

2011-2012 InULA Grants and Scholarship Committee Annual Report

The 2011-2012 InULA Grants and Scholarship Committee members were:

- Catherine Lemmer, Indianapolis (Robert H. McKinney Law School), Chair
- Angela Courtney, Bloomington
- Keith Cochran, Bloomington
- Diane Bever, Kokomo
- Akram Khabibullaev, Bloomington

Diane Bever and Akram Khabibullaev were new to the Committee this year, while Angela Courtney and Keith Cochran were returning members to the Committee. Catherine Lemmer, chair, also served on the Committee in 2010-2011.

The Committee was informed that there was \$6000 in funding available (*i.e.*, \$2000 per funding cycle) and \$500 in funding for one Julianne V. Nilson Scholarship. The Committee reviewed requests in each grant cycle. The Committee also reviewed the Nilson Scholarship applications and awarded the \$500 scholarship to Ms. Jamina States.

Research Incentive Grants

The Committee recommended and the Executive Board approved funding awards as follows:

- Mary Pagliero Popp and Diane Dallis for their project "Planning and Implementing Discovery Tools in Academic Libraries;"
- Abram Khabibullaev for Literature and Information Science Education in Uzbekistan: Case study of Tashkent State Institute of Culture (research status of LIS education);
- Denise Stuempfle for "Voice from the margin: an exploration of themes in the "libros cartoneros" of the Indiana University Libraries collection;"
- Brian Winterman for research support of Rubric Assessment of Information Literacy Skills (RAILS);
- Moira Marsh for Ethics, Aesthetics and Jokes;
- Sonja Staum-Kuniej for professional development and research in Art Librarianship, the Arts and the Bookarts of Scandinavia; and
- Brian Winterman for program wide integration and assessment of information literacy for biology students.

Julieann V. Nilson Scholarship

The Committee reviewed sixteen applications and recommended that Ms. Jaminnia R. States be awarded the \$500 scholarship. The applicants were very competitive and it was a difficult decision for the Committee. Ms. States, a former teacher, is a student in the Indiana University Bloomington School of Library and Information Science graduate program. She currently maintains a 3.85 GPA and expects

to graduate in May 2013. Her professional goal is to become a public librarian with a literacy driven focus. Her personal statement reflected an understanding of the evolving role of the public library in its community and a vision based on professional collaboration and community partnerships. Ms. States exhibits a strong sense of professionalism and leadership and is seen as a catalyst for student activities focused on supporting young library users and literacy. Her recommender noted her continued efforts to find ways to make evident the value of libraries and that “Jaminnia shares with Julie Nilson a sense of the potential and diversity in every community.”

Other Work

The Committee provided comments on the committee manual.

Conclusion

The Committee sought to evaluate all applications fairly and critically to ensure that funds were awarded to applications of merit and within the governing guidelines.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine A. Lemmer, Chair