

Wiekamp Educational Resource Commons Now Open



Pictured From Left to Right: Mrs. Dorothy Wiekamp, WERC Supervisor Kim Parker, & Dean Vicki Bloom (photos: Julie Elliott)



*Top Left: Chancellor Terry Allison
Bottom Left: Dean Vicki Bloom*

By Julie Elliott

The former Educational Resource Commons now has a new name to go along with its new location, thanks to the generosity of Dorothy Wiekamp. The new Dorothy J. Wiekamp Educational Resource Commons (WERC) in the Education and Arts Building held a naming ceremony/open house on Monday, September 9 to honor Mrs. Wiekamp, thank donors and allow users a chance to engage with the new space.

Opening remarks were made by Chancellor Terry Allison (pictured above left), who stressed the community benefits of the facility.

"As Chancellor, I want to thank Dot for her gift, that will allow students, faculty, staff, and community residents to use this beautiful resource," he began. "The purpose of the Wiekamp Commons is to support excellence and continued growth in teaching and learning

throughout the community. Note that I said community -- this facility is open to community residents as well as the campus. In addition to our students and faculty, others who will be able to benefit are local high school teachers, parents, tutors, mentors, homeschoolers, and anyone associated with K-12 education. Teachers of all kinds in the community need help and need resources. Now they can come here to get the ideas, support, tools, and materials to make their lessons better and more engaging for their students."

Dean Vicki Bloom (pictured lower left), followed Chancellor Allison, and praised retired Dean Emerita of Library and Media Services Michele Russo and retired Library Business Operations Manager Sue LeFevre for their roles in the creation of the new facility. She noted her pride at being the Dean of "the best pre-K through 12 curriculum library and production

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center in the Midwest. " She then thanked Mrs. Wiekamp, noting that "your gift will ensure that the Wiekamp Educational Resource Commons provides the most current resources for IU South Bend and the surrounding communities."

Dean of the School of Education Marvin Lynn, who described himself as a "recovering teacher, third grade, in Chicago and New York," spoke of his excitement at the facility and its possibilities. "I would have died to have this sort of resource available to me. Our students have used the Educational Resource Commons for a variety of purposes. Curriculum building has been the main purpose, but they rely so heavily on the resources available to them [here] and it is so nice for them to be in a space that they can utilize and bring other teachers in with them. I've already had conversations with folks in the city about the possibilities."

Possible uses for the space that Dean Lynn discussed include a literacy lab and a resource for area teacher discussion groups. "I am very excited about it, and I thank you, Mrs. Wiekamp, for your generous donation and I thank Kim Parker and Vicki Bloom and the staff of the foundation for their collaboration and support."

Kim Parker, supervisor of the Wiekamp Educational Resource Commons, concluded the ceremony with a touching account of her time leading the Commons and the impact it has had.

"It has been my privilege to work in the ERC at IU South Bend," Parker noted in her speech. "I have worked with wonderful people over the years here. I have been very lucky to always have the support of my supervisors, colleagues, family and friends, who believed in my vision to create a fun, inviting place ... an environment where anyone can walk in, get ideas from the collection of resources, create visuals to enhance teaching ideas and make learning fun. I truly enjoy learning something new each day from our visitors and sharing ideas with each other. Mrs. Wiekamp, I thank you for believing and supporting



Students enjoying the new Wiekamp Educational Resource Commons in the Education and Arts Building. The new space includes a large production room and curriculum library, and was made possible through generous donations from Dorothy J. Wiekamp and other donors. (photo: Craig Finlay)

this dream, too. Your gift will make the Commons a center that will forever allow people to create, discover and learn every day. You are a true kindred spirit and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your gift. We are forever grateful for your kindness."

The WERC began in the 1970s as the Learning Resource Center. Parker notes that its original mission was to support the IU South Bend Education pre-service teachers in helping develop their lesson plans and research skills. For many years, it was a statewide textbook adoption site. She joined the then LRC in 1980 (renamed ERC in the last decade), and the ERC grew in concept [but not space] to become the go-to place not only on campus, but in the area, for developing K-12 curriculum materials.

The WERC is open to the public. A K-12 curriculum library and production and media center, the WERC offers a wide-format poster printer, access to special education software, and much more. Located on the second floor of the Education and Arts Building, hours and services can be viewed on their web site: <https://www.iusb.edu/erc/index.php>

Schurz Library Turns 25 in 2014: What Are Your Memories?

It is hard to believe, but the Schurz Library will turn 25 in 2014. To celebrate, the Library will be hosting an open house in March 2014, looking back on 25 years of student and faculty engagement at the Library.

In our planning for the event, we would love your feedback, memories, and even old photographs of your experiences at the Library. If you have a quote or anecdote to share, please contact **Julie Elliott at 520-4410 or jmfelli@iusb.edu**. If you would be interested in participating in a more in-depth oral history of the Library and IU South Bend, please contact **Alison Stankrauff at 520-4392 or astankra@iusb.edu**.

More details about the open house will be coming soon, on our blog (<https://www.iusb.edu/library/blog/>) and our Facebook page. We hope you will join us in the celebration.



Dean Emerita Michele Russo working in the old Northside Library (circa mid-1980s, photo from the Archives).

Congratulations to Library Prize/Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to Eric Walerko and Amber Miller, recipients of the Michele C. Russo Library Services Student Worker Scholarship. Both are exceptional students and employees! Eric is a history major working in Archives & Special Collections. Long-time Circulation assistant, Amber Miller, will be graduating in December with a degree in Elementary Education.

Eric Hankin (pictured middle) is the winner of the 2013 Library Prize for Undergraduate Research for his excellent paper entitled "An Act of Concealment: The Portrayal of Physical Aesthetics in Jonathan Swift's 'The Lady's Dressing Room.'" His professor, Dr. Lee Kahan (pictured right), was particularly impressed with Eric's tenacity in using the licensed library database, *Eighteenth Century Collections Online*. He had to read, interpret and integrate texts filled with 18th century terminology, typography and spelling.



Library Prize winner Eric Hankin (center) with Dean Vicki Bloom and Professor Lee Kahan. (photo: Nancy Colborn)

Fifth Floor Happenings: Keys to the City Exhibit

The photography of seven students who participated in a four-week intensive summer program in Florence, Italy, led by Associate Professor of Fine Arts Susan L. Moore, will be on display on the 5th floor of the Schurz Library and the East Lounge of Northside Hall through October 12.

Tech Talk: Useful Apps Page Links to Mobile Applications of Interest

By Kirby Cheng & Steve Sigety

Almost everyone has a portable mobile gadget. It can be a palm-size iPhone, a notebook-like iPad, or an Android tablet. As most mobile devices need apps to access certain publishers' online content and perform some unique functions, we have collected, evaluated and compiled a list of useful apps and published them on the Computers and Technology section of the library's web site. Found under the link Useful Apps, you will notice three groupings for helpful apps.

The first is IU & Popular. Here, *IU Mobile*, a hub, links you to various IU utilities and services, such as *IU People*, a directory for IU communities and *Ask IU*, a popular question and answer service. However, inarguably, *Google Search* is the gem of the popular apps. Besides the known power of highly relevant keyword searching, the built-in *Google Goggles* allows you to search visual files and find related information in a variety of formats based on an object's photo image. For instance, after you push the camera button on the keyboard, the magic app will capture an image of the *Mona Lisa* and bring in all sorts of information about the famous painting and its great painter, Leonardo da Vinci.

The second group, Library Related, provides links to databases with a mobile presence. *EBSCOhost* connects readers with the national leading vendor's multiple databases. *ebrary's* iOS and Android apps bring our library's eBooks from leading publishers to you.



Head of Library Technology, Kirby Cheng (staff photo)

The last group is Tools/Misc., where you can find handy tools for your studies. For example, *Zotero* is a research management tool that automatically senses content in your web browser (Firefox at the present), allowing you to add it to your personal library with a single click. Whether you're searching for a medical journal article, a *New York Times* news story or a book from your university library catalog, *Zotero* has you covered. Your selected contents will be saved and their bibliographical citations will be generated in a writing style of your choice, including MLA or APA.

Study Room Reservation System Proves Popular

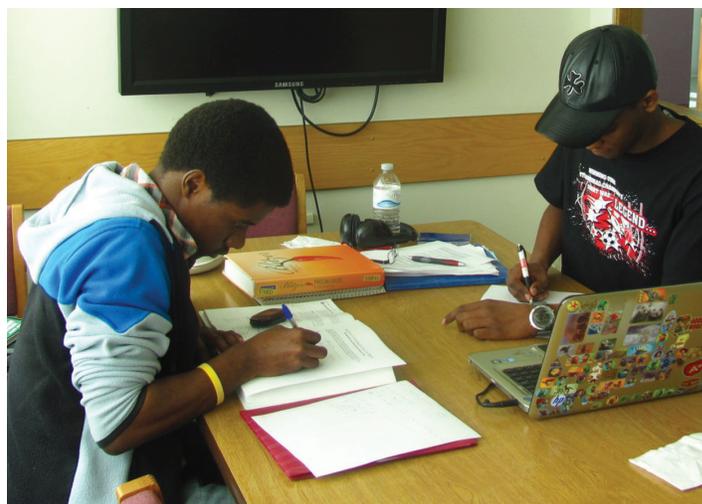
By Kathy Plodowski

At the request of students, the library has instituted a reservation system for 12 of its 16 river-side study rooms. Four rooms will remain first come, first served.

All the study rooms are designated for groups of two or more. Individuals are asked to study in the open areas of the library. "If an individual takes the room, then groups are forced to meet in the open spaces, creating the very noise that moves individuals to look for private rooms," says Library Dean Vicki Bloom.

Student groups may reserve the rooms online through the library's website or by scanning the QR code posted on the study room window. Only groups of two or more may schedule a group study room. Reservations require a valid IU email address and may be made up to seven days in advance. Time slots are limited to two hours per day.

For more information, visit:
<https://www.iusb.edu/library/i-need-to/studyrooms.php>



The library now offers an online reservation system for its study rooms. Reservations can be made up to a week in advance.
(photo: Julie Elliott)

What's New? The latest in databases, media & print

Several new online resources were added in the past six months. Of particular note are:

Database Spotlight: Journal Citation Reports (JCR)

What is Journal Citation Reports (JCR)?

This unique web-based research tool allows you to evaluate and compare journals using citation data drawn from approximately 12,000 scholarly and technical journals and conference proceedings from more than 3,300 publishers in over 60 countries. It covers specialties in the areas of science, technology, and social sciences.

Examples of the kinds of questions JCR can help you with:

What journal has the biggest impact factor in Management? *Academy of Management Review*

The journal with the most citations in Social Work? *Child Abuse & Neglect*

New Discovery Tool: OneSearch

What does OneSearch do?

Using a single search box, you can search a majority of the library databases and IUCAT at once. It is very useful for those who are unsure where to begin in their research and searching interdisciplinary topics.

Media Spotlight: Media Education Foundation Videos

Why is this collection worth checking out?

An online collection of films on gender, race relations, media and communication studies, politics and current issues, and more. It includes popular titles such as

- *Militainment, Inc.: Militarism & Pop Culture*
- *The Bro Code: How Contemporary Culture Creates Sexist Men*
- *The Overspent American: Why We Want What We Don't Need*

The Schurz Report: Library New Hires & Award Winners

Angie Huff began as the **Library Business Operations Manager** in May. While she is a new face in Library Administration, Angie has been at IU South Bend for seven years, most recently as Secretary to Biological Sciences & Chemistry. Angie just completed her Bachelor's degree in General Studies.

Stephen (Craig) Finlay is the library's new **Scholarly Communications Librarian**. He is a recent graduate from IU Bloomington's Department of Library and Information Science. While at IU Bloomington, Craig co-taught a master's level course on scholarly communications, co-authored several related research publications, and worked on a collaborative research team mining academic genealogy data. He also has a master's degree in English from Western Illinois University, where he taught English and creative writing at the undergraduate level.

Julie Elliott received a **Trustees Teaching Award** in May. The Trustees Teaching Award is given for "sustained and consistent teaching excellence." **Previous library winners** of the award include **Nancy Colborn** (a five-time recipient) and retired Librarians Emeritus **Ellen Maher** and Dean **Michele Russo**.

Congratulations to Vincci Kwong and Susan Thomas, who have been awarded a 2013 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Sub-Grant to establish an eReader Checkout Program. The eReader Checkout Program will provide students an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the latest eReader technology, and encourage reading through an enhanced eBook leisure/recreational reading collection. In addition, faculty and students will be able to explore the use of eReaders and eTexts as new tools for teaching and learning.

New Scholarly Communication Initiatives Underway

By Craig Finlay

The Franklin D. Schurz Library is excited to announce a new initiative that began Fall 2013 -- the Scholarly Communications Program at Indiana University South Bend. The program's primary mission is to facilitate scholarship by faculty and students at IU South Bend. We plan to advance this mission in three primary areas: education, copyright and intellectual property consultation, and the IU ScholarWorks suite of services.

The educational component of the scholarly communications program will consist of presentations, workshops and web resources concerning a number of areas relevant to scholarly communications including:

Serials costs: The massive increase in academic journal subscriptions over the past 30 years, coupled with flat or declining budgets, have put libraries in a bind regarding purchasing. The heavy majority of academic library budgets are spent on either serials or databases, with book purchases and other services suffering as a result.

Open access: Academic libraries are fierce advocates of the Open Access movement, which calls for free and open access to scholarship via the Internet. Open Access takes advantage of communication potential unavailable to scholars a generation ago.

The copyright component of the Scholarly Communications Program will consist of web resources and in-person education. The library is developing a series of workshops

and presentations on various copyright issues, including authors' rights, Creative Commons and fair use.

The IU ScholarWorks suite of services is a fantastic resource for all scholars, faculty and students alike. There are three primary areas to the suite. The institutional repository preserves and provides online access to scholarship produced by IU South Bend faculty and students. If you are currently publishing a paper, please consider depositing your research with us. By working to provide excellent metadata for all archived works of scholarship in the repository, we can help draw added attention to your scholarship, raising the personal profiles of scholars at IU South Bend and the institution as a whole. An added benefit is having a steady, easily accessible copy of a publication for inclusion in resumes or websites.

ScholarWorks also features integration of Open Journal Systems (OJS) software, designed to streamline publishing open access journals. ScholarWorks provides us with the opportunity to either start a new journal or host an existing open access journal on the IU South Bend mainframe. We are already talking with one faculty member on campus about the possibility of starting a new journal, the first to be hosted at IU South Bend. Finally, ScholarWorks features a data curation component to assist scholars in managing datasets and accessing them from a central location.

In the next few years, we plan to implement these features of the Scholarly Communications Program at IUSB. If you're interested in any of these services, please email Craig Finlay at scfinlay@iusb.edu or call (574) 520-4209.



Have a Blind Date with a Banned Book

Schurz Library faculty and staff provided keywords for their favorite banned books, which then had their covers wrapped for the Banned Books Display during the month of September. The display, created by Scholarly Communications Librarian Craig Finlay, with assistance from the Circulation Department, encouraged readers to not only enjoy a banned or challenged book (some of which may surprise you) but also reminded readers of the rich collection of wonderful reads within our stacks. The display was quite popular and will likely be repeated in the future.

eReader

Checkout Program

Franklin D. Schurz Library

Check out different types of eReaders:

- Kindle Fire HD
- Kindle Paperwhite
- iPad mini
- NOOK HD+



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