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Libraries News and Events

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM DEAN STEELE

The Libraries' Diversity Committee is sponsoring a special program on "Diversity in the Workplace," presented by Dr. Carolyn Wiethoff from the Department of Management, Kelly School of Business. She will give two presentations: 9 am and 2 pm. Both are scheduled for Wednesday, February 8, in Wells Library, E174.

As stated in the program announcement: "Diverse organizations can function well or function poorly. Diversity can create stress and conflict and can make everyone - those who are privileged as well as those who are less privileged - anxious and upset. Yet diverse work organizations can also function beautifully, gaining competitive advantage over homogeneous organizations. When leaders "manage diversity" they engage in strategies and processes designed to make sure that differences among workers do not diminish, but rather enhance, organizational functioning."

Although attendance is not mandatory, it is requested that library staff members be allowed flexibility in their work schedules in order to attend, either the morning or afternoon presentation. I encourage all to participate in this important program and thank the Libraries' Diversity Committee for planning it.

Submitted by: Patricia A. Steele, Ruth Lilly Interim Dean of University Libraries, IUB.

UPCOMING LIBRARY TOPICS GROUP PRESENTATIONS

Mark your calendars for two upcoming Library Topics Group presentations sponsored by the Bloomington Library Faculty Council.

Wednesday, February 1, 2006, 1-2:30 p.m.

Michael McRobbie, Vice President for Research and Vice President for Information Technology and CIO, will speak to us about libraries in this digital environment.

Tuesday, February 28, 2006, 2-3:30 p.m.

David Lewis, Dean of IUPUI University Library, will give a presentation entitled, "Innovators Dilemma."

More information about the presentations as well as their location will be sent out in the near future.

Submitted by: Shawny Taysom, Assistant to the Ruth Lilly Interim Dean of University Libraries, IUB.

WHITE AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT

Employees of the IU Libraries systemwide who hold the MLS degree or have equivalent experience are invited to submit applications for the Herbert F. and Virginia White Professional Development Award. All IU Libraries staff on all campuses in clerical, technical, and PA positions, and all individuals with librarian appointments are eligible to apply for this award. The White Award has been established to support the career growth of individuals who have chosen librarianship as a profession.

The deadline for applications is February 10, 2006. Please send your information to Libraries Human Resources, Herman B Wells Library 201A, Bloomington.

The Committee will make the award decision and complete notification letters during the month of March. Dean Steele will also publicly announce the award recipient's name at the annual Librarians' Day, customarily scheduled in April.

Submitted by: Susan Yoon, Executive Director of Development, IUB.