From the Desk of the Director:

As we approach the end of the fall semester, I would like to reflect upon the exciting recent developments at the Indiana University Kokomo Library. Foremost, the library has witnessed a 56% increase in foot traffic over the previous year, and we have observed large increases in the use of our services. It is very clear that our partnership with our colleagues in Information Technology has paid dividends as students appreciate access to a greater number of computers and to the highly trained personnel to assist them with their use. In light of the large increase in the use of the library, we have expanded our hours. Effective with the fall 2005 semester, the library has been opening at 8:00 a.m. on weekdays. We anticipate that students and faculty alike will appreciate these new hours.
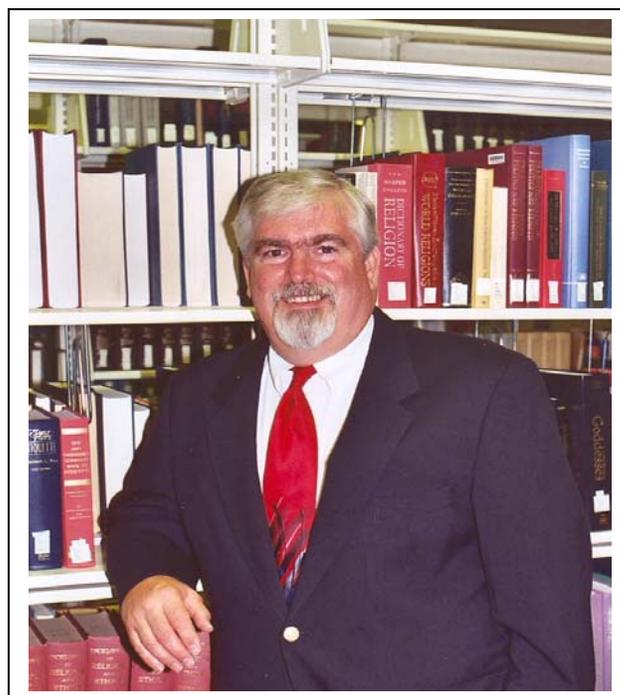
Although the librarians and the library staff continue our tradition of providing excellent services to students and faculty, we are always looking for ways to enhance our services. One of the more visible projects undertaken was a redesign of the Library Web page which reflects several of our new resources and is easier to navigate. We hope that you like it and will use it frequently.

By utilizing *Commitment to Excellence* resources, and with assistance from the Indiana University Library system, we expanded our collection of electronic resources. New to the students and faculty are the electronic journal collections of *JSTOR* (Journal Storage), *Project MUSE* from Johns Hopkins University, and *CQ Weekly.* The library also added the electronic indexes *America: History and Life* and the Institute of Science's *Web of Knowledge.* We are excited to offer these new resources, as they will enhance the research capabilities of our students and faculty. Fuller descriptions of these important resources are included in this issue.

Library services are ever evolving; it is imperative that faculty be vigilant about incorporating information literacy into their courses. Information literacy becomes a crucial skill as rapid changes are occurring in technology and as new resources are constantly being added to library collections. New methods of accessing information challenge all of us to keep research skills updated. The Library has significantly increased the quality and quantity of resources, and we need to educate our students to the possibilities that these resources offer to their research.   Please contact the library so that we can assist you in making students better information users.

The libraries of Indiana University strive to provide excellent service. We, here in Kokomo, take it as our mission to keep pace with the changes in services and instruct our students to be good information users. We are completing an exciting fall semester, and we look forward to new challenges and methods to provide better service to the students, faculty and staff of Indiana University Kokomo.

John C. Stachacz
Director of Library Services

New Titles @ Your Library

Don't have time to come browse the "new books" section in the Library? Would you like to acquaint yourself with new electronic resources? Use the Library home page to check out new titles added to the library collections for the month! The New Titles List includes newly cataloged materials found in several of the different library collections including the bestsellers collection (McNaughton), books, print journals, electronic journals, CDs, DVDs, videos, government publications and more. The New Titles List will also include new electronic materials accessed through the World Wide Web! The New Titles List is sorted by location and then by call number each month. Where can you find the New Titles List? Choose the library home page (IU Kokomo Library), click on Faculty Resources or Technical Services, and choose the New Titles List link.

Don't Be Cell-fish

- **Set your phone to vibrate**
- **Make/Take calls outside the Library/IC**

Inconsiderate behavior or lack of manners is a kind of rudeness. So far this semester the Reference Desk has received complaints of: someone with a bad case of "cell yell' discussing intimate details about a friend's girlfriend; a loud fire alarm going off inside the Library that was really just a ring tone; and someone seeking assistance at the Reference Desk answering a phone call in the middle of the interaction and talking for five minutes.

If you need to use your phone please go outside the Library to make or receive calls. The Library asks for your cooperation in trying to cut down on noise by turning your phone off or to vibrate while using the Library. For additional information see the Quiet or Noise Policy which is one of the Library Policies.

Library Faculty Handbook

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The purpose of the Library Faculty Handbook is to provide information and explain procedures to help faculty use the resources and services of the Library. This handbook is meant to be used as an online document which provides links to additional information on the Library Web site. Click on Faculty Resources on the Library Web pages for easy access to the PDF copy of the handbook.

Information Literacy, Gen Ed & Assessment

The campus Educational Policies Committee (EPC) has been charged by the Faculty Senate with developing the Goals and Outcome statements for the General Education Curriculum. One of the Goals under development by the EPC is *Information Literacy*.

The Association of College and Research Libraries defines information literacy as "…a set of abilities requiring individuals to 'recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use effectively the needed information.' "

The ability to "locate" information is one of the *Information Literacy* Outcomes addressed by English Composition W131 faculty in collaboration with the library faculty. Throughout the fall semester, the campus library informally assessed almost 300 students enrolled in the freshmen composition classes. This assessment was conducted both before and after the initial library instruction session on using the online catalog. The assessment exercise used a pre/post test format collected on *Zoomerang* online software.

We discovered that 75% of our freshmen think the Library uses the Dewey Decimal classification system (and not the Library of Congress (LC) system.) In an exercise asking students to place five library call numbers in the correct shelving order, only 56% could accurately place even the first book in the list; by the end of the session this number had risen significantly with 95% of the students selecting the first call number in the exercise appropriately.

Having this instructional session and having practice with the *Zoomerang* survey helped students to actually apply their knowledge when they were sent upstairs to the Stacks to locate books by call number at the conclusion of the period. Students had a near 100% success rate with this exercise.

Follow this link to view the complete text of the *Information Literacy Standards for Higher Education* . These standards have been endorsed by the American Association for Higher Education (AAHE).

Schedule Library Instruction Now for Spring Classes

English Composition W131 and W132 faculty are reminded that the Library can schedule your first choice dates now for the Spring semester. No, it is NOT too early! Get this out of the way prior to the hectic end of the semester rush and the holiday activities. When you get ready to work on your syllabus, you can have the Library dates confirmed and won't have to wait for everyone to arrive back on campus to lock in those last minute details.

Send an e-mail to Gail MacKay or (765) 455-9249 or stop by the Reference Desk.

New Databases Added to Collection since May 2005

Since May the Library has received access to several new databases. New database information is listed on the New Databases Library Web page.

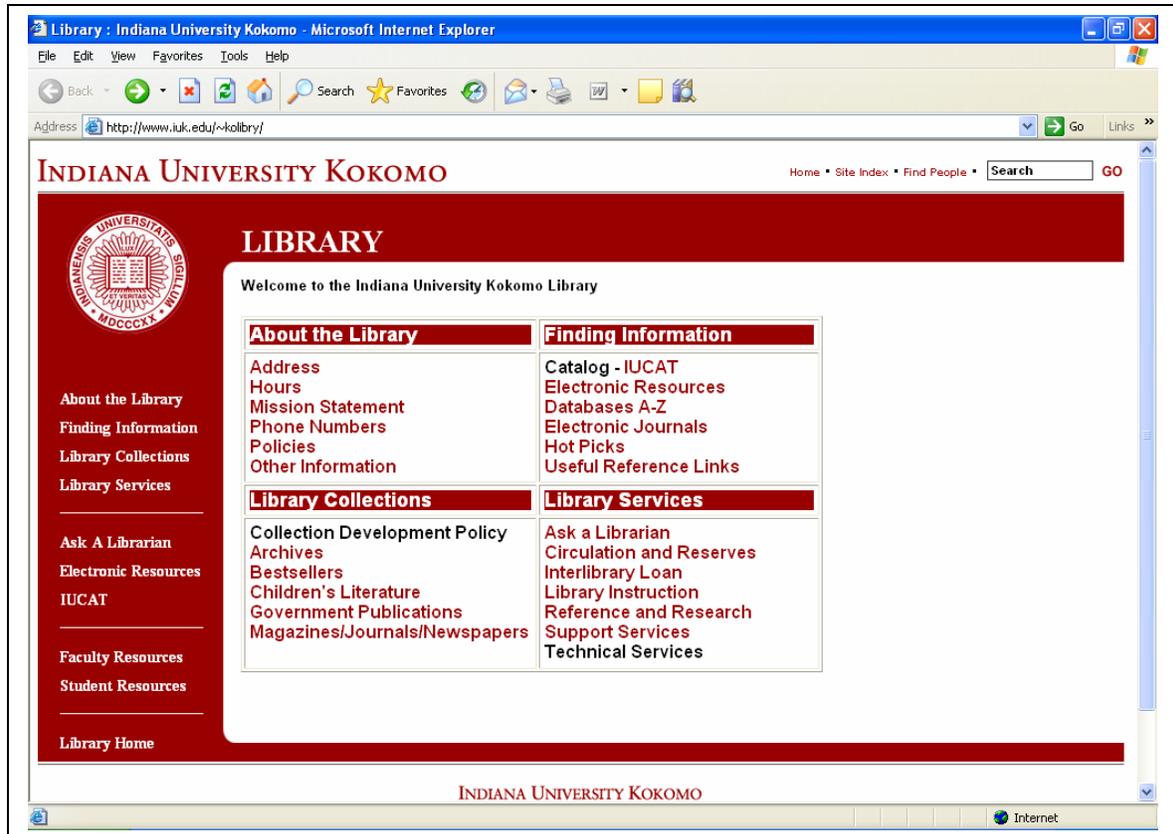| Database Name	Description	Access	Start Date
America: History & Life	A complete bibliographic reference to the history of the United States and Canada from prehistory to the present.	IU Kokomo Network ID	July 2005
CQ Weekly	Complete source for expert coverage of the U.S. Congress: status of bills, votes and amendments, floor and committee activity, backroom maneuvering, and more. Includes archives back to 1983.	IU Kokomo Network ID	August 2005
ISI Web of Knowledge	Web of Science citation databases include: Science Citation Index Expanded, Social Sciences Citation Index, and Arts & Humanities Citation Index from 1995 to present.	IU Kokomo Network ID	August 2005
JSTOR	JSTOR offers both multidisciplinary and discipline-specific collections of searchable full-text of historical runs of important scholarly journals in the humanities, arts, sciences, ecology, and business. JSTOR I, II, III, IV Collections and the Arts and Sciences Complement.	IU Kokomo Network ID	July 2005 & August 2005
Project MUSE	Project MUSE® is a collection of scholarly academic electronic journals which covers the fields of literature and criticism, history, the visual and performing arts, cultural studies, education, political science, gender studies, economics, and many others in the humanities and social sciences.	IU Kokomo Network ID	May 2005
SourceOECD	*SourceOECD* is the publication portal of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and consists of three sections that include books and reports by theme, periodicals, and statistics.	IU Kokomo Network ID	October 2005

The new databases are also added to the Databases A-Z Web page which is an alphabetical list of all the databases that are available to Indiana University Kokomo users.

If you have questions about using the databases Ask A Librarian. If you want to schedule instruction for your students contact the Instruction Librarian, Gail MacKay.

Library Web Pages

This summer the Library Web pages got a new look. The Librarians have been working hard to develop and revise the Library Web pages to provide you with easy access to your information needs. (Some pages are still under development.) Please feel free to contact Diane Bever with any suggestions to improve the existing Web pages.

Although most of these links were available on our former pages, there are a few newly added items. The **Hot Picks** link in the "Finding Information" area locates our 12-15 most frequently used databases in one place on our Web page. The Library buys over 100 databases from a variety of companies (EBSCO, Gale, LexisNexis, Ovid, etc.) and the *Hot Picks* listing provides an area where the most-often used resources can be grouped together regardless of vendor and separate from the *Databases A-Z* listing of our entire electronic collection.

The *Databases A-Z* page contains not only the list of databases available at the IU Kokomo Library, but also a brief annotation describing the database. With an IU Kokomo Network ID and password you can access the Library databases from off-campus.

OneSearch@IU is Here!

OneSearch@IU is a tool that allows users to search multiple databases and other electronic collections of the Indiana University Kokomo Library at one time. *OneSearch@IU* is a "Resource Discovery Tool," allowing users who are unfamiliar with the myriad of Library resources available to them to search multiple resources simultaneously. This discovery process will reveal which sources have the most information for a particular research topic. *OneSearch@IU* will search the digital collections of the IU Kokomo Library on your topic and retrieve books, videos, newspaper stories, and scholarly research articles in just one search. *OneSearch@ IU* can retrieve records from up to 8 databases in a single search.

While there is still much development and testing to go, a "beta" version of *OneSearch@IU* is available from the *Trials and Demos* page. On entering the *OneSearch@IU* site, you may choose to search using the "Quick Search" page, which contains the most often used databases and collections or you can go to the "All OneSearch Sources" tab and select from among the 35 currently enabled databases and collections. Remember that the Indiana University Kokomo Library has over 100 databases and collections available.

Future development in *OneSearch@IU* will include enabling additional digital resources, refining of the searching mechanism and user interface, and continuing development of the Subject/Topic pages.

If you have any questions about using *OneSearch@IU*, please contact Kirsten Leonard or at (765) 455-9346.

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