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Schurz Library News

Library Links: Kim Parker, Marilyn Nash Collaborate on Contextual Learning Workshops

To address various learning styles, Kim Parker, Supervisor of the Learning Resource Center (LRC), and Marilyn Nash, Visiting Instructor, School of Education, have begun to offer a series of mathematical workshops focusing on multiple learning styles in today's educational classroom. Teaching children mathematical concepts has always been a challenge for any teacher. In a collaborative effort, Parker and Nash provide thematic workshops for local educators and IUSB students on this issue.

Saturday, October 18th, Parker and Nash will present their third workshop, "Holidays and Math". This workshop will cover fun ideas and concepts to inspire students' learning. To register for this workshop, stop by the LRC and pick up a registration form.

Parker and Nash began their professional relationship in the fall of 1985 at IUSB where Nash had begun her undergraduate work in Elementary Education. Parker and Nash found that their teaching philosophies were very similar—focusing on hands-on learning opportunities for both the educator and the student. Nash continued her education in Chicago where she also worked with Parker as a resource for the numerous educational workshops that were held in the greater Chicago-land area.

"I love having a workshop forum to reach out to as many people as possible, particularly to do mathematics in context," Nash said. "Doing concrete mathematics is important because math is the language of our everyday world."

The Learning Resource Center, an educational media branch of the IU South Bend Libraries, contains education curriculum materials for preschool through twelfth grade. The library materials can be checked out by teachers, students, parents and other interested parties. The LRC is also a production center for the creation of teaching materials and visual aids. Parker notes that the LRC provides many options for teachers looking for teaching tools.

"A million ideas exist for creating hands-on everyday activities", said Parker. "The curriculum library is filled with resource books, there's a creative staff, computer applications geared toward educational goals and media equipment along with a variety of supplies."

These LRC resources helped generate the theme ideas for all of their workshops. For example, many of the contextual methods used by Parker and Nash in their second workshop, "Ten Apples Up On Top," included apple cutouts from the Ellison Die Cut Machine; a computer generated board game; and several counting books using the LRC comb binder.

Nash uses the LRC throughout her education course work to create tools to help teach math contextually. Part of the workshops are spent demonstrating these educational tools to participants who then have an opportunity to create their own classroom resources using LRC equipment.

In doing these workshops in the LRC and Greenlawn 149, they have found that having a large work space is critical in making the learning event successful. They also appreciate the support of Sue LeFevre, Library Business Operation Manager, who has helped them with numerous details related to the workshops.

As Parker and Nash interact with the workshop participants, the ideas and activities create a dynamic energy and atmosphere. Future workshops will be offered by Parker and Nash some time in April 2004 and next summer with themes such as frogs and bears. For information about these workshops, contact Kim Parker at 237.4120 or Marilyn Nash 237.4366. Anyone interested in collaborating with the LRC on a workshop can contact Kim Parker at 237.6548.

Kim Parker and Marilyn Nash contributed to this article.

Library Links is a new feature of the *Schurz Library News*. In each issue either a member of the IU South Bend community or a special collaboration between the Library and the IU South Bend community will be featured. If you would like to nominate a person or a special Library collaboration for *Library Links*, please e-mail Julie Elliott at jmfelli@iusb.edu.

Electronic Resources News

Public Library of Science (PLOS) Offers Free Peer-Reviewed Biology Journal Online

October 13 marked the premiere for the first issue of *PLOS Biology*, a monthly peer-reviewed journal available for free at: <http://biology.plosjournals.org>. The inaugural issue includes articles on type 2 diabetes, DNA analysis of Asian Elephants, and much more. The journal is published by the Public Library of Science (PLOS), a non-profit group of physicians and scientists.

Schurz Library Web Site Update

The faculty and staff of the Schurz Library are working to improve the navigation and design of our web site, making it easier for you to access needed databases, catalogs, and library information. The Reference and Research page is the first part of the Schurz Library web site to be updated. To access databases, the Indiana University Libraries Catalog (IUCAT), and other reference resources, visit the Schurz Library web site at <http://www.iusb.edu/~libg/> and follow the Reference and Research link. If you have questions about the new Reference and Research page or about any future updates to the Schurz Library web site, please contact the Reference Staff at 237.4441 or refquest@iusb.edu. For faculty and staff, Librarians are available to come to your office and walk you through the new Reference and Research page or any of our databases. To arrange an office reference appointment, please contact Rosanne Cordell at 237.4209 or rcordell@iusb.edu.

Over 2,000 E-Books Available Through Books 24x7

Interested in learning how to use Microsoft Office products such as PowerPoint and Access? Doing research on data mining, game programming, or e-commerce? The Schurz Library now has over 2,000 computer books available online through Books 24x7. For more information about accessing e-books, please contact the Reference Desk at 237.4441 or refquest@iusb.edu.

OED Online Now Includes New Words, Features

OED Online, accessible through the Schurz Library homepage <http://www.iusb.edu/~libg> has added new words to its collection. Anime, dumbsizing, and xeriscaping are just three of the new words to be added to the OED. For a complete list of new words go to <http://www.oed.com/help/latest.htm>. New features in the advanced search option of OED Online include first cited author and first cited work. For more information on OED Online's advanced features, please contact the Reference Desk at 237.4441 or refquest@iusb.edu.

CQ Researcher Offering Complementary Issue on Plagiarism

Plagiarism is plaguing universities nationwide. CQ Researcher has recently published an issue devoted to this problem, "Combating Plagiarism" (Sept. 19, 2003). This article can be accessed through the CQ Researcher database off of the Schurz Library home page, <http://www.iusb.edu/~libg>. The publishers of CQ Researcher have decided to make this issue available to nonsubscribers as well. Anyone interested in reading this issue of CQ Researcher can go to the following url: <http://library.cqpress.com/images/cqres/pdfs/color/cqr20030919C.pdf>. For more information on using CQ Researcher please contact the Reference Desk at 237.4441 or refquest@iusb.edu.

New Computers in Reference Area Require Logins

The Schurz Library has recently received new computers from Bloomington for its reference area. These new computers require logins. IU South Bend students and faculty can login to these computers by using their IU South Bend user id and password. Visitors can either choose the express login (no password) or can check out a temporary user id and password from Circulation. The temporary user id and login is good for 90 days and allows the user access to IU South Bend databases, catalogs, and the Internet. The express login does not allow Internet access, but does allow access to IUCAT, all library databases and several local web sites. For more information, please contact the Reference Desk at 237.4441 or Rosanne Cordell at 237.4209.

Patriot Act Forum a Success

On October 3, the Schurz Library co-sponsored "The Patriot Act and the Challenge to Academic Freedom," a day long forum discussing how the act has affected the academic community. A reception at the Schurz Library followed the forum. The event was co-sponsored by the Academic Senate Library Affairs Committee.

Vice Chancellor Alfred Guillaume began the forum with a welcome and introduction of keynote speaker Doug Archer. Archer, Reference and Peace Studies Librarian at the University of Notre Dame, gave an informative keynote address. Panels comprised of faculty and staff from IU South Bend, IU Bloomington, and the University of Notre Dame followed with discussion on the act's impact on access and research.

Chancellor Una Mae Reck introduced the forum's main event, "Privacy and Security: Two Perspectives on the Patriot Act." This event featured Nancy Kranich, Senior Research Fellow at the Free Expression Policy Project and Former President of the American Library Association, and Clifford Ong, Director of Indiana's Counter-Terrorism and Security Council, discussing the act from a civil liberties and a security point of view.

"When we were planning the forum,



Clifford Ong, Director of Indiana's Counter-Terrorism and Security Council discusses the Patriot Act from a security needs point of view during the final event of a day long Patriot Act Forum co-sponsored by the Schurz Library and the Academic Senate Library Affairs Committee.

Photo: Brian O'Keefe

it was important to us that we have a final event that was not a debate, but an open and objective discussion of the act from two distinct points of view," said Michele Russo, Director of the IU South Bend Libraries. "Nancy Kranich and Clifford Ong were everything we could have hoped for in this regard. We were quite pleased with all of our speakers."

This forum would not have been possible without assistance from the following contributors: Office of



Former American Library Association President Nancy Kranich shares her perspective on the Patriot Act. Kranich, a well known advocate of public information rights, presented with Ong during the program's main event, "Privacy and Security: Two Perspectives on the Patriot Act."

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the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, IU South Bend; *South Bend Tribune*; IU Libraries, Office of the Dean; Student Government Association, IU South Bend; Friends of IU South Bend Libraries; Office of Communications and Marketing, IU South Bend; and the Political Science Department, IU South Bend. The Library also wishes to thank Dining Services, IU South Bend; the Political Science Club, IU South Bend; and the Peace and Justice Coalition, IU South Bend.

Inspire Funding Restored for 2004 and 2005

The Schurz Library's Spring 2003 newsletter included a request to help save the Inspire databases, which were in danger of being eliminated due to state financial constraints. On May 9, 2003 the state budget signed by the late Governor Frank O'Bannon included \$1,250,000 funding each year for Inspire during 2004 and 2005.

Available free of charge to all residents of Indiana, the Inspire data-

bases (Inspire stands for **I**ndiana **S**pectrum of **I**nformation **R**esources) are funded by the State of Indiana through a consortial discount.

The Inspire databases include Ebscohost, a popular collection of multidisciplinary databases. Some of the most popular Ebscohost databases at IU South Bend are Academic Search Elite, Business Source Premier, Health Source: Nursing and Academic Edition, and the Profes-

sional Development Collection. The IU South Bend libraries save approximately \$35,000 through the state's funding of the Inspire databases.

For those of you who wrote letters this spring to your state legislator or shared your Inspire story at <http://www.librarystories.org/>, thank you—your efforts made an impact.

For the latest Inspire news, visit <http://www.inspire.net>.

Schurz Library Student Workers Honored with Scholarship

You see them everytime you visit the Library. They are there with a smile, an offer to help, and a friendly reminder of when your books will be due. Thanks to low turnover, you see the same friendly faces everytime you visit. Student circulation workers play a key role in the Schurz Library's success. To say thanks, the Schurz Library recently rewarded three student workers scholarships in recognition of their excellent work. Wolalak (Mong) Boonrasri, Roxann Litteral, and Xiaolin (Shelly) Shi, were the winners of the Friends of the IU South Bend Libraries scholarships for the 2003-2004 school year.

The scholarships were established in 2002 by the Friends of the IU South Bend Libraries. Any student who has completed at least 3 semesters of employment at the Library or LRC, is not in an appointed position, has at least a 2.7 GPA, and currently is enrolled in six or more credits may apply. Applicants need to also submit an essay and letters of recommendation from a Library supervisor and a Faculty member or academic advisor.

"Students play an integral role in our mission delivery," said Katherin Plodowski, Head of Circulation at the Schurz Library. "This award is designed to reward faithful and great service to the Library."

Each of the student scholarship winners brings something special to the Library.

Shi is working toward her master's degree in accounting. She previously was an officer in the International Student Organization at IU South Bend, where she helped organize activities such as the International Food Festival, bowling and movie nights, and a trip to Cedar Point, Ohio.

"It is very important to make international students feel at home and comfortable," said Shi.

"Shelly has been a friendly...and welcoming face to the international students who approach our desk for help," said Plodowski.

Shi is active in the Accounting Association of IU South Bend, previously serving as their treasurer. She joined Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) in 2002. As a member of VITA, Shi provided personal tax services, such as filing tax returns, to low-income citizens in the South Bend area as well as to international students at IU South Bend.

Plodowski notes that Shi has continued working for the Library while taking on internships with a local CPA. Currently, Shi has an internship in the Teachers Credit Union's accounting department in addition to her work at the Library.

"That takes a lot of loyalty," said Plodowski. "She's a very talented woman who excels at the classes in her master's program. She will go far in her career as she already shows tenacity, determination, and a drive to succeed."

Another student worker who shows a drive to succeed is Litteral. In addition to her studies and her job at the Library, Litteral has been helping her mother regain her health.

"I am dedicated to my family first and foremost," said Litteral. "They are a source of strength and continuous encouragement."

Litteral, who is working toward her degree in sociology with a minor in women's studies, hopes to work as a counselor with women who are victims of substance abuse and domestic violence. Last summer, Litteral volunteered at a local women's shelter.

"I am looking forward to making a positive difference," said Litteral. "I want to uplift the women in this community so that we can all make this a more healthy community for the next generation."

Plodowski appreciates Litteral's empathetic way with patrons and co-workers.

"Patrons respond to her maturity positively," said Plodowski. "Co-workers love her wit and self-deprecating humor...She's a straightforward and honest individual who deals compassionately but fairly with patrons and co-workers."

Boonrasri, who will graduate in December with a Master's in Business Administration, is another student worker whose excellent interaction with patrons and co-workers is appreciated.

"She has proven that she thinks like a production manager," said Plodowski. "She can improve efficiency and cooperation easily—great assets in any business."



**Wolalak (Mong)
Boonrasri**



**Roxann
Litteral**



**Xiaolin (Shelly)
Shi**

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After graduation, Boonrasri wants to return to Thailand and work for an American company. For one of her graduate courses, she did a production management project where she determined ways the circulation department could serve customers better.

"I want our customers to feel that they are warmly welcomed and treated nicely in the Library," Boonrasri said.

Boonrasri extends that welcoming attitude to her colleagues at the Library, where she is often sought out for her opinion or a friendly ear.

"Mong has proven to be an advisor for many of her co-workers and classmates," said Plodowski. "She's often found doling out advice on various topics. She's not easily offended but very firm in her convictions."

"We will miss her," said Plodowski. "If I had to rank my department in terms of customer service, Mong would rank near the top. She is calm under pressure, firm under duress, and respectful of both customers and Library policy."

Each of the recipients has worked at the Library for two years or more. While each of them enjoy their work, they come to the Library for more than just work.

"I use the Library almost every day," said Shi. "I like the

nice and quiet study environment of the Library."

Litteral notes that she uses the Library to study, to do research, and to get hard to find books through interlibrary loan.

"The Schurz Library is the most underused resource on campus," Litteral said. "More students should come in and find out for themselves all we have to offer."

Shi enjoys the work environment and her co-workers. "I really like working in the Library," Shi said.

Litteral agrees. "I have been in the workforce for 15 years and the Library is the best job I have had yet," Litteral said. "The people I work with are the most fun, intelligent and supportive people I have ever known."

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the IU South Bend Libraries Student Employee Scholarship can write a check to the Indiana University Foundation and mail it to: Franklin D. Schurz Library, 1700 Mishawaka Avenue, South Bend, Indiana 46634-7111. Please write in the memo line of the check Friends of the IU South Bend Libraries. For more information, call 237.4404.

Schurz Library Completes First Self Study

In the spring of 2003, the Schurz Library underwent its first-ever program review. This review included an external review by Timothy Richards, Director of Library Services, University of Michigan – Dearborn. Richards found that the Schurz Library "is a well managed, effective library."

The faculty and staff of the IU South Bend Libraries initiated the self-study in the Spring of 2002. Michele Russo and Linda Fisher spearheaded the project, which was based on the Association of College and Research Libraries Standards for College Libraries.

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"Assessing our mission and our ability to carry it out is important," said Russo. "Successful institutions take the time to evaluate and to constantly strive for improvement in meeting users' needs."

The completed self study was given to Richards, who read the study, visited the IU South Bend Libraries, and then

wrote his report, to which the Library faculty and staff responded.

Richards's report, and the Library's response are available in PDF format at: <http://www.iusb.edu/~libg/about.html#review>. A copy of the complete self study report is available in the Schurz Library Administrative Offices. For more information, call 237.4404.

The Schurz Library will be undergoing a program review every 4 to 5 years.

Schurz Library Welcomes New Employees in Serials and Reference

Karen Eggermont has rejoined the Schurz Library staff as Library Serials Specialist. Eggermont not only held the job here previously, but more recently gained additional serials knowledge while working at the Hesburgh Library at the University of Notre Dame. Eggermont received her Bachelor's of Arts in fine arts from Goshen College. She is a poet whose work has appeared in IU South Bend's art magazine, *Analecta*.

Julie Elliott joined the Schurz Library faculty as an Assistant Librarian and Coordinator of Public Relations and Outreach. Elliott holds a Master's of Arts in English degree from Washington State University and a Master's of Library Science from Indiana University. She previously was a Reference Librarian at Goshen Public Library. The best fun book she's read lately is *The New Bill James Historical Baseball Abstract* by Bill James.

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Author of Chopsticks-Fork Principle to Give Humorous Presentation on Identity

March 16 at 7:30 p.m. Cathy Bao Bean, author of *The Chopsticks-Fork Principle: A Memoir and a Manual*, will visit the Schurz Library for a reading and book-signing. This event is open to the public.

Bao Bean, who emigrated to the United States from China with her family when she was four years old, humorously writes about her childhood in Brooklyn and New Jersey, her marriage to Caucasian artist Bennett Bean, and the bicultural raising of their son William. As Bao Bean notes in her press release for the book:

"In 1959, when I was a Junior in Teaneck High School, I learned about Hybrid Vigor in Biology class. The idea was that when two different strains of corn were crossed, the result was greater than was normal for either parent type. In 1974, when I was a new mother in the maternity ward, I wondered if the same principle couldn't be deliberately applied to cultures - in our case, the Chinese and American. Physically we had the makings for such an experiment. Our newly born son was half Asian, half Caucasian. Intellectually, I formulated his prospects from the wealth of his dual heritage, translating his ancestors' stories into a future neither side could have imagined, yet both had anticipated to some degree. Practically, I worried just how much difference it would make that he wasn't an ear of corn."

Copies of Bao Bean's memoir will be available for purchase at the event. For more information about Cathy Bao Bean, visit her web site at: <http://www.cathybaobean.com>.

The Schurz Library owns a copy of *The Chopsticks-Fork Principle*. To see if it is available for checkout, please check IUCAT. For more information about this event, please call 237.4410.

If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. Please contact Rosanne Cordell at 237.4209 for assistance.

Reception, Book Signing for Poet Naomi Shihab Nye to Be Held at Schurz Library

Noted poet and author Naomi Shihab Nye will hold a book signing on the fifth floor of the Schurz Library on Monday, October 20. The reception and book signing will begin at approximately 7:30 p.m. Copies of Nye's works will be available to purchase at the event, which is open to the public.

The book signing will follow Nye's reading from her works in Northside 158 at 6:30 p.m. Nye is the keynote speaker for the "Identities in Conflict, Israel/Palestine" art exhibit at IU South Bend's Ruskin Street Gallery. This exhibit is part of the Michiana Museum Consortium's "Examining Identity 2003" series, a coordinated effort between area universities and museums to present exhibits, speakers, and other programming on a common theme. For more information about Naomi Shihab Nye's visit or the "Examining Identity 2003" series, please contact Ben Withers at 237.4895.

Library Instruction Available

Tired of seeing research papers that cite only Internet sources? The Schurz Library offers Library instruction sessions to prepare students to find and evaluate appropriate sources for their research assignments. Sessions typically last 75 minutes, are tailored to the needs of the class, and range from an overview of Library databases to advanced research materials and techniques. To be of most value, sessions should be scheduled just prior to a class assignment requiring use of the Library. Library instruction request forms may be filled out online at <http://www.iusb.edu/~libg/BIRrequest.html>, or instructors may contact Nancy Colborn, Coordinator of Library Instruction, at ncolborn@iusb.edu or 237.4321 to arrange a session.

New Outdoor Book Drop

The Library has recently added a new book drop to help make returning Library materials easier. An outdoor, drive-through style book drop was recently installed on the circle at the end of Hildreth Street by the Schurz Library. The book drop is designed so people can pull up in their cars and drop their books off from the driver's side window.

"We wanted a convenient book return option for our patrons," said Michele Russo, Director of the IU South Bend Libraries.

The drive-through book drop is a good alternative for returning books when the weather is bad or for those quick "returning overdue books only" trips to the library. Questions about where the new book drop is located? Ask at the Circulation Desk or call 237.4440.