

Helmke Highlights

News from the Walter E. Helmke Library



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Remnant Trust at IPFW: Controversial Documents that have Changed History

In January 2009, IPFW will turn the library's 24-hour computer lab/snack lounge into a display space for over 50 first-edition and rare books selected from the Remnant Trust to represent *Controversial Documents that have Changed History*. The texts are grouped into seven themes:

- *Development of the American Character* featuring such titles as *Democracy in America*, *Emancipation Proclamation*, and *Leaves of Grass*
- *Advancing the Rights of Humanity* featuring the *Magna Carta*, *Declaration of Independence*, the *Communist Manifesto*, and others
- *The Dark Side of Humanity* featuring *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, *Frankenstein*, and the *Prince*
- *Religious Revolutions* featuring the *Koran*, the *Hebrew Bible*, and the *New Testament*
- *Women and Power*, including *Vindication of the Rights of Women*, *Subjection of Women* and *Virtues of Women and the Parallel Lives*
- *Business and Ethics*, with *Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations*, *Plato's Republic*, and *Atlas Shrugged*
- *Science, Culture and Society* featuring titles such as *Dialogo di Galileo*, *Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy*, and *Essays on Self Reliance*



The campus is planning an ongoing series of courses and events that will actively engage students, faculty, K-12 schools, and the general public. The activities will begin on January 16, 2009, with a community-wide unison reading of the Declaration of Independence and continue with presentations by national and local speakers, dramas, debates, films, and much more. Stay tuned for more details about the Remnant Trust at IPFW, especially activities featuring IPFW Helmke Library. You can also visit the Remnant Trust Web site at <http://remnanttrust.ipfw.edu>.

"No free man shall be seized or imprisoned, or stripped of his rights or possessions, or outlawed or exiled, or deprived of his standing in any other way, nor will we proceed with force against him, or send others to do so, except by the lawful judgment of his equals or by the law of the land." — From the *Magna Carta*.

Notes from the Dean



Cheryl Truesdell, M.L.S.

A few weeks ago an IPFW student asked to interview me on the impact of the USA Patriot Act on libraries. One of the questions he posed was Why are libraries so committed to protecting the privacy of its users? The American Library Association (like the American Medical Association) has an ethical code of conduct that states in part "Librarians must protect each user's right to privacy with respect to information sought or received, and materials consulted, borrowed, or acquired." Libraries in the United States have come to represent a place of free inquiry where any person can come to read, ask questions, conduct research, check out materials without fear of their activities being recorded and made available to others. Alfred Kazin, son of Russian immigrants, wrote of his pre-World War II youth that he spent many days and evenings at the New York Public Library where he was free to read and "no one behind the information desk ever asked me why I needed to look at the yellowing, crumbling, fast-fading material" and "no one suggested I might manage whatever-it-was-I-was doing with other material" (Matthew Battles, *Library: An Unquiet History*. Norton, 2003, pp. 201-202).

Many have warned of the threat to a free society of restrictions on the right to privacy. One chilling portrayal of a society where there is no privacy and Big Brother is always watching you is George Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-Four*. In February 2009, *Nineteen Eighty-Four* will be the subject of a Community Book Read and Essay Contest sponsored by IPFW's Helmke Library and the Allen County Public Library as part of the *Remnant Trust at IPFW: Controversial Documents that have Changed History*. Put this book on your reading list for spring and join us in our in-depth look at a world with no privacy.

IPFW Senate Adopts New Library Collection Development Policy By Margit Codispoti, Collection Development Manager

The library collection development team and the library faculty council completed the rewrite of the library's collection development policy in 2008 and with the approval of the IPFW Senate Library Subcommittee and the University Relations Policy Committee, it was submitted to the Senate as SD 08-3 and received approval on November 10, 2008. It had been eleven years since the old policy was developed and many changes in publishing and in acquiring library materials occurred in the ensuing years. Eleven years ago we could not foresee the extent to which electronic publishing would revolutionize the way libraries provide information resources and it is difficult to predict what the future may hold to revolutionize our field even further. Thus one characteristic of the revised policy is the removal of most procedures on how materials are acquired and references to specific formats and types of collections. In addition, we are able to provide the policy in electronic format on the library's Web site allowing us to point to relevant documents on other Web sites, linking, for example, to IPFW's mission and to various relevant American Library Association standards, codes, and policies without needing to repeat them in our policy. We believe the new policy provides us the flexibility to change with the times and that it will serve our needs for some years to come. The policy can be found on the library's Web site at <http://collection-development.lib.ipfw.edu>.

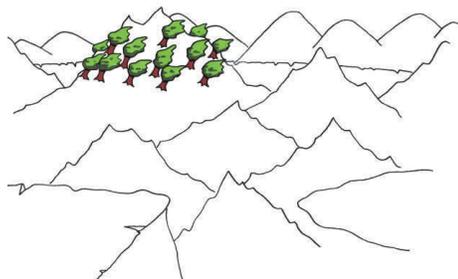
Where is that Book I Need?

Frustrated with the discombobulated state of the library's books on the third floor? Confused by staging areas I, II, III, IV, and so on? Don't let these necessary moving irritants get you down. Instead, let us suggest that you order books owned by Helmke Library through IUCAT and have IPFW library staff members retrieve them for you. When you find a book in IUCAT located in Fort Wayne Stacks, simply place a Request Delivery request. These requests will be pulled by IPFW library staff the next business day and put on the hold shelf for you. You will receive an e-mail when the item is ready for you to pick up. Just a reminder that these requests are not generated in real time. Holds are generated overnight so requests placed before midnight will be pulled the following business day (so, for Friday this means Monday). If, for any reason, the item is not found on our shelves, the item will be requested from another IU library or from a library outside the IU system. For more information contact the library's Service Desk at 481-6505.

The library's Friday patron count is usually a little over 800 visitors. On October 17, 2008, it was 1015. This is the first time that the Friday count has been over 1,000. — Joyce Saltsman, Service Desk Manager.

Information Foraging Short Takes

Serendipitous Finds in the Information Savannah By Pamela Effein Sandstrom



Last month's column introduced the successful information hunter-gatherer and the concept of the IIFE Integrated Information Foraging Environment. By shifting from iffy hunting strategies to more reliable gathering, today's savvy information forager stakes out a position downstream and sits and waits for the prized resource to flow by.

This strategy works well when you know which stream to monitor. Let's consider why foraging microhabitats can be so iffy. What is it about unfamiliarity with the information savannah that raises the risk of — wait, did you hear that? — predation?

Whether you vary your habits and mix up a bit of deliberate hunting with a good measure of reliable gathering, chances are that you are not always the efficient forager. Some days it's lean, and other days you strike it rich.

These days, too much information leads to a state of disinformation; through sheer glut, we all lower our relevance antennae and start to ruminate. Instead of being the predator we become the prey, victims of information overload that fast consumes our limited attention reserves.

Picking the right place to forage at the right time helps to tame the beast. It takes concentration and a keen awareness of your surroundings.

November's IIFE Insight #2: For maximum success, be sure to locate the most productive hunting grounds.

Ask a librarian to point out the best places to start foraging for information. Don't depend on beginner's luck to bring you what you need most. Nevertheless, do be on the alert to chance encounters because serendipity can work for you!

Instead of venturing forth without a guide, why not follow in the footsteps of someone who blazed the trail ahead? Long before you start out to hunt for information — before you even settle on an interesting research problem to pursue — read, read, and read some more.

Start off with an article written by an expert in a scholarly subject encyclopedia. Here, you uncover the state of knowledge, and get a few leads into the literature thicket. The terrain ahead becomes suddenly clearer. And serendipity? Let us show you how knowing about one or two older "classic" works in a field of research can open up a vista onto a field's current debate simply by following "cited-by" relationships to discover who has lately emerged at the forefront of research. It's amazingly simple, once you know where to search.

Next time: Learn some search secrets of the power forager.

IPFW's Document Delivery Service Praised

"I have never been anywhere that the service is so great. I love our library and I tell my students all the time of the great gift they have to be at a place with this library." —Susan Ahrens, Ph.D., RN, Associate Professor, Director, Graduate Nursing, IPFW Department of Nursing.



mastodon DIGITAL OBJECT NETWORK

mDON Digital Initiative News
<http://mdon.lib.ipfw.edu>

IPFW Helmke Library Launches First Video Digital Archive Collection

American Democracy Project



"What we know about things that we know nothing about is the most remarkable part of our mental equipment and our education. The less we know the surer we are of our conclusions."

— Thomas R. Marshall

The American Democracy Project–Mike Downs Center for Indiana Politics is the newest digital collection in IPFW's mDON Mastodon Digital Object Network — and the university's first mDON video collection.

In 2001, to honor the late Dr. Michael C. Downs, Associate Professor of Political Science, his colleagues, students, and friends created the Mike Downs Center for Indiana Politics. This IPFW Center of Excellence is the first nonpartisan center in Indiana devoted to helping people understand the importance of active participation in free society and the ways that politics impact our daily lives. The center has a Web site at www.mikedownscenter.org.

The American Democracy Project is a multi-campus initiative sponsored by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities that seeks to offer undergraduates an intellectual and experiential understanding of civic engagement in the United States in the 21st century. The goals of the project are to develop knowledge and appreciation of democratic processes, gain knowledge of how American public policy works, and develop the skills, abilities, and commitment to participate in a democratic society. Together these two organizations are committed to helping people understand the importance of active civic engagement in a democratic society.

Dr. Andrew M. Downs, Assistant Professor of Political Science, is director of the Mike Downs Center and a

member of the steering committee for the American Democracy Project at IPFW. Describing the new mDON video collections on the Web, he notes that

"One of the goals in the IPFW strategic plan is to contribute to the development of the Northeast Indiana region. To do this, IPFW sponsors educational, cultural, and recreational opportunities for student, faculty, staff, and community audiences of all ages. These projects are intended to inform those in attendance and to stimulate debate. This is achieved in part by sponsoring panel discussions, talks, and debates. The programs on this page are a sampling of these activities and cover a wide variety of the educational opportunities at IPFW that are open to everyone."

IPFW Helmke Library will continue to add video programs from the American Democracy Project and Mike Downs Center for Indiana Politics. Among the programs now available on the IPFW mDON site are the Fort Wayne City mayoral debates of 2003 and 2007, the Allen County sheriff's debate of 2006, the gubernatorial debate of 2008, the Richard Lugar Lecture on International Affairs, and panel discussions on topics ranging from immigration and Internet privacy to local government.

The new collection is freely available to the public at <http://mdon.lib.ipfw.edu> on the IPFW Helmke Library homepage under mDON > mCAST: Sights and Sounds of IPFW.

Stay tuned for the library's next video collection – The College of Arts & Sciences Distinguished Lecturer Series. In the fall semester, the series features a world-renowned scholar outside IPFW and in the spring semester an IPFW scholar. The series began in 1982. While some of the early lectures were not videotaped, we will bring you what we can.

Helmke Highlights Library People and Their Accomplishments

Library Staff Profile: Daniel Lin, Computer Technician



Daniel Lin has served as computer technician in Library Information Technology Services since the summer of 2005.

Daniel's family emigrated from Taiwan to Brooklyn, New York, where Daniel attended Kingsborough

Community College. Daniel graduated from IPFW with a bachelor of science degree in computer science in 2002. From the beginning of his employment here at Helmke Library Daniel has been known for his excellent technical skills as well as his congenial and generous nature. Daniel tackles every job, whether it is moving printers, cleaning equipment or solving the trickiest computer problem, with a smile and a helping hand.

The library has a service tracking system called BUGS. We affectionately call Daniel "the exterminator"

because he has resolved more than 1,246 BUGS, all in a timely and effective manner. In 2006, Daniel assumed the duties of technical support for the mDON, Mastodon Digital Objects Network, and all of the library's CONTENTdm software projects. In two years the number of mDON files he maintains has grown to 9,600. He also regularly investigates how other installations present their digital content and shares his findings with the mDON team. He has become an integral member of the mDON project and a source

of technical expertise (both at IPFW and elsewhere) when dealing with CONTENTdm software configuration issues.

In 2008, Daniel was nominated by the library and selected by the IPFW Clerical and Service Staff Committee to receive the Service Staff Pride Plus Award. No one could have been more surprised or overwhelmed, but we were not unprepared for this honor because we all recognize the value Daniel brings to the library in both computer expertise and human kindness.

Welcome to Our New Staff

Chrissy Hursh has been hired as the new Information Assistant/Document Delivery Services Assistant/Evening Supervisor at the Service Desk. Chrissy worked at one of Purdue's libraries and at the main library and Dupont branch of the Allen County Public Library. She has also been a student worker and a part-time temporary employee at Helmke Library for the last two years.

IPFW Homecoming at Helmke Library By Judy Graf

The theme for the IPFW 2008 Mastodon Homecoming was "Time Warp." Helmke Library Social Committee members Tiff Adkins, Judy Graf, Amy Harrison, and Deb Kelley met with the interim library archivist Denise Buhr to peruse the vast amount of historical campus information available in Helmke Library's archive collection. It was decided the library would be decorated with a focus on changes through the decades from the 1960s through 2008. The exhibit included pictures of IPFW chancellors past, changes of logo and colors, present and past basketball teams, Helmke Library facts, and other campus events. Jennifer Leone and Cassandra Graf helped put it all together. Library display coordinator Margit Codispoti filled the display case with various sports memorabilia including Deb Haley's IPFW Barbie and furry mastodon. Helmke Library computer specialists Kevin Fredrick and Daniel Lin activated a "blast-from-the-past" television review. It was a great opportunity to share the history of IPFW with the campus community and cheer on the Mastodons.



Librarians Well Represented on IPFW Senate Committees

Academic Computing and Information
Technology Advisory Subcommittee
Tiffin Adkins, 2007-2010
Cheryl Truesdell (ex officio, voting)

Budgetary Affairs Subcommittee
Margit Codispoti, 2006-2009

Campus Appeals Board
Margit Codispoti, 2008-2010

Curriculum Review Subcommittee
Susan Skekloff, 2008-2011, co-chair

Developmental Studies Subcommittee
Susan Skekloff, 2006-2009

Distance Education Subcommittee
Susan Skekloff, 2007-2010

Faculty Affairs Committee
Judith Garrison, 2008-2009

General Education Subcommittee
Margit Codispoti, 2006-2009

Grade Appeals Subcommittee
Margit Codispoti, 2006-2009

Graduate Subcommittee
Judith Garrison, 2007-2010, chair

Indiana University Faculty Board of Review
Margit Codispoti, 2008-2009

International Services Advisory Subcommittee
Sue Skekloff, 2007-2010, chair

Library Subcommittee
Cheryl Truesdell (ex officio)

Professional Development Subcommittee
Margit Codispoti, 2008-2010

Promotion and Tenure Subcommittee
Pamela Sandstrom, 2008-2011

University Resources Policy Committee
Judith Garrison, 2006-2009

Publications and Presentations

JoAnn Arnold, Robin Crumrin, and Connie Rendfeld, "Discussing Need for Indiana Themed Controlled Vocabulary," Indiana Library Federation 2008 Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN, November 19, 2008.

Margit Codispoti and Susan M. Frey, "Reshaping Spaces and Rethinking Roles: Reference as Place," paper presented at the 8th Annual Brick & Click Libraries, Maryville, MO, November 7, 2008.

Alan R. Sandstrom and Pamela Effrein Sandstrom, "The Long and the Short of Conducting Ethnographic Research among the Nahuatl of Northern Veracruz, Mexico," paper presented at the American Anthropological Association session "What Do We Learn by Doing Long-term Fieldwork?," San Francisco, CA, November 23, 2008.

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 monthly 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 2008 by IPFW. All rights reserved.



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