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FROM THE DEAN'S DESK

Digital technologies have transformed the way information is created, transmitted, and used. I am sometimes asked if libraries are needed now that so much information is on the web. There is no doubt that the web has made finding information fast and easy in many cases, and digital information has changed the ways libraries operate in fundamental ways. And yet, libraries continue to be important to the campus and the community.

We work with students to teach them how to critically and ethically use information. In the past, finding information was hard. Now the finding is easy. What is hard is to know how to filter and evaluate content so that its reliability and trustworthiness can be determined. Without information skills, students are challenged in their studies and their lives after graduation.

The library as a place remains important. Students continue to fill our library. They value the variety of spaces available for them to do their academic work either individually or in groups.

In the world of the web, the way we think about library collections changes. In the past, the library brought the content created in the world to campus, now the library takes responsibility for content created on campus and in our community, and makes it available to the world. This is a big shift in the way scholarly communication works, and the library sees itself as a supporter of this change by hosting publishing platforms and advocating open scholarship.

The library today is changing in fundamental ways, but our underlying mission remains the same: we use our expertise and resources to inform, connect and transform the lives of the people in our community.

NONFICTION

Tina Baich named a recipient of the 2017 Service Awards

Associate Librarian Tina Baich was recently named a recipient of the W. George Pinnell Award for Outstanding Service. Tina is the Head of Resource Sharing & Delivery Services and manages communications between 36 academic libraries. She has coordinated the digitization of rare, public domain materials from participating libraries and her work in this area has increased interest in resource sharing and collection management.

When asked about the honor, Tina said “I firmly believe in service as a means of strengthening organizations and thus an organization’s ability to serve its constituents. I have consciously worked to serve and strengthen University Library, IUPUI, IU, and the resource sharing community over my nearly 11 year career as a librarian. To be recognized with the Pinnell Award for acting out one of my core values is a true honor.”

NONFICTION

Jenny Johnson named a 2017 Mover and Shaker by the Library Journal

Over the course of 16 years, over 800 people nationwide have been named Movers and Shakers. They are recognized as being the people that shape the future of libraries and whose work changes the face of libraries. University Library is fortunate enough to have had a few employees receive this honor, most recently Jenny Johnson and Willie Miller.

Jenny Johnson, the digital scholarship outreach librarian, was recognized by the *Library Journal* as a 2017 Mover and Shaker. Jenny was nominated by University Library Associate Dean of Digital Scholarship, Kristi Palmer, a 2009 Mover and Shaker.

Out of 350 nominees, Jenny was one of 52 to receive the honor. In Jenny's case, she was selected for currently leading a 3-D digitization effort for libraries and other cultural institutions. Jenny and her team scan historical documents, photos, letters, meeting minutes, and other objects and have created 80 digital collections. To view the collections, click here. Jenny has worked to secure nearly $500,000 in grants to fund these collections.

Jenny says, "I have been working with community and cultural heritage institutions since 2006 to preserve and provide access to the history of the city. I love being given the opportunity to engage with the Indianapolis community on behalf of IUPUI University Library as well as IUPUI campus. While I am honored to be recognized by my IUPUI colleagues as well as the larger library community, recognition should be extended to the staff and student employees that perform the digitization, and metadata creation for our digital collections. I want to thank them for their endless hours of work to create our exemplary digital library."

NONFICTION

Willie Miller was named a 2016 Mover and Shaker by the *Library Journal*

Willie Miller is the Informatics and Journalism librarian at University Library and serves as the head of the Campus Outreach Group (COG).

Willie was recognized as a 2016 Mover and Shaker by the *Library Journal* for his innovative way of getting feedback from students through the "I Heart UL" event. This annual event began in 2011 and occurs around Valentine's Day. Willie and other members of COG set up boards in the library lobby for students to put Post-It notes on stating what they like and/or what they would change about the library.

Since its inception, around 4,500 Post-Its have been collected and analyzed and they have spurred changes such as adding more printers to public spaces; creating new study rooms; and improving the online study room reservation system.

Willie summarizes his sentiments about this honor by saying "I am incredibly honored by my colleagues, both at University Library and within the larger field of librarianship, to have been nominated and selected for this award. It is not every day that you are told that you are personally influencing the future of libraries. Also, I am so inspired by the amazing work that my fellow awardees have accomplished. I am humbled to be counted among them."

HAPPENINGS

IU DAY Silent Dance Party

On April 19th, the library hosted a silent dance party, as a fun way to encourage participation in the campus-wide IU Day Scavenger Hunt. IU Day is a 24 hour gift-giving and social-sharing celebration of Indiana University. If participants danced for at least 10 seconds as they listened to music through headphones, they received a stamp on their scavenger hunt card.

HAPPENINGS

Up Late @ UL

We closed out the spring semester with another successful Up Late @ UL event. During this time, the library is open until 2:00 AM, allowing students to study and prepare for final exams. Every night, therapy dogs visited and from 8PM to Midnight, free refreshments were served by faculty, staff, and board members. During the 5-night event, 1,551 students attended

Solar Eclipse Watch Party

The first day of classes was buzzing with excitement, not just because students were excited to be back in school, but primarily because it coincided with the 2017 solar eclipse. University Library hosted a solar eclipse watch party on the front patio where we handed out solar eclipse glasses, made pinhole projectors, and shared space themed candy (i.e. Milky Way, Sunkist Fruit Gems, and Starburst). And it's not a solar eclipse party without the music of songs that have sun, moon, and stars in the title. The patio was filled with students, staff, and faculty as they watched this rare occasion in awe.

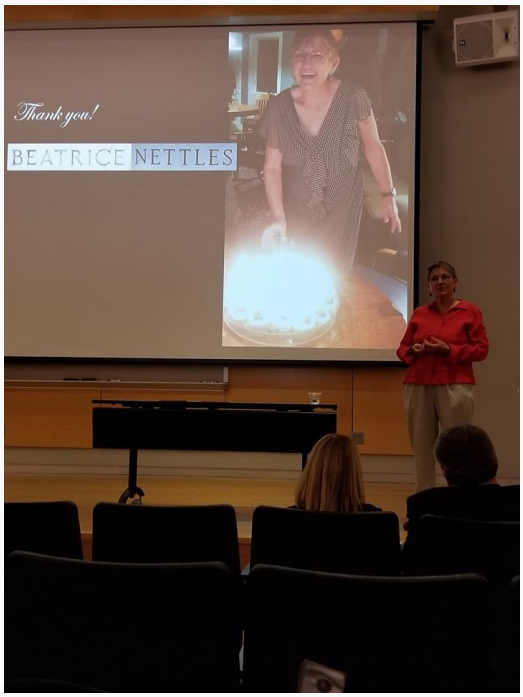
HAPPENINGS

Weeks of Welcome

As part of IUPUI's Weeks of Welcome, the library participated in the annual of welcoming all students, faculty, and staff back to campus. On Tuesday, August 22nd & Wednesday, August 23rd, the library hosted an Open House where attendees could play games to win prizes and get free giveaways such as popcorn, bookmarks, and pens. This was a good way for students to get to know our wonderful faculty and staff as well as learn about the various services we offer.

An Evening with Bea Nettles

On September 7th, the Herron Art Library and University Library hosted "An Evening with Bea Nettles". The evening started with a reception in the Herron Art Library where faculty, staff, and students had the chance to mingle with Bea, followed by a presentation from the artist in the Herron Auditorium. Bea is most known for her innovations in mixed media photography and photographic books and has been featured in over 200 exhibitions worldwide. Several of her books are available at the Herron Art Library.

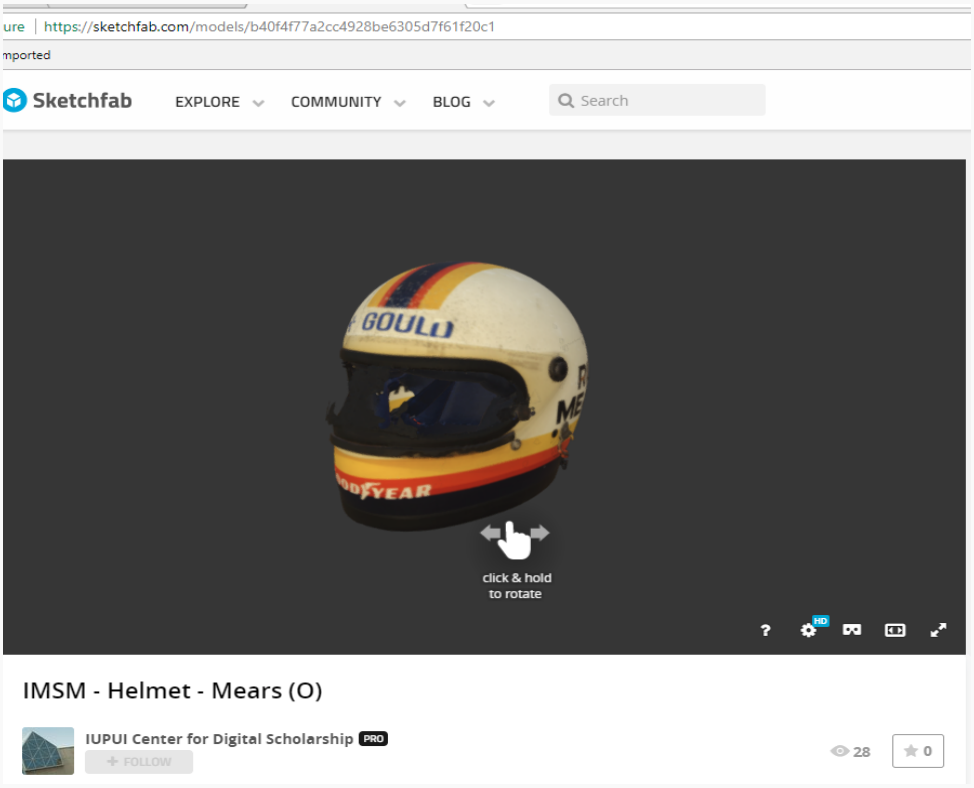


HIGHLIGHTS

Indianapolis Motor Speedway digitization project

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway (IMS) has a long-standing history with University Library as we house an IMS collection of over 21,000 images and 100 audio clips featuring Speedway historian Donald Davidson's recounting of 100 years of racing. Now our partnership has been expanded to include a 3-D digital collection. Under the supervision of Jenny Johnson, the Center for Digital Scholarship team uses a white light scanner to scan items from the IMS Museum such as helmets, race suits, and hood ornaments. You can zoom in on items, rotate them, download them for 3-D printing, and view them in virtual reality. Eventually, the team hopes to digitize a race car.

Want to view the collection? Here is the link.

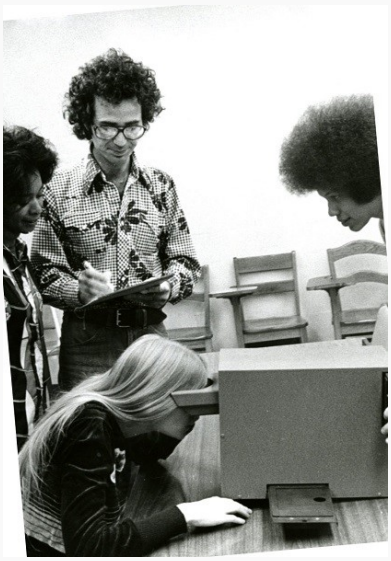


HISTORICAL WISECRACKERS

Historical Wisecrackers, put on by the IUPUI University Library Special Collections and Archives, is a chance to attach your funny captions to some of our favorite silly IUPUI photos from our huge collection. Each month, the funniest caption (as judged by the expert judges in Special Collections and Archives) wins a **fabulous prize!**

To add your caption, visit www.ulib.iupui.edu/captioncontest.

WINNING CAPTIONS

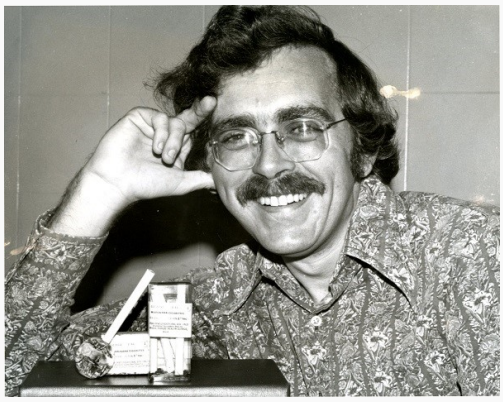


JUNE

"Oh Wendy, please tell us what you see in the future! I hope my Farrah hair is still in style!!"

Julie Otis

JULY



"Smile! You're on Candid Camera!.....WHAT???!!!"

Cynthia Booth

AUGUST

"Don't worry, daddy, she's wearing coconuts."

Judi-Ann Izuka-Campbell

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