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“Under her leadership, the library has been transformed into a leading 21st century intellectual center. The Hammes Information Commons and its partner, the Dorene Dwyer Hammes Media Commons and Café were born through her vision and creative energy. She has a global perspective of the university’s academic mission.” --Vice Chancellor Alfred Guillaume.

Dean Russo to Retire in June After 28 Years of Service

Michele Russo, Dean of Library and Media Services, will retire in June after 28 years of service to Indiana University South Bend. Michele came to IU South Bend from Lewis University in 1982 as the Coordinator of Library Instruction. Prior to becoming a librarian, Michele was a band director, teaching in the public schools for four years (she also holds a master’s degree in music). She decided to come to IU South Bend because she felt the library instruction position would be a chance to combine her love of teaching with her love librarianship.

While a member of the Academic Senate Teaching Committee, she met Computer Science Professor John Russo, whom she later married. The couple joke that it is one committee that has had a lasting impact on campus. “I first met Michele in 1987 when I was a member of the Teaching Committee,” John recalls. “I remember wondering how the first meeting would go: someone named “Michele Cash” was the chair. Well, I was not disappointed. She did a great job, and had obviously done her homework. I realized over the years that Michele always takes her responsibilities seriously and prepares well in advance. She was and is uncompromising in her desire to do quality work.”

In July 1998, Michele became Director of Library Services. During her tenure the Franklin D. Schurz Library and Education Resource Commons underwent a period of change and growth, beginning with “The Year of the Library” celebrations and the establishment of the Schurz Library Speaker Series, the addition of the Instructional Media Services department to the Libraries, a 1-credit information literacy course added to the general education curriculum, and the creation of the Hammes Information Commons. In 2007, Michele’s title was changed to Dean of Library and Media Services. In the fall of 2009 Michele oversaw her last major library project, the Dorene Dwyer Hammes Media Commons & Café and Multimedia Studio.

When asked what she is most proud of about her time at IU South Bend, Michele notes that she has accomplished nothing on her own, but always through collaboration with others. She is proud of the visible accomplishments, such as the Hammes Information Commons and Dorene Dwyer Hammes Media Commons & Café and Multimedia Studio, but also of the addition of two new positions during her tenure: Head of Collection Development and Archivist.

“Michele lobbied for the creation of my position – the Archivist,” said Alison Stankrauff. “I feel that she’s trusted my opinion as a trained archivist since I began. She’s also made sure that the Archives has the supplies, space, and student workers that it needs to operate.”

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Electronic Resources News

New chemistry database **Reaxy's** has replaced Beilstein Crossfire on the Library's A to Z list for Electronic Resources. Unlike Beilstein Crossfire, which required users to download special software, Reaxy's is an online database which combines Beilstein Crossfire's organic chemistry content with Gmelin's inorganic chemistry content as well as a chemically-related patent database.

RefWorks is now providing lifelong access to users who are alumni of subscribing institutions. Alumni of IU South Bend will continue to have access to the bibliographic citation database after they graduate.

Library Services Available via Mobile Devices

The following library information is accessible through your mobile device:

- Ask a Librarian
- Hours
- Contact
- Address
- Schurz Library Homepage

To access the above information, launch a web browser on your mobile device and go to m.library.iusb.edu

Friends of the Library Book Sale April 20 & 21

The Annual Friends of the Library Used Book Sale will be held on April 20 and 21, in The Grille. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on April 20 and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 21. The book sale features a wide variety of fiction and nonfiction works in hardcover and paperback selling for \$1 each. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Friends of the Library, which provides such services as free coffee to students in the library during finals week.

First Wednesday Performance in Library April 7: Vocal Studio

The Ernestine M. Raclin School of the Arts Vocal Studio will perform at the Schurz Library's fifth floor atrium April 7 at noon. Please bring your lunch and enjoy!

Schurz Library Speaker Series March 30: Rural Community Challenges

Ken Jones, president of Wightman Petrie, will discuss the challenges our rural communities face in providing essential services to residences and businesses, on March 30, 7 p.m. in the Schurz Library fifth floor atrium.

As part of the discussion of this year's campus theme "The Urban and the Rural," Mr. Jones will discuss his company's work assisting local rural communities that do not own or operate municipal utilities. The discussion will include funding options for these communities, partnerships and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Mr. Jones will share how the lack of municipal utilities impacts health and human welfare, the environment and property values. The need for accurate census data, focused income studies, and complete engagement from stakeholders and municipal officials will also be discussed. As part of the event, there will be a food drive for our local rural communities. Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate.

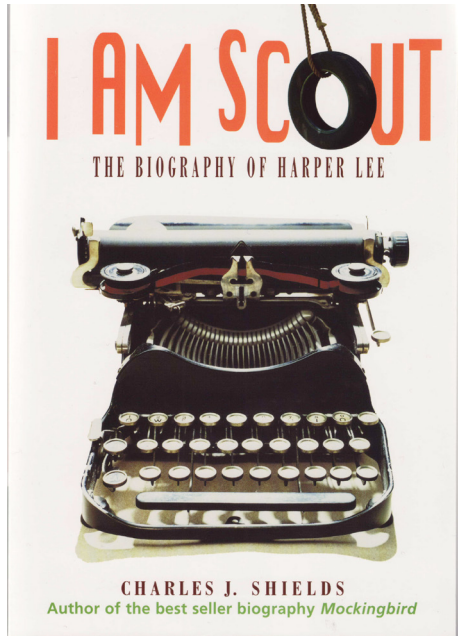
Mr. Jones became president of Wightman Petrie in 1989. Wightman Petrie is a full service engineering, architectural, surveying, planning, GIS and renewable energy firm involved in numerous major projects in northern Indiana and southern Michigan. In addition to his work at Wightman Petrie, Mr. Jones is vice president of St. Joseph County Michigan Economic Development Corporation, a board member of the Elkhart Area Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Elkhart City/County Advisory Group.

The Schurz Library Speaker Series provides speakers of intellectual interest to the university and the community on topics related to the campus theme. All Schurz Library Speaker events are free and open to the public.

Book Donations Needed

The Library is in need of current popular fiction, cookbooks, and health and wellness titles. The Schurz Library also accepts and greatly appreciates donations of current textbooks (2003-present).

Please contact Susan E. Thomas for more information about donating books at suethoma@iusb.edu or 520-5500.



One Book, One Michiana Event to be Held at IU South Bend April 20

As part of St. Joseph County Public Library's One Book, One Michiana celebration in April, Harper Lee biographer Charles Shields will be coming to speak at IU South Bend on April 20 at 7 p.m. in Wiekamp 1001.

IU South Bend is co-sponsoring the Shields event, where the biographer will discuss his research and more than six hundred interviews with Lee's contemporaries, to illuminate Lee's struggle to complete her only novel. Shields, a reporter for public radio, a journalist, and the author of nonfiction books for young people, will also discuss seminal moments in Lee's life that allow readers to better understand the characters, inspirations, and motivations behind *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

This is the first year for the St. Joseph County Public Library's One Book, One Michiana program. For the month long celebration the library selected Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Events related to the book will be held throughout the area. For more information about One Book, One Michiana, please visit <http://sjcpl.lib.in.us/onebook/>

Multimedia Production Studio Hours

The Spring 2010 open studio hours for the Multimedia Production Studio are as follows:

Monday 1:00PM - 8:00PM

Tuesday 4:00PM - 8:00PM

Wednesday 1:00PM - 8:00PM

Thursday 4:00PM - 8:00PM

Friday 9:00AM - 4:30PM

Saturday 9:00AM - 1:00PM

Other times available by appointment by calling IMS at 5578, or sending an email request to imsreq@iusb.edu

The Multimedia Production Studio, located in the Dorene Dwyer Hammes Media Commons & Café, provides a wide range of technology and software, and staff assistance for students to create multimedia enhanced presentations for course projects.

Indiana's Historic Lincoln Highway Curriculum Resource Kit Now Available in ERC

A Resource Kit on Indiana's Historic Lincoln Highway geared toward children in the third and fourth grades is now available to all ERC users. The kit was sponsored by a grant from the Indiana Humanities Council and the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana in cooperation with the National Endowment of the Arts and was created by a local team of scholars that included ERC Supervisor Kim Parker. The ERC kit is available to teachers and students and contains a teacher's guide, books on Abraham Lincoln and the Lincoln Highway, DVDs of which one, *The Lincoln Highway Story*, was produced by the team, and children's games. The resource kit provides two weeks worth of materials, but hopefully users of the kit will continue working on projects throughout the school year. Contact Kim Parker, supervisor of the ERC at 520-5548 or 520-4120 for more information.

One Book, One Campus Vote Underway, Ends March 12

Voting is currently underway for next year's One Book, One Campus title.

The finalists are:

1. *The Time Bind: When Work Becomes Home and Home Becomes Work* by Arlie Hochschild
2. *The Betrayal of Work: How Low-Wage Jobs Fail 30 Million Americans* by Beth Shulman
3. *Illegal People: How Globalization Creates Migration and Criminalizes Both Sides* by David Bacon
4. *Studs Terkel's Working: A Graphic Adaptation* by Harvey Pekar and Paul Buhle
5. *Good Work: When Excellence and Ethics Meet* by Howard Gardner, Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi, & William Damon
6. *The Communist Manifesto* by Karl Marx

More information about these titles can be found at: <http://library.iusb.edu/onebook/>.

To vote, visit <https://cf.iusb.edu/onebookvote/> and login using your IU South Bend login and passphrase.

Thank you to Dan O'Bryant of Information Technologies for setting up the voting system.

Voting ends 9 p.m. Friday, March 12.

The goal of One Book, One Campus is to encourage critical thought and discussion among members of the IU South Bend Community, by discussing a title related to the Campus Theme ("The Meaning of Work"). With this goal in mind, the committee solicited suggestions from the campus, and narrowed the list down from 19 to six titles. Criteria for the finalists were--the book be one which would challenge and inspire, be in print and reasonably priced, and have a wide crossover appeal.

It is hoped that by opening the final selection to a campus wide vote that all students, faculty, and staff will have a say in which book is discussed throughout the year. Previous One Book, One Campus titles are: *War is a Force That Gives Us Meaning* by Chris Hedges, *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?* by Philip K. Dick, *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down* by Anne Fadiman, *An Enemy of the People* by Henrik Ibsen, *On the Origin of Species* by Charles Darwin, and *There Are No Children Here* by Alex Kotlowitz.

Questions? Contact Julie Elliott at 520-4410 or jmfelli@iusb.edu

Pose with Your Favorite Book in Honor of National Library Week



Ever wish you could appear in your very own READ poster? In honor of National Library Week, the Library will be displaying READ posters featuring members of the IU South Bend community. Interested in posing for a photo? Photos will be taken on Friday, March 12 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Library's Multimedia Studio.

Cannot make it on March 12 but would like your photo taken? Contact Jim Yocom in Instructional Media Services (jyocom@iusb.edu) to schedule a time to have your photo taken.

Please bring your own copy of your favorite book.

Videos, DVDs Available for Checkout at Schurz Library

The Schurz Library has a varied collection of videos and DVDs available for checkout. Subjects range from instructional films to documentaries to foreign and classic hollywood cinema. Films can be searched on IUCAT by keyword or title, and there is a special link "DVD/Video Search" on the right hand side of the catalog. DVDs and videos, unless on reserve, can be checked out for four days.



New Dean to Begin in July

Vicki Bloom has been appointed **Dean of Library and Media Services at IU South Bend**, beginning July 1. Currently, she is the Head of Reference Services at the University of California Riverside and is responsible for Reference, Instruction, Periodicals & Microforms, Education Services and Government Publications. Previous positions include Associate Director of the Green-Field National Alzheimer's Library and Search Services Coordinator and Science Librarian at Loyola University of Chicago.

Bloom's service work includes being a resumé reviewer for the American Library Association's New Member Round Table, as well as active work in the association's Reference and User Services division.

As Bloom noted in a recent interview with *The Preface*, she is excited by the Library's strong presence on campus and plans to continue moving the Library forward. To do so, she is eager for input and urges all constituents — faculty, administrators, students, library staff, librarians and colleagues in the community — to contact her. Bloom states: "I am eager to hear your thoughts on the priorities for the Schurz Library, Instructional Media Services and the Educational Resource Commons at IU South Bend." She also spoke about her goals. "In addition to being the predominant center for study, research, and scholarly collections, I envision the Franklin D. Schurz Library and Media Services as an important (**continued on next column**)

venue for intellectual exploration, exchange and creativity." Bloom adds, "this will be done by building strong relationships across campus, with other colleagues and in the community."

The Schurz Report: Staff News

Rosanne Cordell has been appointed to finish a term on the American Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Committee. She has also been asked to run for election as a Trustee of the LeRoy C. Merritt Humanitarian Fund. This fund provides direct support to librarians and library staff who lose their jobs or have job actions against them due to support of intellectual freedom or discrimination.

Nancy Colborn has been appointed to the Academic Libraries of Indiana (ALI) Information Literacy committee.

Alison Stankrauff was asked to be a member of a three-member Archives Consultant Team for the Northern Indiana Center for History. She also has helped to organize the "Michiana History Group" a very active forum for those in the area working in archives, local history rooms at public libraries, historical societies, and preservation organizations. Stankrauff was also recently asked to be the Honorary Coach of the Women's Basketball Team. Lastly, she has a book review forthcoming in the Midwest Archives Conference's peer-reviewed journal, *Archival Issues*, Volume 31, Number 2.

Julie Elliott completed her second year on the American Library Association's Notable Books Council. The council annually selects a "list of 25 very good, very readable, and at times very important fiction, nonfiction, and poetry books for the adult reader." This year's list can be found at: <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/rusa/awards/notablebooks/lists/2010/2010notable.cfm>.

Schurz Library and ERC Open Regular Hours During Spring Break

The Franklin D. Schurz Library will be open regular hours during spring break. Hours are as follows: Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to midnight, Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. to midnight.

The Educational Resource Commons will also be open regular hours during the break. Their hours are: Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dean Russo, Retirement

(continued from page 1) Michele also expressed pride for the emphasis on public relations, outreach, and instruction during her tenure. "Because we are seen as an integral part of the campus, that is why we have gotten the support to do the work that we've done."

She will miss her colleagues at IU South Bend, not just in the Library, but throughout campus. "I am so grateful for the incredible opportunities at IU South Bend and all the wonderful people I've worked with," she said. "It has been a wonderful career for me and a wonderful place to work. I'm grateful, but really looking forward to retirement. I'm very pleased the campus has hired my successor. Vicki Bloom is going to do a great job."

Asked about her plans for retirement, Michele notes that she is not sure yet. She is looking forward to spending more time with her husband and family, as well as working on a family history research project. Mostly, she is looking forward to relaxing—reading books and to just "be." She will be missed.

Michele C. Russo Library & Media Services Student Worker Scholarship Endowment

A new scholarship has been established to honor Dean Russo, by her husband John, honoring her years of service to the IU South Bend Schurz Library. It will be called the Michele C. Russo Library & Media Services Student Worker Scholarship Endowment. If you would like to congratulate Dean Russo with a donation in her honor, please send a contribution in the enclosed card, or if reading this online, donate through the foundation web site. If donating through the web site, please include the account name and number at the very bottom of the accounts listings: Michele C. Russo Library & Media Services Student Worker Scholarship Endowment (account number 37RR04782).

The scholarship will be given out to reward those who are excellent library employees and scholars and will be announced annually in the spring and awarded in the fall. Any Library, ERC or IMS student worker may apply if they meet the following qualifications: a minimum eligible GPA of 2.7/4.0, currently enrolled in at least 6 credit hours, have completed 3 semesters of employment with the expectation of continued employment for the fall semester with the IU South Bend Library and Media Services; and have a letter of recommendation from their Library/ERC/IMS supervisor and from a faculty member or academic advisor.

Additional Reflections on Dean Russo's Retirement

"Over the years, I've worked with several deans of library at four institutions; none exhibited a more comprehensive appreciation of the library as the intellectual center of the university and its role in undergraduate education as does Michele. Through her leadership, each librarian and staff is engaged with the faculty as equal partners in the advancement of research and student learning. Moreover, she has a keen and intuitive sense of a public university library's stewardship to its community.

On a more personal level, she is gracious, team-oriented and devotes herself tirelessly and unselfishly in all that she does. She's been a wise counsel to me on the Academic Cabinet; she will be missed." --**Vice Chancellor Alfred Guillaume, Jr.**

"Michele became a consummate fundraiser during the 7 years we worked together. Her passion for the library, her charm and her doggedness made her absolutely irresistible. She camped on my doorstep the first day I arrived at IU South Bend. Michele asked me to teach her about raising money. Today, she could do this for a living if she chose to. She is just that good. I will personally miss her a great deal. She remains one of my favorite people at IU South Bend." --**Vice Chancellor Ilene Sheffer**

"Michele Russo proved herself to be the consummate professional, consistently focused on the goal of an academic library dedicated to serving patrons from all walks of life. What made her special was that she did so with sincere kindness and concern for her staff and faculty, as well as our students, faculty, and community patrons." --**Karen Eggermont, Library Serials Specialist**

"Working with Michele on various fund raising activities has been a real pleasure. Michele's passion for the library has helped to raise the donations for these projects. She understands the need to cultivate and steward donors. I am going to miss her a great deal, but the library has great staff to continue the fund raising efforts. I wish her the best, and plan to continue to see her during her retirement." --**Dina Harris, Director of Development**

"As a gardner, Michele is superlative; I once saw her grow an entire forest with little more than perseverance and the power of positive thinking." **Jim Yocom, Director of Instructional Media Services**