



# Schurz Library NEWS

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*Editor's note:* In this fast-paced world, change is constant, and organizations must be open to change in order to serve their customers effectively. This constant change can sometimes make it difficult to plan and focus an organization's goals and objectives. One way that many organizations are finding to respond to this problem is to determine the organization's core values and design programs and services around those more constant and enduring values, rather than react to each and every passing fad or business theory du jour. The library profession has long held deep-seated values, and is currently reexamining and reaffirming those values (see pg. 4).

## The Schurz Library is committed to these **Core Values:**

*Commitment to literacy and learning*  
*Excellence in professional service to users*  
*Free access to information*  
*Preservation of the cultural record*  
*Professional neutrality*

*Equity of access*  
*Fair use of copyrighted materials*  
*Intellectual freedom*  
*Privacy for users and of user records*  
*Respect for the individuality and diversity of all people*

As part of a university campus, we believe that these values are important and that you'll find evidence of these values in our planning and execution of programs and services to our users. In this newsletter you will find examples of many of these values, including commitment to literacy and learning and equity of access.

## Fall Library Events

**Elizabeth Van Allen**, author of "*James Whitcomb Riley: A Life*", published by the IU Press in 1999, will be present for a lecture and book-signing on Thursday, September 14, 2000, 7:30 p.m. in the Schurz Library 5<sup>th</sup> Floor atrium. Books will be available for purchase. This event is co-sponsored by the IU Press.

Few literary figures have achieved the fame of James Whitcomb Riley, the most popular poet in American at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century—the height of his career. Van Allen's book has been called "the first definitive biography of Hoosier poet Riley and a provocative study of how literary reputations are made and unmade."

Elizabeth J. Van Allen is an honors graduate of Indiana University who received her Ph.D. in history from Yale. She is a former historian of the James W. Riley Memorial Association and is now historian of the IU School of Medicine in Indianapolis.

**William Wresch**, Assoc. Vice Chancellor at University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, will present "*Haves and Have-Nots in the Information Age*" on Wednesday, October 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Schurz Library 5<sup>th</sup> Floor atrium.

William Wresch received his BA and MA degrees from San Francisco State University. He also holds an MS and Ph.D. from UW-Madison. He has published nine books on computing issues. His best known book, "*Disconnected: Haves and Have Nots in the Information Age*," was published in 1996 by Rutgers University Press and chronicles his perceptions and experiences in 1993-94 as a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Namibia. With vivid anecdotes and data, William Wresch contrasts the opportunities of the information rich with the limited prospects of the information poor in an age when information is power.

More recently, Dr. Wresch was an invited participant in meetings in Washington, D.C. called by the Computer Science and Telecommunications Board (CSTB) and the Commission on Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education (CBSSE). Both advise the National Academy of Sciences. The sessions explored the "digital divide" and how democratic processes are changing because of the Internet.

These events are sponsored by the Friends of the Schurz Library. Receptions follow. For more information, contact Rebecca Neiswender, 237-4404 or meiswen@iusb.edu.

## **New IUCAT Coming Soon!**

Plans are continuing for the new web-based IUCAT, expected to go live January 4, 2001. Library staff from

across the IU system are working together to implement the SIRSI Unicorn Academe system, with representatives from the SIRSI Corporation, based in Huntsville, Alabama.

- A new World Wide Web-based catalog will provide you:
- C a fully integrated system that allows you to move easily between IUCAT, resources on the Web, and Windows applications
  - C the ability to search the resources of the IU Libraries on all campuses
  - C links to electronic journals and indexes to which IUSB subscribes
  - C the ability to limit searches by campus or department library
  - C a graphical interface that allows you to cut and paste information to other Web and Windows applications, such as e-mail and word processing programs.

The new record management system will also affect how we order, catalog, and loan books and other materials. Not since the IU Libraries launched IUCAT 10 years ago have we undertaken such a full-scale project to increase your ability to use and access the library catalog.

*To prepare for this migration of more than 5.5 million records from one data management system to another, there will be some temporary limitations in service between October 2, 2000 and January 4, 2001.*

#### **Important Dates to Remember:**

October 2, 2000: By this date, Department library liaisons must submit orders for material needed for the spring semester. Individual faculty members should give their requests to their liaisons before that date.

From October 20, 2000 to January 4, 2001 - we will be adding no new titles to the catalog. Most other services will continue as usual.

Our goal is to continue to provide the high-quality service you have come to expect from the IU Libraries with minimal disruption, and we will work to make this transition as seamless as possible. If you have questions about new system features, please contact Rosanne Cordell at 237-4209 or [rcordell@iusb.edu](mailto:rcordell@iusb.edu).

Questions about ordering materials should be referred to Judith Gottwald at 237-4444 or [jgottwal@iusb.edu](mailto:jgottwal@iusb.edu).

**Index to Current Urban Documents** is now available at [www.urbdocs.com](http://www.urbdocs.com). This resource is the only regularly published guide to the reports and research that are generated by local government agencies, civic organizations, academic and research organizations, public libraries, and metropolitan and regional planning agencies in approximately 500 selected cities in the United States and Canada. ICUD indexes over 2,400 documents yearly,

providing a spectrum of access to local information. This resource moved to a web version in July 2000, and we hope that you'll make use of the new, more useful format. ICUD includes a fully searchable online index with some full text documents available as PDF files.

#### **Access information:**

1. Go to [www.urbdocs.com](http://www.urbdocs.com)
  2. Click on Login Here.
  3. Under ICUD Login, choose the following in the pulldown menu for Subscription Type: Index Only
  4. Enter User Name: iuslib
  5. Enter password: schurz
  6. Click on submit.
- You will be logged on to the Index to Current Urban Documents website.

For future use, from your office computer, you should be able to take advantage of a shortened login procedure.

1. Go to [www.urbdocs.com](http://www.urbdocs.com)
  2. Click on Login Here.
  3. Under ICUD Login, scroll down to IP recognition login for: and click on Index Only Subscribers.
- You will be logged on to the Index to Current Urban Documents website.

For more information, please contact Joanne Evanoff, at [jevanoff@iusb.edu](mailto:jevanoff@iusb.edu) or 237-4189.

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## **Visit the Schurz Library and Learning Resource Center booth AND USED BOOK SALE at IUSB Fest**

We'll have our fall used book sale (hardbacks \$1.00, paperbacks \$ .50) and we'll be giving away magnets, pens and pencils. Drawings will be held for assorted door prizes, and the LRC will offer hands-on activities for children. Hope to see you there!

### **Project Vote Smart materials available**



To promote democracy and provide information about candidates and political issues to our users, the Schurz Library is now a Project Vote Smart partner site. As part of our partnership, we have received materials such as the *Vote Smart*

*Web Yellow Pages*, one-stop shopping for political information on the World Wide Web, and *The Reporter's Source Book, 2000 Election edition*, which includes issues briefs and a directory of organizations and individuals representing various viewpoints to contact for

more information. These sources are available for use at the Reference Desk.

Multiple copies of the 2000 edition of the *Voter's Self-Defense Manual*, a listing of presidential, senate and house candidates, where their campaign money comes from and where they stand on various issues, are available in the Schurz Library lobby. Additional information about Project Vote Smart is available at the Project Vote Smart website, [www.vote-smart.org](http://www.vote-smart.org), which has been selected by the American Political Science Association as the "best political website in existence."

Other election websites recommended:  
Elections 2000, [www.lib.umich.edu/libhome/Documents.center/elec2000.html](http://www.lib.umich.edu/libhome/Documents.center/elec2000.html)

Common Cause, [www.commoncause.org](http://www.commoncause.org)

Campaign 2000, [www.cspan.org/campaign2000/search/](http://www.cspan.org/campaign2000/search/)

League of Women Voters/Center for Governmental Studies, [www.dnet.org](http://www.dnet.org)

## New WorldCat Interface

WorldCat, available on the library home page (pull-down menu, "Connect Directly to Popular Web Resources"), has changed in design and search capabilities. The WorldCat database contains records of all books and other materials cataloged by OCLC member libraries worldwide. Frequent users will want to note the following change.

The search screen shows a "limit to items in my library" option. ~~This function does not currently work for the IU~~ Library system. Checking that option will result in zero responses to your search request. Technical staff in Bloomington are working with the vendor to correct the problem. We will alert you when a fix has been created. If you encounter other problems with WorldCat, please contact the Ref. Desk at 237-4441.

## Library Staff News

**Feng Shan**, Head of Library Computer Applications, has resigned, effective July 10, to take a job in the corporate world. While a national search for his successor is conducted, **Joanne Evanoff**, Reference Librarian and webmistress, is handling our technical issues. Joanne is available at [jevanoff@iusb.edu](mailto:jevanoff@iusb.edu) or 237-4189.

**Ray Jorgesen** has been appointed as Visiting Assistant Librarian, Reference, for this academic year. Ray received his A.S. Degree from Corning Community College (NY),

a B.A. in History from SUNY Geneseo, an M.A. in Altaic studies from IU and an M.L.S. from IU. Ray was previously employed as the Archivist for the Elkhart County Historical Museum for 5 ½ years, and has previously worked for the IUSB Library in both Reference and Archives. Ray is available at 237-4392 or [rjorgeso@iusb.edu](mailto:rjorgeso@iusb.edu).

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## Spring Events Preview

### In March:

March 1, 2001. Linda Fisher, Head of Government Publications, will present a business workshop to members of the campus and Michiana communities.

### In April:

Anabel Newman, Professor Emerita at IU Bloomington, will speak on literacy and life-long learning. Date TBA.

Used Book Sale, IUSB Cafeteria, April 11th and 12<sup>th</sup>. Donations of used books are always welcome and should be delivered to the Technical Services Department on the ground floor of the Library, or contact Judith Gottwald, Head of Technical Services at [jgottwal@iusb.edu](mailto:jgottwal@iusb.edu) or 237-4444 to make prior arrangements for large donations.

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# LIBRARIES AN AMERICAN VALUE

Libraries in America are cornerstones of the communities they serve. Free access to the books, ideas, resources, and information in America's libraries is imperative for education, employment, enjoyment, and self-government. Libraries are a legacy to each generation, offering the heritage of the past and the promise of the future. To ensure that libraries flourish and have the freedom to promote and protect the public good in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we believe certain principles must be guaranteed. To that end, we affirm this contract with the people we serve: **i We defend** the constitutional rights of all individuals, including children and teenagers, to use the library resources and services; **i We value** our nation's diversity and strive to reflect that diversity by providing a full spectrum of resources and services to the communities we serve; **i We affirm** the responsibility and right of all parents and guardians to guide their own children's use of the library and its resources and services; **i We connect** people and ideas by helping each person select from and effectively use the library's resources; **i We protect** each individual's privacy and confidentiality in the use of library resources and services; **i We protect** the rights of individuals to express their opinions about library resources and services; **i We celebrate** and preserve our democratic society by making available the widest possible range of viewpoints, opinions and ideas, so that all individuals have the opportunity to become lifelong learners—informed, literate, educated and culturally enriched. Change is constant, but these principles transcend change and endure in a dynamic technological, social, and political environment. By embracing these principles, libraries in the United States can contribute to a future that values and protects freedom of speech in a world that celebrates both our similarities and our differences, respect individuals and their beliefs, and hold all persons truly equal and free.

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