

## FROM THE DEAN'S DESK



I am honored to be writing my first letter as the inaugural Herbert Simon Family Dean of IUPUI University Library. Since my appointment in July, I and all Library personnel have been hard at work developing a new vision, honing our values, and using both to create a strategic plan to guide our next five years. The result of an all-Library value brainstorming session with IU organizational development professional Dr. Catherine Matthews, and subsequent refining sessions from Library Council, our internal leadership group, we have developed the following vision with supporting values.

**Vision:** Be an essential partner in the research, teaching, and learning endeavors of our diverse community.

We want students to see the Library's space as essential to their group and solo study time and in-between class rejuvenation; faculty to see librarians as key to their successful and evocative teaching strategies; and community organizations to know that we are skilled partners in sharing and preserving their histories. We endeavor to hear, "I couldn't have done it without the Library!" from our multitude of partners and, "Let's contact the Library," at the start of every new IUPUI research venture.

Our supporting values:

**Advancement of knowledge** - We value human curiosity and the useful application and open sharing of knowledge. We recognize the critical role libraries serve in the knowledge creation cycle through our provision of access to it, expertise to locate and apply it, tools to make it meaningful, and platforms offered to share new knowledge openly.

**Collaboration** - We value deeply connected work *with* our primary communities: IUPUI students, staff, faculty and Library colleagues, the citizens of Indianapolis and Indiana, and our wider professional library colleagues. This work is a symbiotic, side-by-side pursuit of a common goal that values and takes advantage of the strengths of all invested partners and results in impactful outcomes.

**Diversity** – We acknowledge that systemic, detrimental bias against individuals from underrepresented groups exists. We are intentional in embracing diversity

and eradicating human value disparity through our teaching endeavors, content provision, daily interactions with colleagues and communities served, as well as our hiring and retention efforts, training and professional development.

**Equitable access** - We value every individual's pursuit and use of information. We participate in leading a global effort to eliminate barriers to any individual's ability to access information necessary to their success and well-being. We support scholarly systems technologically, structurally, and philosophically in order to support the reuse and sharing of knowledge.

**Great service** - We value exemplary service to all our communities. Every Library employee recognizes their individual and collaborative role in creating a welcoming library environment and supporting success. We each strive daily to fulfill our service philosophy: [Service statement in progress].

**Innovation** - We value novel, useful, creative application of existing and new processes, theories, structures, skills, space and technology. We embrace calculated risks in pursuit of our communities' success, seeking insight from all outcomes. We are a hive for our communities' brainstorming.

**Student success** - We value current and future IUPUI students' pursuit of learning, high quality of life, community engagement, independence, critical thinking skills, and career goals by providing access to research, expertise, space, technology, and employment experiences necessary to attain these goals. We embrace our role in the successful recruitment, retention, and graduation of IUPUI students, while affirming that earning a diploma is not the only measure of student success.

We use these values as guideposts as we finalize our strategic priorities replete with an assessment plan which will result in data to both inform practice and demonstrate impact. A few teasers from the draft strategic plan:

**Student Success goal:** Library student employees gain the education and experience to succeed in their positions, furthering the mission of the organization while developing transferable skills that also support academic and career success.

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion goal:** Library personnel commit to creating an experience of belonging, inclusive of diverse perspectives, backgrounds, and abilities, for every individual through our physical space, online tools, and in teaching and service delivery.

**Communication and Community Outreach goal:** Library personnel will create and maintain a strategic marketing and communications plan to improve the collection and dissemination of vital information that speaks to our value to internal and external audiences.

**User-Experience, Customer Service goal:** Library personnel gather, interpret, and respond to unsolicited feedback.

**Faculty Success goal:** Library personnel advocate for and facilitate the responsible use of metrics and other evidence in the evaluation of research and scholars at IUPUI.

**Scholarly Communication/Open Access goal:** Library personnel develop and provide scholarly communication services to address IUPUI researcher and instructor needs and to ensure ongoing access to scholarship and data.

We've accomplished a great deal in a few short months and look forward to unveiling our full 2020-2025 Strategic Plan in the next few months.

With excitement for our present accomplishments and an eye ever on our future,



## **Campus Involvement**

### **Pre-IUPUI Neighborhood History**

Herron Art Library, a branch of University Library, worked with students in a Digital History and Community Change class researching the neighborhoods that once thrived on the land where IUPUI now sits. [This article](#) gives an in-depth look at what the students learned and how the current IUPUI location came to be.

### **Digital Collection: Indianapolis Imam Warith Deen Muhammad Community**

University Library's [Center for Digital Scholarship](#) has produced an online repository that captures the history of the Indianapolis Imam Warith Deen Muhammad Community, an African American Muslim Community that has been part of Indianapolis since the 1950s. "This open-access digital archive represents a major contribution to understanding Islam in the United States and the civic contributions of Muslims to Indiana, according to [Edward Curtis](#), the IUPUI religious studies professor who proposed and funded the archive.

To browse the collection, click [here](#). If you are interested in learning more about the creation of the collection, see this article in [The Indianapolis Recorder](#).

### **University Library brings virtual reality to the IU Bicentennial Collections and Heritage Showcase**

As part of the IU Bicentennial Collections and Heritage Showcase, our Events Services & Multimedia Manager DeNita Middlebrooks traveled to the Bloomington campus on September 27 to assist with demonstrating University Library's and the [Center for Ray Bradbury Studies](#) joint 3D and virtual reality projects including a digital room with Bradbury artifacts embedded in it. The event allowed visitors to engage with cutting-edge technologies that are preserving and showcasing university heritage.

The Center's Director, Dr. Jon Eller shared, "We probably had about 500 visitors through the Solarium exhibits, and more than thirty stopped to experience the VR gallery. The printed artifacts, the monitor, and the Merge-Cube generated tableside conversations with another fifty-plus visitors. President McRobbie spent significant time with us. . . Thanks for taking the lead on this wonderful showcase. We were one of the most interesting stops."

To view the online collection of Ray Bradbury items, click [here](#).



Dr. Jon Eller testing equipment for the IU Bicentennial Collections and Heritage Showcase.

## **Community Partnerships**

### **Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

Dean Palmer opened up this newsletter discussing our supporting values with collaboration being one of them. One of University Library's biggest collaborations this year was with the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. For the first time ever, graduating seniors received 3D printed portraits of themselves, thanks to [University Library's Center for Digital Scholarship](#). Members of the Digital Scholarship team scanned and printed the faces of the 19 senior students, allowing them to "see" their faces with their hands. You can find details about how the process took place [here](#).

### **The Digital Marble Map of Rome**

Employees Derek Miller (3D Project Coordinator) and Ryan Knapp (Technology Services Manager) spent time in Rome this fall, as part of a collaborative IUPUI Arts and Humanities grant entitled, "The Digital Marble Map," with [Dr. Elizabeth Thill](#), Director of Classical Studies. A team of approximately 15 people including Derek, Ryan, and Dr. Thill spent weeks assembling, 3D scanning and digitizing over 800 fragments of the centuries-old map. Known as the [Formis Urbis Romae or Severan Marble Plan](#), the map originally stood as a wall in a room in the Temple of Peace in the Imperial Fora before being dismantled and scattered throughout the city. By digitally recreating this massive map, scholars, historians, and archeologists will be able to learn more about ancient Rome.

University Library is happy to be part of this amazing endeavor, as we help preserve international history.



Derek and team members laying out map pieces in preparation for scanning



Derek scanning map pieces



Ryan and team members scanning map pieces

## All of Us Ambassador Award

The [National Network of Libraries of Medicine](#) has announced that University Library in partnership with the Indianapolis Public Library are recipients of a \$96,184 *All of Us* Ambassador award for creating a program that will support the consumer health needs of Indianapolis residents. The program will be led by our very own Caitlin Pike (Research Engagement & Scholarly Services Coordinator/Health Sciences Librarian), Mahasin Martinson (Visiting Lecturer & Research Librarian), and Rachel Hinrichs (Health Sciences Librarian).

## UL Events & Programs

### Seed Library

On June 17, University Library unveiled its seed library which was funded by a greening grant from the IUPUI Office of Sustainability. The grant money allowed the Library to purchase heirloom, open-pollinated, non-GMO seeds of seven herb varieties (Bouquet dill, Broadleaf sage, Common chives, Emily Basil, Giant of Italy parsley, Rosy rosemary, and Vulgare oregano), allowing users to obtain the seeds for free. Users include anyone with a Crimson Card; Indiana resident with an IU Libraries Borrower Card; or IUPUI University Library Borrower's Card. Packets can be picked up at the Service & Information Desk on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Since June, seeds have been given out to nearly 150 people, with basil being the most popular. For more information, visit the [Seed Library LibGuide](#).



Green Team members showing off the display of seeds

## **Indiana University in Service to the Nation**

On September 27, University Library hosted an IU Bicentennial event titled “Indiana University in Service to the Nation.” This panel discussion was the kickoff for the grand reveal of the National Service Archives Collection. Moderated by former Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith, the discussion highlighted Indiana University’s history of community service. Panelists included IU President Emeritus Thomas Ehrlich; IU Professor Emeritus and former CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service, Leslie Lenkowsky; former CEO and co-founder of Service Year Alliance Shirley Sagawa; and IU and AmeriCorps alumna Kathy Souchet-Downey, who now serves as an Immigration and Grants Liaison with the Office of Congressman Andre’ Carson.

The event also included 20 new AmeriCorps members taking the oath of service kicking off the beginning of their career with non-profit organization Public Allies.

The National Service Archives is housed in the Ruth Lilly Special Collections and Archives of IUPUI University Library and consists of a collection of oral histories, artifacts, and papers (including from leaders like Sen. Harris Wofford, who helped create the Peace Corps and AmeriCorps) that tell the stories of civic service and volunteerism in America. The Archives will be used as a scholarly resource to document the history of national service, analyze motivations, and inspire the next generation of service leaders.

To view the panel discussion, click [here](#).



President McRobbie giving remarks with moderator and panelists

## **HISTORICAL WISECRACKERS**

Historical Wisecrackers, put on by the IUPUI University Library Special Collections and Archives, is a chance to attach your funny captions to some of our favorite silly IUPUI photos from our huge collection. Each month, the funniest caption (as judged by the expert judges in Special Collections and Archives) wins a **fabulous prize!** **Click here** to add your caption to this month's photo and review previous months.

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