

**Indiana University Libraries**  
**ALCTS CMDS Chief Collection Development Officers of Large Research Libraries**  
**and**  
**ALCTS Technical Services Directors of Large Research Libraries**  
**Discussion Groups**  
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**GENERAL**

**Appointment of New President and Search for Provost**

Indiana University Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Michael A. McRobbie was named the new president of Indiana University, effective July 1. He has recently appointed a committee to conduct an internal search for a new provost for the Bloomington campus; their work is to be completed by the end of June.

**Search for Dean of Libraries**

Interviews are currently being conducted for the Ruth Lilly University Dean of University Libraries at IU Bloomington. The search committee is expected to send its comments to the Provost by the end of June.

**Digitization**

As has been widely reported, the Indiana University Libraries will be participating in the Google Book Project, along with all other CIC member libraries. A central component of the project will be a commonly funded and managed data storage system so the universities can securely archive their aggregated public domain holdings collectively and provide immediate access to the full content of these materials for faculty, students and the broader public. IU will contribute materials in Folklore, Music, and Central Eurasian Studies.

**Review of Branch Libraries**

As part of an ongoing assessment of the services the Libraries provide to users, and in light of the changing uses of libraries and library space, library staff have been collaborating with faculty and students in reconfiguring library spaces. Last summer, the library for the School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) was transformed into a gathering area and work space for SLIS students; this summer, similar conversations with the School of Journalism will lead to the reconfiguration of the Journalism Library space and the transfer of collections to other libraries on campus.

**COLLECTIONS**

**Materials Budget**

The materials budget for FY2008 is likely to receive only a modest increase (less than 5 percent). As a consequence, collection managers of very large funds in the sciences and social sciences conducted a serials review during the spring semester. Rather than cancel more low-priced serials in the humanities and area studies, monograph budgets in these disciplines will be cut back. The central approval fund will continue to support the purchase of core materials in all disciplines.

**Collection Assessment**

As part of the Libraries' overall assessment goals, IU has subscribed to the OCLC WorldCat Collection Analysis Program. All collection managers have been assessing both the product and their individual collections and comparing our local collections with those of other CIC libraries and WorldCat as a whole. The tool has been of some value in reporting information about the Libraries' international collections to University administration, in assessing the collection's capacity for supporting a new doctoral program, and in identifying unique titles for possible digitization.

**Government Documents**

The Indiana University Libraries at Bloomington have entered into an agreement with its seven sister campuses and Notre Dame, Purdue University, and the Indiana State Library to create the Indiana Light Archives for Federal Documents. The goal is a single archival collection of all federal documents housed

in a secure facility with environmental controls that will lengthen the natural life of tangible documents. The establishment of this archive, developed in cooperation with our regional depository, the Indiana State Library, and the Superintendent of Documents, will permit depositories to keep only those tangible documents necessary to serve their individual constituents. Rules for disposal will be developed that will ease restrictions and make management of the state process more efficient and productive. Effective delivery, collaborative reference services and documents training for librarians around the state will be essential aspects to this plan.

### **Personnel**

Searches for new collection managers for Music; Middle Eastern, Islamic, and Central Eurasian Studies; and Fine Arts are nearing completion.

### **Preservation**

The reporting line for the Preservation Department has been moved from the Director of Technical Services to the Director of Collection Development. The binding unit, which had also formerly reported through the Technical Services Department, is now reporting through Preservation. A newly-resurrected Preservation Advisory Committee, with representation from various areas of the Libraries, has been charged with advising the Head of Preservation on the Libraries' preservation program, including establishing priorities for treatment of collections and identifying training and continuing education needs.

As part of the routine transfer of materials to the Libraries offsite storage facility, library staff identified all early printed books residing in the stacks of the general collections and transferred them to storage. Over 13,400 volumes now have a home in a secure, climate-controlled offsite storage facility.

In the area of digital preservation, the Libraries continue to archive electronic journals using the LOCKSS software. There are currently over 400 journals archived in the IU cache. The Libraries also continue to capture websites related to Indiana University, Indiana state and local government publications, and foreign and international statistics through Archive-It. For an overview of the collections being archived by IU, see: <http://www.libraries.iub.edu/index.php?pagelid=4302>.

### **Scholarly Communication**

Discussions about IU's local institutional repository, IUScholarWorks [ <https://scholarworks.iu.edu/dspace/index.jsp> ], continue with faculty. As has been the experience at other institutions, populating the repository continues to be a challenge.

Director of Scholarly Communication Initiatives, Julie Bobay, has been instrumental in initiating a series of conversations with University faculty on scholarly communications and computing in the humanities. The series, entitled "Going Public," gives librarians the opportunity to hear directly from faculty who are doing innovative work in these areas.

### **Vendor Review and Selection Task Force**

Appointed in January, the review committee was charged to determine best practices for vendor selection and performance evaluation and to develop and recommend a plan for ongoing review and assessment for all types of library vendors used for monograph and serials acquisitions, including vendors of foreign language materials. The group's final report and recommendations were submitted in May.

## **TECHNICAL SERVICES**

### **Personnel**

Between January and June 2007, the Technical Services Department advertised and filled 1.5 FTE vacant support staff positions. On May 31, 2007, Lois Sewell, head of the Original Monograph Cataloging Unit within the Western European Cataloging Section retired after 43 years of service to the Libraries.

### **Local System**

Following our December ILS upgrade from SirsiDynix Unicorn version 2003.1.4.5 to GL3.1, staff training on the new Java client continued during the month of January. On May 6<sup>th</sup>, Patch Cluster 5a was

installed in order to fix a number of bugs identified in GL3.1. Several Technical Services staff that deal with non-Western European language materials had to return to the GL3.1 C-client because of data corruption problems related to certain diacritic/letter combinations within the Java client.

#### **Technical Services External Review Study**

R2 Consulting was selected to conduct a review of the Technical Services Department this summer. The goal of the study is to develop a five-year plan that will help guide the department in the provision of new services, priorities, and increased workflow efficiencies in order to better meet the needs of today's library users. During April and May, Technical Services managers participated in two retreats to begin planning for R2's first on-site visit in July.

#### **Acquisitions:**

- \* **EDI Invoicing** – Work has begun on investigating the implementation of EDI invoicing through our ILS system.
- \* **Monograph Online Ordering** – An internal research group was charged to develop options for online monograph ordering with major vendors.
- \* **Shelf Ready** – In April, three more branch libraries were added to the Blackwell Book Services approvals shelfready processing workflow.

#### **Cataloging:**

- \* **Uncataloged Collections** – A survey of uncataloged collections was conducted by the Technical Services Advisory Council. The Collection Development Committee reviewed the numerous requests in January and sent its top priority recommendations to the Cataloging Division. All requests for the cataloging of uncataloged collections were added to the Division's existing list of projects.
- \* **NACO Training Session** – Carl Horne, our NACO and SACO liaison and PCC Regional NACO Trainer, conducted a NACO training course the week of April 23<sup>rd</sup> to select catalogers within the department. The training session was also extended to experienced catalogers on other campuses within the Indiana University system.
- \* **OCLC Union List of Serials** – In May, a file of serial holdings information was extracted from our local online system and sent to OCLC for batchloading evaluation.

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