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Library News & Events

Happy American Archives Month!!!

Did you know...

...that the University Archives was originally the President's file room? What is now the Archives vault led directly into the President's office located next door. When university administrators planned to include the Archives in the construction of the Bryan Hall in 1936, they were quite forward-thinking as the national archives program had been established only 2 years earlier. The Indiana Daily Student wrote that the Archives was a "theft-proof, fire-proof, fool-proof archives, the largest of their type in the United States, [that will] insure for 100 years to come safe storage for valuable papers and documents, indispensable in the records of Indiana University." Today a staff of 4 (with the assistance of a small army of student workers!) manages an estimated 2 million photographic images and approximately 17,000 cubic feet of records, made up of the administrative records of the university and the personal papers of select IU faculty, staff, and alumni.

Want to learn more about archives and special collections? Attend one of the many events the IU Libraries have planned for its inaugural Archives and Special Collections Month! Further information may be found at www.indiana.edu/~libevent.

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IUB Technical Services Monthly Report and Highlights for August 2006

The August 2006 TS monthly report has been posted on the Intranet

at: <http://www.libraries.iub.edu/intranet/materials.php?mt=newsletter&Id=280>

Acquisitions and Cataloging Highlights for August 2006:

- TS Task Group on Local Treatment of Bibliographic Series formed to study the impact of the July 1st LC series decision on the local workflows and procedures within the department. Report due in October. Charges at: <http://www.libraries.iub.edu/intranet/materials.php?mt=paper&Id=1892>
- EBSCO and SWETS annual subscription renewals submitted for IUB and RCLs (Acquisitions)
- LOCKSS (Lot of Copies Keep Stuff Safe) archiving rate increased significantly (Acquisitions) http://www.libraries.iub.edu/intranet/data/paper/LOCKSS_IUB_list_of_cach... (Over 250 electronic journals now archived at IUB)
- Cataloging progress report for materials purchased from the Mongolia Society: 806 new titles (943 volumes) out of an estimated 2,500 unique items (Cataloging)
- Shelf-ready monograph programs added: IU-East, HPER and Optometry libraries (Acquisitions)
- Significant clean-up work completed following results of the Education Library inventory project (Cataloging)
- Test phase of box & bind with Heckman Bindery completed (Cataloging)

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WYLIE HOUSE is having a free Family Fall Harvest Fest

Join us Saturday, Oct. 7th (10:00-2:00 pm) for a revival of our fall festival! This year's event will feature a pumpkin contest for pumpkins grown from heirloom and hybrid seeds, pumpkin games and quizzes, decorating pumpkins, displays of pumpkins and other heirlooms grown at Wylie House and information on how to grow pumpkins and seed saving tips. Live music and food with pumpkin will round out our festival. Lotus in the Park, another wonderful family event, will be taking place from noon till 5:00 a block away from Wylie House at 3rd Street Park. Call 855-6224 for more information. Wylie House is located at 307 E. Second Street at the corner of E. 2nd and Lincoln streets.

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