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I am pleased to announce that Alex Berry joined the Variations/FRBR project as a Programmer/Analyst on Monday, April 20th. Alex has worked on the Variations3 project as a graduate assistant and on various DLP projects in an hourly capacity. In his work on Variations3, he made significant contributions in the areas of programming batch-loading algorithms for automating some aspects of Variations cataloging, an area of work that is crucial to the new project. Alex is graduating with a dual masters (MIS/MLS) from SLIS this semester and he also earned a B.S. in computer science from Bowling Green State University.

As part of the Variations/FRBR development team, Alex will be located in the Music Library. Please join me in welcoming him.

Submitted by: Mark Notess, Variations Development Manager,

Digital Library Program / UITS, IUB

CIC and Google to Digitize Federal Documents

The libraries of the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) universities are partnering with Google to digitize a comprehensive collection of U.S. federal documents.

The partners believe this collection will comprise between 1 and 1.5 million volumes.

The University of Minnesota-Twin Cities is testing the workflow and scanning process for the initiative by sending Google a substantial number of duplicate holdings from its St. Paul campus. Digital facsimiles of successfully scanned federal documents from Minnesota--and eventually other CIC institutions--will be returned to the HathiTrust Digital Repository, where public domain material can be universally accessed.

This project is part of an overarching initiative led by CIC library directors to assess the opportunities digital copies preserved in the HathiTrust might provide for more cost-effective management of less frequently used print resources.

With three CIC Universities designated as comprehensive Regional Depositories for print documents (Minnesota, Iowa, and Wisconsin), it is anticipated the Selective Depositories might be in a position to make coordinated decisions about print retention. Indiana University is a Selective Depository.

The U.S. Federal Documents collection is one of several categories of materials where CIC libraries believe they can achieve efficiencies by better managing the relationship between digital and print resources, with assurances that an adequate number of print copies are available for future use.

The CIC library directors have charged a steering committee with responsibility to plan this initiative. The members of the CIC Steering Committee on Federal Documents Digitization include co-chairs Marianne Ryan (Purdue) and Kirsten Clark (Minnesota), Geoff Swindells (Northwestern), Irene Zimmerman (Wisconsin) and Lou Malcomb. Pat Steele and Wendy Lougee (Minnesota) are serving as director liaisons to the committee and Mark Sandler and Kim Armstrong from the CIC Center for Library Initiatives are providing administrative support. A principles document has been developed to provide additional information on the project basics. Any of these Steering Committee members would welcome your comments and questions.

Submitted by: Eric Bartheld, Director of Communications, IUB

David Lewis to speak at InULA Spring Event

The InULA Program & Social Committee would like to invite you to join us for our Spring Program at the Herman B Wells Library, room E174, April 29, 3:00p. In announcing the appointment of David W. Lewis as IU Assistant Vice President for Digital Scholarly Communications, it was noted that "As assistant vice president, Lewis will engage in extensive dialogue with IU's faculty and research scholars, librarians, faculty council committees, the IU Press, UITS, and other research universities. Thus InULA has invited Lewis to come speak with librarians about digital scholarly communications. Light refreshments will be served. The program will be broadcast on Breeze. To connect, go to <http://breeze.iu.edu/inulaspring2009/>

Submitted by: Lou Malcomb, Head, Government Documents and Kent Cooper Periodicals & Head, Geology Library, IUB

Librarians' Day 2009 Registration

The registration form and the full schedule are on the Intranet at <http://elmo.libraries.iub.edu/intranet/materials.php?mt=paper&id=3722>.

Advance registration is \$30.00 and includes lunch. Please send your check by Friday, May 8, payable to Indiana University, to:

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Indiana University-Bloomington
1320 E. 10th Street
Herman B Wells Library, W121
Bloomington, IN 47405

Indiana University Librarians' Day 2009
Friday, May 15, IUPUI Campus Center
420 University Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46202

Schedule at-a-glance

9:00-9:45 Check-in [4th floor, near CE405]

Poster Sessions

9:45-10:15 Welcome from Dean of Libraries, Pat Steele [CE405]

10:15-11:00 Keynote, Ethelene Whitmire [CE405]

11:15-noon Breakout Sessions 1 [CE305, -7, -9]

Noon-1:00 Lunch [CE405]

1:15-2:00 Roundtables [CE305]

1:15-2:00 Breakout Sessions 2 [CE307 & 309]

2:15-3:00 Breakout Sessions 3 [CE305, -7, -9]

Submitted by: Carrie Donovan, Instructional Services Librarian, IUB

Indiana Online Users Group (IOLUG) Spring 2009 Program

Registration is now open for the IOLUG Spring 2009 Program: Next-Generation Catalogs: New Worlds to Explore

Join your IOLUG colleagues for a day of programming centered on "Next-Generation Catalogs." Learn about the next-gen catalog movement and features of these new interfaces, from user reviews and images to more intuitive searching. Through keynotes and other sessions hear from librarians who have managed these solutions hands-on—their successes and challenges, as well as attempts to meet user needs and expectations using this new set of tools.

Eric Lease Morgan (University of Notre Dame), noted library trend-watcher and next-gen catalog expert, will be the keynote speaker. Other sessions include procurement and management of next-generation catalogs, an introduction to WorldCat Local, an open source ILS update, and lightning presentations and demos of eighteen different software solutions! In the closing keynote, Sean Robinson (Allen County Public Library) will focus on the user experience of next-gen catalogs and touch on ACPL's use of LibraryThing in their system. Come to IOLUG Spring '09 and explore these new worlds.

When: May 15, 2009

Where: Indiana Wesleyan University Indianapolis Education Center, North

Registration: \$30 for current IOLUG members or \$50 for non-members. This includes breaks, lunch, and speakers' handouts. For a complete schedule, directions, and to register online visit: <http://www.iolug.org/2009spring.php>.

Submitted by: IOLUG Program Committee

2009 Reference Retreat

Mark your calendars for the 2009 Reference Retreat, which will be held in the Wells House, Friday, May 29, 8:30a-12:30p. There will be a variety of speakers and discussions on trends, practices, and technology regarding reference services. There will also be a hands-on workshop after lunch on EndNote Web. More details to come.

Submitted by: Brian Winterman, Head, Geography and Map Library and Life Sciences/Chemistry Librarian, IUB