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Library News and Events

Banned Books Week

Banned Books Week (BBW) is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read and the importance of the First Amendment. Held during the last week of September (2011: September 24-October 1), Banned Books Week highlights the benefits of free and open access to information while drawing attention to the harms of censorship by spotlighting actual or attempted banning of books across the United States.

Intellectual freedom—the freedom to access information and express ideas, even if the information and ideas might be considered unorthodox or unpopular—provides the foundation for Banned Books Week. BBW stresses the importance of ensuring the availability of unorthodox or unpopular viewpoints for all who wish to read and access them.

The books featured during Banned Books Week have been targets of attempted bannings. Fortunately, while some books were banned or restricted, in a majority of cases the books were not banned, all thanks to the efforts of librarians, teachers, booksellers, and members of the community to retain the books in the library collections. Imagine how many more books might be challenged—and possibly banned or restricted—if librarians, teachers, and booksellers across the country did not use Banned Books Week each year to teach the importance of our First Amendment rights and the power of literature, and to draw attention to the danger that exists when restraints are imposed on the availability of information in a free society.

Banned Books Week is sponsored by the American Booksellers Association; American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression; the American Library Association; American Society of Journalists and Authors; Association of American Publishers; and the National Association of College Stores. It is endorsed by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. In 2011, the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund; National Coalition Against Censorship; National Council of Teachers of English; and PEN American Center also signed on as sponsors.

Submitted by: Jennifer Chaffin, Director of Library Human Resources.

Metadata Discussion Group

The next meeting of the Metadata Discussion Group is Tuesday, October 11th. The group meets monthly to discuss metadata issues pertaining to libraries, archives, and museums. Meetings are open to anyone from IU Libraries, SLIS, and to those on campus interested in topics pertaining to metadata and resource discovery.

Tuesday, October 11th

9:30-10:30a

Wells Library 043 (note the new location!)

Topic: TBA

Relevant resources: TBA

Learn more about the Metadata Discussion Group at our blog, blogs.libraries.iub.edu/metadata, or join the group email list by sending the following in the body of a message (leave the subject blank) to listserv@indiana.edu:

subscribe metadata-discuss-l

Hope to see you there!

Submitted by: Jennifer Liss, Metadata/Cataloging Librarian, Technical Services

Maurer School of Law Intellectual Property Colloquium

Five distinguished scholars from around the globe will visit the IU Maurer School of Law this fall to share their recent

work during the Center for Intellectual Property Research IP Colloquium. Titled “Protecting Intellectual Property: A Global Perspective,” the Colloquium will focus on recent developments in IP law in the United States and other countries. For additional information, please visit the Center’s new website, which will have updated information about the speakers and videos of their presentations after they occur.

Submitted by: Jennifer Chaffin, Director of Libraries Human Resources, IUB

Upcoming application deadline for the InULA Research Incentive Fund

The InULA Research Incentive Fund is intended to encourage and support research by providing funding for research projects of any size or scope. All applications will be considered on their merits. In the case of equally meritorious proposals, those of non-tenured librarians may be given priority, because it is often difficult for beginning researchers to obtain research grants.

The guidelines, application and other information may be found

at: <http://www.indiana.edu/~inula/opportunities/index.html> .

Applications for InULA Research Incentive funds to support research, professional development, or service are due on October 15. Other deadlines for the funds are January 15 and April 15. Applications are reviewed after the deadline by the InULA Grants and Scholarship Committee and recommendations made to the Executive Board for approval and funding. Notice of awards is provided to the applicants as soon as possible.

Contact Catherine Lemmer, Chair, InULA Grants and Scholarship Committee, if you have any questions.

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