Librarian Pamela Sandstrom to Retire from IPFW

Pamela Effrein Sandstrom, Helmke Library's Director of Library Programs and Development, will retire on June 30, 2011. She will continue her long association with IPFW as Associate Librarian Emerita, and hopes to stay in touch with Fort Wayne friends and colleagues by keeping her IPFW e-mail account active. Pamela follows her husband, Alan R. Sandstrom, who retired in 2009 as chair of the Department of Anthropology after 34 years at IPFW, to take in whole new vistas in the Berkshire hills of western Massachusetts, where they have purchased an ancient house and farm that dates to the late-eighteenth and early-nineteenth centuries. They plan to continue their research pursuits in anthropology as well as library and information science by collaborating on a major publishing project on a materialist analysis of the religion and ritual life of the Nahua (modern Aztecs) of Gulf Coast Mexico. Library work may also fit into the retirement scheme, as Pamela seeks out part-time or volunteer opportunities in one of Berkshire county's many libraries or athenaeums, as public libraries are known locally.

Pamela first came to work at IPFW Helmke Library in February 1976 as a serials assistant. From 1978 to 1980 she was head of the serials unit, and left to pursue the M.L.S. (master of library science) degree from Indiana University Bloomington, which she earned in 1981. Pamela has held a variety of interesting positions during the 1980s and 1990s, including indexing assistant at Harvard University's Tozzer Library during 1982-83, working on what is now the Anthropological Literature Index. She worked as acquisitions manager at the Allen County Public Library (ACPL) from 1986 to 1989, and as a consultant supported by Foellinger Foundation planning grants from 1992 to 1994, establishing a cooperative community information network for Fort Wayne now managed by ACPL. She is also continuing to serve as archivist for the Central States Anthropological Society.

Pamela has held several positions at Helmke Library, serving once as visiting science librarian during 1985-1986, as part-time general reference librarian from 1981 to 1983, and interim document delivery librarian in 1993. In 1998, after earning a Ph.D. in library and information science, she was named Helmke Library's first director. In 2003 she joined the IPFW Development Division, serving as Director of Library Programs and Development since 2006.

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Dean's Notes

Phase I of the IPFW Learning Commons will be implemented this summer and fall. The Writing Center, library, and ITS will be working together to develop integrated services and staffing. The Writing Center will move to the library's second floor and a librarian research consulting area will be located in the midst of the writing consultants. Students will have research and writing assistance in one location with a unified information literacy academic program. A team of student workers will be hired and trained to work at the new Information Desk. Learning Commons student assistants will field questions, checkout group study rooms, laptops, books, and other items, make appointments for students with librarians and writing consultants, and provide technology assistance. These new collaborative services will be added to the services already available on the second floor including group study rooms, group and individual study spaces, and computer workstations. Until then we are all busy moving the federal documents collection from the second to the fourth floor, relocating consulting areas and offices, developing integrated services, and hiring and training IPFW Learning Commons student assistants.

Cheryl Truesdell, M.L.S.

Student Study Surveys Completed

This spring semester the library collected a variety of data to help us better respond to student study needs. These included:

- Statistics on the use of the group study rooms on the second floor
- Statistics on the use of the laptop check-out program
- Survey questions on student experience with the laptop check-out program
- Study Spaces and Seating Choices Observation statistics
- Study-Space Preferences Survey reported by students
- Statistics on the use of the library during 24-hour service during the last two weeks of the semester

We are currently analyzing all of this information and will use it to guide our design and development of the IPFW Learning Commons. A summary report will appear in a future Helmke Highlights.

Welcome Tent 2011!

Librarians under the Big Top! Well almost, Helmke Library's annual "Welcome Tent" will be set-up just outside the library entrance on the first two days of the fall semester. The tent is a fun way for library staff to meet new students and faculty and to share with all information about our amazing environment for discovery and services for delivery. Look for the library's Welcome tent on Monday, August 22, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. and Tuesday, August 23 from 12:00-2:00 p.m. Those stopping by can meet a librarian, learn about library resources and services and take away library materials such as bookmarks, pens, and even an ice cold bottle of water!
**Bird Watching in the Helmke Library**

News of the coming IPFW Learning Commons is spreading. Interested parties are flocking to the second floor of the library. In spite of hanging plastic and other deterrents, birds are finding ways into the library from the construction zone. So far, a robin, a cardinal, and several sparrows have been found flying around second floor. They are being humanely caught and released.

Bring binoculars on your next visit to the library. Who knows what species you may see!

Birds are not the only thing we’ve found in the library lately. Several weeks ago while shelving in the U.S. Senate Hearings collection, one of our staff members found a skull. Nicknamed Yorick, the skull has not been claimed by Biology, Anthropology, Nursing, Dental Education, or the Medical School. Yorick spent some time in the University Police Lost and Found, but the skull is back in the library awaiting its owner.

**New Resources**

America’s Historical Newspapers: As an Indiana University library, IPFW has been included in the CIC Large Scale Purchase Program. Through this program we now have access to Readex Early American Newspapers. This database includes full-text of almost 200 newspapers from 1741 through 1922.

**Helmke Highlights Changing Format**

This will be the last issue of Helmke Highlights in this format. We have been working with University Relations to design an online monthly newsletter. Our goal is to issue the newsletter monthly with shorter articles and more up-to-date news. Watch for our first issue at the beginning of July.

**Digital Initiatives News**

**Student Art in the Library**

The Spring 2011 Student Art in the Library exhibition is now on display in the library. Twelve students entered 26 pieces, all photographic works.

The winners were:

1st Daniel P Dyar
*Musa Ispiratrice Uno*

2nd Amanda Taylor
*Trapped*

3rd Daniel P Dyar
*Livorno*

Cash prizes were awarded by Dr. George McClellan, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs for 1st and 2nd place. A gift card from United Art and Education was given for 3rd place.

The exhibition will be on display on the 1st floor through October.
Helmke Highlights Library People and Their Accomplishments

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information science from IUB, she returned as head of the library's reference and information services unit. Following a sabbatical leave (Alan's fourth and Pamela's first) to continue their long-term anthropological work in Mexico, Pamela returned to Helmke Library to focus her efforts on defining the new learning-commons initiative at IPFW that would feature information literacy as the cornerstone of an undergraduate education. She leaves us with the framework (and soon, the actual scaffolding) in place, and a sense of confidence that the next 30 years will bring as many changes to institutions of learning like IPFW as she has witnessed in her career as a librarian. At the base of this vision of librarianship lies the age-old sense of "athenaeum" — both a physical building and an organization of people dedicated to the promotion of learning.

Denise Buhr’s first place winning play in the 2nd Annual Northeast Indiana Playwright Festival, *Discom-BOOB-ulated* will begin its debut on Saturday, June 4th at 4:00 p.m. at the Allen County Public Library Auditorium. The play will be followed by a post-show discussion. *Discom-BOOB-ulated* by Denise Buhr, will also be performed June 10-18.

Summer Durrant has accepted a position as economics librarian at IUPUI. She will be leaving us in June. We will miss her skills and knowledge. Fortunately, we will continue to work together on IU system wide library projects.

Chrissy Hursh, Document Delivery Assistant / Information Assistant / Evening Supervisor, has resigned, effective July 1. She will spend a few weeks on a road trip out West with her parents and sister, then move to Bloomington to finish her Master's degree in Public Affairs. She has chosen to go to IU so that she can add a concentration in Sustainable Development to the degree.

Chrissy says that she has enjoyed working at Helmke Library, and will miss everyone. She promises to come back and visit.

Florence Mugambi has been awarded $1,756 grant from the Indiana University Librarian’s Association for her research project “Building Library Relationships in Ontulili, Kenya: Towards an effort to establish a community library as an environment that fosters multiple literacies, academic success, and community development. “

Publications

Denise Buhr has two plays published this summer by Pioneer Drama Service. *Mine, All Mine* and *A Penny Saved* are both one-act melodramas. They were first performed by the Hiss & Boo Revue at the Johnny Appleseed Festival in 1988 and 1991 respectively.
24/7 @ the Library

For the first time in its history, the library was open 24 hours during the last two weeks of the spring semester. The expanded library hours were made possible by funding from the Indiana-Purdue Student Government Association (IPSGA) and the generosity of library staff who volunteered to work overtime during this period. IPSGA funded the library staff overtime pay, extra student employee hours, and paid for a private security guard to patrol the floors.

Eleven library staff members worked overtime during the two weeks. Six student employees also worked extra hours to make it all happen. Thank you to staff members Roger Ellert, Graham Fredrick, Judy Graf, Deb Haley, Amy Harrison, Chrissy Hursh, Daniel Lin, Deb Kelley, Tracy Stoller, Blaine Thompson, and Brandy Valance. Thank you to student employees Alysen, Ellen, Jenn, Kayla, Kimberly, and Liberty.

To help students stay awake during finals week, coffee and healthy snacks were given away 5:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. Sunday, May 1 through Wednesday, May 4. Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs George McClellan has funded this popular finals week program for several years.

We expected that the hour following our normal closing time would be the most popular of the extended hours. This proved to be true. The hour with the highest head count of the twelve days occurred on Tuesday May 3, 11:00 p.m. to midnight, with 119 students staying late. The least popular hour was 5:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 30, when no students were in the building.

Most students chose to study on the first floor of the library. The second most popular spot was second floor, followed by fourth floor, and the 24-hour computer lab. Third floor, the quiet floor, was the least popular place to study.

Statistics show that over 2,000 people used the library during the extended hours. Many students expressed their appreciation to the library staff for having 24-hour access to the library during this critical time of the semester. We hope to receive more specific comments and feedback from a survey conducted by IPSGA in the library during the last two weeks of classes.

The IPSGA goal is to fund extended library hours during the last two weeks of the fall 2011 and spring 2012 semesters. If the use of the library during the extended hours continues to grow, they will request that the university continue funding expanded library hours during the last two weeks of the 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.