 1994. He is active in the TEI (Text Encoding Initiative) Consortium and has written and presented on a number of topics related to digital libraries and electronic text.

Brian Winterman has accepted the position of assistant Chemistry/Life Sciences librarian. He will provide reference service and library instruction and serve as collection manager of the nursing fund and liaison to the nursing faculty. Previously, Brian was the campus library coordinator in IUB’s Life Sciences Library.

Carolyn Walters has become director of public services for the IUB Libraries. She has a long and distinguished record of service at IU. Carolyn previously served as the head of the Information Commons and Undergraduate Services, and she led a number of initiatives including co-chairing the IC Steering Committee and helping design the plan and services of this successful partnership with UITS. Diane Dallis is serving as interim head of the IC and Undergraduate Services.

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Theophilus Wylie left an important legacy for Indiana University through his innovation, vision, and scholarship. To honor these qualities, as well as his service as university librarian, the Theophilus Adam Wylie Heritage Society was established, recognizing Dr. Wylie’s dedication to sustaining the IU Libraries for future generations. The Wylie Heritage Society honors planned-giving donors past, present, and future.

Private support through planned giving can make a substantial impact on the future of IU Libraries. These gifts provide funds for collection development, endowed librarian positions, service initiatives, technology enhancement, and facility improvements.

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Libraries Boost Access to Full-Text Articles

New Hyperlinking Software Is “Like Gold”

IU-Link, a new service launched by the IUB Libraries that promises greater convenience for researchers at all levels, streamlines information retrieval by linking online article citations to full text.

Citations in 113 of the IUB Libraries’ largest and most popular databases now link seamlessly to full-text articles in more than 20,000 online journals. In instances when the full-text is not available, researchers can link directly to IUCAT, the online catalog, to see if the university owns the journal or book, or can request delivery of the item through interlibrary loan.

“Central to our expansive collection of databases is a system that directs researchers to where they need to go,” reference librarian Jian Liu says of the software he helped implement at IU. “It’s a locally managed service that knows our collections. Interconnectivity is the key to its success.”

Librarians say the increasing availability of full-text articles online has changed how students approach the research process. “People are no longer satisfied with indexes and abstracts,” says Liu, who, through his work at the reference desk, sees a growing number of students who expect access to full-text resources. “This system opens up a lot of possibilities,” he says. “We can now direct students to the best, most specialized databases available to them with the confidence they will find the online articles.”

“Linking to full text can be like finding gold,” says Julie Bobay, associate director of collection development and digital scholarship. “For advanced researchers, IU-Link provides the quickest means to find articles. It removes the tedious work and makes the best use of their time.”

During the past five years, librarians have reallocated resources, primarily from print to electronic, in support of desktop access to reliable scholarly materials in digital form. Between 1999 and 2003, the Libraries increased their allocation for electronic resources from roughly $387,000 to more than $2 million, representing an increase of more than 500 percent.