Library Annual Report wins Addy Award

The IPFW Helmke Library Annual Report won a 2011 Silver Addy Award in the annual report color category. The library's annual report design was created by University Relations graphic designer, Gary Travis.

Addy Awards are the equivalent of an Oscar for movies, a Grammy for music, or an Emmy for television. The Fort Wayne American Advertising Federation selects the best advertising created and produced by area business and organizations, and the local winners move on to district and national competitions.

I Am We Are Diverse – The Library
By Florence Mugambi

At the 2011 Diversity Showcase, the library put together a table display that exemplified diversity in its myriad forms. Besides books, bookmarks, and posters with information about library resources and services, we added posters and various artifacts from different groups and communities around the world.

We at the library do our utmost to respond to the needs of a diverse campus community through teaching, learning, mentoring, serving, sharing, accepting, and understanding. We embrace innovation, creativity, integrity, appreciation, awareness, civility, accountability, professionalism, collaboration, and much more through our strong commitment to a diverse library collection, intellectual freedom, and independent exploration.
Dean's Notes

I recently attended a conference on institutional repositories. Each session offered a nugget or two of information that I could take back and try in Opus, but in the end, the best sessions were not the ones presented by the "experts" but one in which faculty spoke about the impact of their institutional repository on their individual research programs and the university's academic profile.

In this panel, three faculty members discussed their experience with Digital Commons@Butler University. Each faculty member had an interesting experience to relate concerning the attention their research had received through the Digital Commons. Dr. Chad Bauman, assistant professor of religion, described how an article that he wrote in 2006 on a fairly obscure topic and published in the specialized Journal of Hindu-Christian Studies became immediately popular once it was posted in Butler University's Digital Commons. While the published article had been available in print for four years, once it was made freely available electronically it gained international readership, especially from Indian scholars who had not known of the article previously. Dr. David Mason, professor emeritus of political science, was amazed recently when he received a request from a radio station in Beijing China requesting a live interview concerning public opinion research in China. He was puzzled because, while he had written an article about this 20 years ago for the American Sociological Association, this is not his active area of expertise. It seems that upon searching Google for scholars in this area, his name came up high on the results list due to his early article being available in Butler's institutional repository. He did agree to the live interview. Finally, Dr. James McGrath, an associate professor of religion, described how he uses the scholarship in Digital Commons in a class assignment aimed at teaching students how to identify, locate, and evaluate scholarly literature on a topic. He also finds that his faculty profile pages give him an opportunity to showcase his entire career and the many bookmarking functions available in the Digital Commons has increased communication with colleagues worldwide.

Butler University's institutional repository is in its third year, while our campus' equivalent repository, Opus: Research and Creativity at IPFW is just beginning its second year. The statistical reports on Opus (see Digital Initiative News on page 4) show our repository is growing quickly and getting worldwide attention. I'd like to hear from IPFW faculty about any similar experiences of increased contact or use of research and creative endeavors since posting on Opus.

Helmke Library is FAME-ous Again

Helmke Library is once again hosting the Fusion of Concert Colors Art Exhibition. This project is part of FAME, The Foundation for Art and Music in Elementary Education, which strives to teach cultural arts to kindergarten through eighth-grade students in northern Indiana. In Fusion of Concert Colors, children are invited to listen to a selected piece of music and then create artwork inspired by the music. The piece for this year's program was "Light Eternal" by Canadian composer John Estacio. The larger theme of FAME for 2010-2011 was "Creating and Dreaming in the Land of the Northern Lights," and focused on the arts and culture of Alaska, Canada, Greenland, and the territorial collective of Saint-Pierre and Miquelon. The artwork can be viewed on the second floor of the library from March 29 through May 6, 2011.
Helmke Library Promotes Health Literacy

The IPFW Health Fair is an annual event which provides an opportunity for Helmke Library to promote health literacy. During this year's fair, Helmke Library partnered with the Allen County Public Library (ACPL) to staff an information table offering information about free quality consumer health resources. This was the first time that ACPL has participated and their presence was a wonderful addition to the fair. We look forward to working with them again next year. Final numbers for attendance are not yet available but by all accounts there was an amazing turnout. A list of the resources highlighted at the library table is available at http://libguides.lib.ipfw.edu/consumerhealth.

HAIL: Hoosiers and Information Literacy

The Academic Libraries of Indiana’s Information Literacy Committee is currently developing a statewide initiative titled HAIL: Hoosiers and Information Literacy. The mission of the project is to actively promote information literacy efforts beginning with Indiana’s youngest citizens and continuing through adulthood. The project seeks to foster Hoosiers skills for finding the information they need and the ability to use that information effectively while building a knowledge base that will serve them throughout their lives. A summit is scheduled this July at Indiana University Kokomo to discuss possible strategies to further this goal. Leaders from various statewide library organizations including academic, public, and school librarians have been invited as well as representatives from the Indiana Department of Education. HAIL members are currently visiting the Indiana Library Federation district conferences to collect feedback and ideas as well as spread the word about this new initiative.

Follow Helmke Library on Facebook!

Helmke library now has its own presence on Facebook. To learn about new library services and resources, events taking place in the library, and all of the fun things library staff are doing on campus and around the community, signal that you "like" IPFW Helmke Library at www.facebook.com/IPFWlibrary.

Mobile LIB-INFO

Mobile LIB-INFO is a mobile device Web site that we have developed that enables students to check library hours and view the real-time status of student computer lab seats across campus, library laptops for checkout, as well as the availability of group study rooms in the library. Students can scan the QR code or Microsoft Tag with a compatible mobile device and be presented with the Mobile LIB-INFO Web site. Depending on the device, you can bookmark or save this link for future reference. Mobile LIB-INFO was developed as part of the IPSGA-funded Laptop Checkout Project. The library plans to develop more resources like this for mobile devices.
March 2010 marks the first year of IPFW's launch of its institutional repository, Opus: Research and Creativity at IPFW. So much has been accomplished in just one year as shown in these statistical highlights below. Contact your departmental liaison librarian to learn more about how you can create a faculty profile to showcase your own research and creative endeavors.

- Site visits: 14,967
- Full-text downloads: 10,257
- Items added: 5,331
- Visiting countries: 129
- Faculty contributions: 4,365
- Student contributions: 1,186
- Faculty profiles: 15
Helmke Highlights Library People and Their Accomplishments

Sue Skekloff has been chosen to represent the IU regional campus libraries on a new systemwide committee NextGen Discovery Layer Task Force, which is charged with evaluating and recommending the search engine component of the new integrated library system. This next-generation system, called OLE (Open Library Environment) is being designed and created collaboratively by academic libraries nationwide, a project that is directed by Indiana University's Associate Dean for Library Technologies and Digital Libraries, Robert MacDonald.

Marla Baden is IPFW library's representative on the IU Libraries' systemwide OLE Communications Group. This committee is charged with keeping campus libraries informed about developments in the design and creation of the new integrated library system.

Denise Buhr attended the Mid-America Theatre Conference in Minneapolis on March 3-6, where her 10-minute play "April Snows" was performed in a staged reading during the Playwriting Symposium.

Library Anniversaries

Each April, IPFW recognizes milestone anniversaries of clerical staff, service staff, and administrators. This year, four library employees will be honored:

Amy Harrison 15 years
Blaine Thompson 15 years
Kevin Fredrick 10 years
Daniel Lin 5 years

Library Staff Climb to New Heights

Library staff members Cheryl Truesdell, Sue Skekloff, Joyce Saltsman, Barbara Lloyd, Amy Harrison, Deb Haley, Roger Ellert, and Denise Buhr participated in the annual "IPFW Step Up to Fitness Challenge." The five-week stair climbing event was won by the library's team, thanks to the efforts of individual winner and powerhouse of energy, library technical assistant in processing, Roger Ellert. In his race to the top, Roger logged more flights than all of the other campus participants combined by completing an astonishing 21,744 flights, or enough to climb the Empire State building 253 times. 
Adopt-a-Book

Cheryl Truesdell, Dean of the Library; Connie Dickey ’78 Co-Chair, Adopt-a-Book/Periodical, Marla Baden, Head of Library Technical Services; Dan Dickey ’76 Co-Chair, Adopt-a-Book/Periodical; Ronald Matheis ’92, Chief Perfusionist, Indiana Ohio Heart and Adopt-a-Book donor review the book purchased with Ronald Matheis' donation to the Adopt-a-Book/Periodical Program.

The library wishes to recognize and thank the following individuals for their recent donations to the library's Adopt-a-Book / Adopt-a-Periodical program: Daniel and Stacey Adams and Diane Behrens.

WorldCat.org to Replace IPFW WorldCat

Indiana University Libraries as a system has decided to cancel its subscription to WorldCat Local (viewed as IPFW WorldCat here at our campus), and return to promoting use of the free WorldCat.org interface instead. It was determined that the WorldCat Local interface did not provide enough benefits to warrant its high cost. WorldCat.org provides many of the same services as WorldCat Local, including linking to the shared IUCAT library catalog, interlibrary loan/document delivery services, to other libraries for book borrowing, and to Amazon.com and Barnes&Noble.com for book purchasing. It also provides popular Web 2.0 services such as tagging, comments, reviews, user lists, share options, and more. Watch for WorldCat.org to appear on the library's Find... Books and More page beginning on April 1.

Library Calendar of Upcoming Events

March 28 — May 6, 2011, FAME Exhibit, Library Second Floor
April 6, Career Services assistance with resumes and careers, Helmke Library First Floor, 11 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
April 20, Career Services assistance with resumes and careers, Helmke Library Second Floor, 11 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
May 4, Career Services assistance with resumes and careers, Helmke Library Second Floor, 11 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Watch for an announcement soon about extended library hours during the last two weeks of spring semester.

About Helmke Highlights

The dual purpose of Helmke Highlights is to inform the IPFW community of library activities, services, and resources, and to provide an archive of information about the library. As IPFW's newest library newsletter, Helmke Highlights is issued bimonthly as a public service by the Dean of Helmke Library. It is distributed electronically in PDF format to the IPFW community and selected constituents off campus; a limited supply of printed issues is also available. Archived copies are posted on the library's homepage at http://news.lib.ipfw.edu. For further information about Helmke Library please contact the dean's office by e-mail at admin@lib.ipfw.edu or telephone at 260-481-6514. Copyright 2011 by IPFW. All rights reserved.