

Jenkins Award Committee  
Annual Report, 2001-2002

The Jenkins Award for 2002 was presented to Lois Heiser, Head Emerita of the Geology Library, at a meeting of the Bloomington Library Faculty on 29 April 2002. Lois was also recognized at the Retirement and Recognition Reception on 3 May 2002.

As the Libraries did not have the budget to pay for refreshments at the BLF meeting, the Committee provided them out of their own pocket.

Charge 5: Redraft the criteria to clarify the eligibility limitations. It appears in the section under Nomination but also needs to be in the section under Criteria.

We recommend that the following **bolded** wording be added to certain sentences in the information about the award in the BLF Handbook and on the Libraries Human Resources Web site.

The Williams Evans Jenkins Award may be presented annually in recognition of truly outstanding contributions to the Indiana University—**Bloomington** Libraries or to the library profession in general by a present or former librarian **at Indiana University—Bloomington**.

That the librarian has made a professional contribution which has had significant influence on the operations of the Indiana University—**Bloomington** Libraries.

That the librarian has made a significant professional contribution which earns the recognition of the **Indiana** University—**Bloomington** community.

That the librarian has made a significant contribution to the library profession which reflects achievements in librarianship at Indiana University—**Bloomington**.

That the librarian has shown excellence in service to the Indiana University—**Bloomington** Libraries as evidence by continuous leadership and innovation. [We also recommend that the word *continuous* be replaced by *continual* — the meaning that seems to have been intended.]

Any member of the Indiana University community is eligible to nominate any current or former **Indiana University—Bloomington** librarian for the award.

Charge 6: Consider and report back to Council on a change of venue for the presentation of the Jenkins Award.

The Jenkins Award has traditionally been presented at the Retirement and Recognition Reception. In 2001, Mary Popp was unable to attend that reception, so she was given the award at a meeting of the Bloomington Library Faculty. This year the Committee considered the question of which venue was preferable for the award, then split evenly between the two. The

Bloomington Library Faculty Council was also unable to resolve this question speedily. Therefore, the Committee decided on the above-mentioned compromise. A straw poll of the Bloomington Library Faculty at the meeting on 29 April revealed a small majority in favor of this compromise.

The main pros and cons of the two venues are:

#### BLF meeting

- pro: 1. The award was intended for faculty recognition, not as an all-Libraries award.  
2. This venue may increase the sense of faculty pride and solidarity.  
3. This venue may give the award more prominence.
- con: 1. Staff members and others who are not members of the BLF may feel excluded from the award ceremony, even if explicitly invited.  
2. The Committee may have to pay for the refreshments.

#### RRR

- pro: 1. All library awards have been presented here.  
2. Staff members and other interested parties may also attend without a special invitation.  
3. The Libraries have already budgeted for the refreshments.
- con: 1. This venue may decrease the sense of faculty recognition, pride, solidarity, etc.

We recommend that this year's compromise — presentation at BLF, with recognition at RRR — be kept for the time being (with some provision being made for the refreshments).

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