

Walter E. Helmke Library
Summary Annual Report for 2006

Accomplishments in support of information literacy

- The library was awarded an IPFW assessment grant that allowed librarians to work with composition faculty to evaluate and improve library instructional tutorials.
- The library created a successful drop-in instructional module for use in a WebCT course. Others are in preparation.
- Librarian support was integrated into a distance course using WebCT. Project evaluation indicated that students performed better than in a similar class without librarian integration.
- Librarians successfully piloted a mobile reference service that takes librarians (with a laptop computer) to the students in locations across campus. Most students were new to library services.
- Librarians worked in partnership with CELT and the VCAA office to provide the following workshops targeted for faculty: Web of Science, Copyright, Secrets of the Searchmaster, Search Alerts, Library Services for Teaching and Research.

Accomplishments in support of improved access

- Library staff planned, developed, and launched mDON, the mastodon Digital Object Network. MDON offers locally-produced digital files of photos, maps, historic documents, manuscripts, and other materials as well as a special service called M-Cast, the university's audio and video portal.
- For the first time, IPFW holdings were identified in OCLC's worldwide bibliographic utility WorldCat and its subcatalog of Indiana holdings called INCat. Library lending increased 26.4% in January 2007 over January 2006. Previously, IPFW holdings were subsumed under Indiana University.
- Helmke Library was one of 16 libraries that participated in the "direct request" pilot project sponsored by the Academic Libraries of Indiana to test speedier delivery.
- The library began offering online delivery services for materials held in house. Previously students were asked to come to the library if materials were owned by the library.
- All non-returnables are now delivered electronically. Previously, materials held by the library were photocopied for faculty and sent via campus mail.
- The barcode notebook project was completed. This allowed us to remove catalog records for materials that are no longer available.
- Most library serials subscriptions were converted from paper to electronic.

Accomplishments in support of an improved learning environment

- The initial third floor shifting project was completed. Books are now all in call number order and ranges are spaced according to ADA standards. Work began on the fourth floor shifting project that included integrating the serial and book collections.
- Two additional reference consulting workstations were installed on the first floor.
- Library staff met with architects and others as the new Student Services and Library complex was designed.
- The Library's Information Commons Task Force submitted its report and recommendations for a Learning Commons on the second floor. A new university-wide planning committee for the Learning Commons was established.

Accomplishments in support of Fort Wayne area quality of life

- The library was awarded an LSTA grant of \$25,969 in partnership with the Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical Society to create the digital collection called That Glorious Gate, which includes maps, manuscripts, and other materials that demonstrates the importance of location and transportation in the history of this area.
- Again this year, the library posted the names of the candidates and the election results for elections in the twelve counties of northeast Indiana.
- Library staff filled 20 Easter baskets and 14 Christmas stockings for underprivileged children.
- The library began updating the Allen County Code online, the only version available to the public.

Accomplishments in support of improved university operations

- Library staff developed a desktop utility for collecting and managing reference statistics. The RAMP project involves several different projects, including RefStats, Libstats, and a calendar.
- Library staff developed a new five-year strategic plan.