Extended Library Hours Support Academic Success

By Kelley Cotter, Social Media & Reference Librarian

People ask the same questions at the Reference Desk all the time. In response to student requests, this fall Stapleton and Staley libraries have new extended hours of operation during weekend hours. The new schedule is designed to accommodate students’ busy schedules so now it is easier and more convenient than ever to access the resources, books, quiet study areas, and the professional help that the library has to offer when you have the time to use them. Student responses to the announcement was overwhelmingly positive! So the next time you have a big paper to work on over the weekend, don’t worry. There will be plenty of time to study at the library before (or after) you see your friends!

Of course, you can always visit us at the Reference Desk, or ask us a question online at http://answers.lib.iup.edu/. We’re happy to help!

YouTube Videos Answer Frequently Asked Library Questions

There are five videos in this series titled “Library 101” and they live on our YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/IUPILibraries. If you’re trying to figure out how to find books or the full-text of articles, or you’re a faculty member who would like to include library help in D2L/Moodle, check out these tutorials: http://bit.ly/19HKyO9.

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New Living Language Labs Offered at Stapleton

By Lindsey Quakenbush, Library Intern

Learning a foreign language in school has many benefits from increasing job prospects to enriching the cultural fabric of our university. Yet it can sometimes be hard for students to use their new skills outside of the classroom and away from textbooks.

That’s why IUP Libraries, in cooperation with the Critical Languages Program, created the Living Language Labs located on the first floor of Stapleton Library right by the Writing Center Library Satellite. The Living Language Labs offer free tutoring sessions allowing students to gain real-world practice using a foreign language. All students are welcome to use the labs’ services regardless of whether they are enrolled in a foreign language course or not. The labs are open on Tuesdays from 4:00 pm-6:30 pm and on Thursdays from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm. A different language is offered each day including Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Japanese, Russian, Swahili, and many more!

If you want to strengthen your conversation skills, receive some extra guidance, or even just get an initial lesson to see if a particular language is right for you, be sure to visit Stapleton Library Tuesday or Thursday evening!

If you would like to see a schedule of the different languages that are being offered, please e-mail professor Chandler at chandler@iup.edu.

Students Find Peace & Quiet on the Third Floor

By Justin Pitkavish, Political Science Major

The quiet areas on the third floor are an excellent place to get away and enjoy some peace and quiet. There are computers and cubicles for use and even couches for deep contemplation. Often times the standard computer areas on the first and second floors can be quite busy with a lot of traffic and commotion. The third floor quiet areas are perfect to find silence. On many occasions, I have witnessed people even taking naps on couches in between classes or after spending hours studying and/or reading.

When I need to really focus and get something done, the third floor quiet areas are the place to go to get the creative juices flowing. Just make sure you don’t disturb the other people enjoying the tranquility!

National Library Week 2013 Proved #itsatIUPLibraries

By Kelley Cotter, Social Media & Reference Librarian

We had an excellent National Library Week in 2013! National Library Week offers the opportunity for libraries nationwide to celebrate all that we offer our communities. In 2013, we decided to use the theme #itsatIUPLibraries. We kicked off National Library Week by inviting all library personnel to wear t-shirts with the hashtag printed on them. We even got President Michael Driscoll to take a group photo with us in our t-shirts in front of Stapleton Library. This photo won us the Oxford University Press National Library Week Photo Contest.

Throughout April, we asked the IUP community to tweet us photos of their favorite things at IUP Libraries using the hashtag. The hashtag also served as our theme for the 2013 Library Video Contest. After reviewing submissions, we selected Gretchen Nisbet as our first place winner for her video “Pop Quiz,” which can be viewed on our YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/IUPLibraries. In addition to these online activities, we also gave away bags of goodies to students who brought their assignments to the Reference Desk for research help. On Tuesday, April 16th, we screened the energetic and provocative documentary Rip! A Remix Manifesto and then held a panel discussion on remix culture and copyright issues with professors. Finally, there was a used book sale as part of IUP’s Earth Day Celebration in the Oak Grove which was coordinated by the IUP ECO Club. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves during National Library Week 2013 and look forward to National Library Week 2014!
Libraries’ Popular Study Spaces Include New Options

By Benjamin Williams, History Major

The study rooms in the library are popular with students. They provide a quiet and private space to allow students to work in a controlled environment by themselves or with others. There are study rooms all around the library.

There are four group study rooms that are on a first-come, first-served basis—two on the ground floor and two on the third floor.

Each of the group study rooms are equipped with a large table and chalkboard for student use. On the second floor, as well, there are two group study rooms that can be rented out to groups of students. These rooms are equipped with computers as well as the typical equipment.

The public study carrels on the second and third floors used to be available only to doctoral students working on dissertations. At the request of undergraduate and master’s students, a number of the carrels on the second floor of Stapleton are now open for use on a first come, first-served basis. While small, they provide privacy and a good amount of space for students to study in.

As a commuter whose class schedule has many blocks of time in it, I love to use the private carrels to study between classes. I am certain that other students do as well. Whatever the purpose students use the study rooms and public carrels for, these distraction-free environments can allow students to work or relax effectively allowing them to achieve academic success.

Special Materials on the Third Floor

By Julie Sharbaugh, Nursing, and Harrison Wick, Archivist

On the third floor of Stapleton Library, you will find a room dedicated to special items of interest such as unpublished letters, diaries, rare books, and artifacts. You will find items dealing with local history donated by local people. Did you know a famous female astronaut grew up in Homer City, PA? Come see her memorabilia as well as mining artifacts. The Special Collections Department offers something for everyone’s interests. Even if you’re just looking for something unique to include in your report, this is the place to visit. They get new things for students to use all the time including old and rare books such as recently acquired first editions of Dickens’ David Copperfield (1850) and Great Expectations (1861) and John Steinbeck’s Of Mice and Men (1937). So next time you go to the library, stop by and see what is so special about the materials in the Special Collections Department!

Library Greek Bingo Challenge

By Jenna Burger, English Education Major

This semester, the library teamed up with IUP’s PanHellenic Association to encourage students to come to the library to explore all the resources they offer. The library created a game called ‘Library Bingo’ which asked students to discover different resources offered in the library in order to mark off that part of their bingo card. Activities like this make students aware of what is around them which can assist them in their studying and research.

The PanHellenic Association encouraged the Greek sororities on campus to compete with each other to see who could have the most members complete the library bingo game. The winners will receive a pizza party.

Many of the sorority girls commented about how completing the game showed them either something they did not know about the library or something they didn’t know the library offered.

If you haven’t played the library bingo game yet, it’s a good idea to do so now. You never know what you could learn about Stapleton Library or what they have to offer.

You do not have to be in a Greek society to play!
Leisure Reading Collection

By Jennifer Gaul, Nursing Major

Out of cash? Waiting for your parents to send you money? Scrounging up change from between couch cushions to buy a cup of coffee at Java City? Is your brain completely fried from trying to cram organic chemistry and applied physics into your head? Would you like a break from the monotony of studying? Stop by Stapleton Library and check out the Mary Jane Shafer Memorial Collection. Contained within the shelves of this collection you will find both print and audio versions of some of the latest books from the New York Times best sellers list. It’s definitely not your mother’s applied physics; here you will find leisure reading at its finest.

Give your brain a break, lose yourself in a good book, and relax. You have been working hard, and you deserve it! Pick up the latest work of Clive Cussler, James Patterson, J.D. Robb, or David Baldacci. Just head on over to the first floor of Stapleton Library and make a right as you walk in the main entrance. You will find the Mary Jane Shafer Memorial Collection on your left just before Java City. Once you find a good book to settle down with, take those two dollars you found between the couch cushions and treat yourself to a cup of coffee.

New Painting Brightens Stapleton Stairwell

By Laura Krulikowski, Music Library Assistant

As you climb the stairs between the levels of Stapleton Library, be on the lookout for a new painting. A large portrait of Andy Warhol, on loan from the University Museum, can be found between the second and third floors. The portrait of Warhol, titled "Margin for Error: Andy Warhol" is by Philadelphia painter Dick Ranck. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Resnick donated the oil painting to the University Museum in 2004. Ranck participated in the group show “Figure Painters, Philadelphia Print Club Narrative Expressionism” at IUP in 1985. It was also in 1985 that he was awarded the IUP Purchase Prize and the museum acquired another of Ranck’s works titled “What Can I Say?” which was recently exhibited at The Artists Hand Gallery on Philadelphia Street. You can check out Ranck’s newer works on his website at http://www.dickranck.com/. Be on the lookout, too, because other new paintings will make an appearance in the Stapleton stairwell soon!

Reserve Desk Supports Student Studies

By Nate Mullins, Mathematics

Books are so expensive and sometimes you only need to consult a bit of one to complete a research project or assignment. Realizing this, the Library provides a service to help students get the readings that they may need to use only a few times over an entire semester. It is the Reserve Service. At this desk, your professors can place materials they want you to read, but you are not required to buy. The desk is located near the main check-out and help desks. At this desk, you will find two blue binders with a list of textbooks you can borrow for an hour up to an entire day. Books checked out for a day may leave the library but must be returned in their original condition. To find the texts or multiple texts that meet your needs, you can search for them in alphabetical order by the last name of the professor who assigned the textbook. This way, you can see which textbooks are available for reserve and whether or not they are currently in use. Books can be checked out on a first-come, first-served basis. For this reason, you will want to visit the library and reserve your textbook of choice as early as possible. If you wait until the night before your assignment is due, someone else may have checked it out, and you may be out of luck.
IUP Education Department YMCA Summer Reading Program Volunteers Find Experience Both Fun and Educational

By Lindsey Quakenbush, Library Intern

IUP students volunteered this summer to retrieve books for the YMCA Summer Reading Program, a fun and innovative strategy for preventing summer learning loss in middle school and elementary school students. The program’s method for helping kids retain knowledge is simple: Read books, and lots of them! Close to two thousand books were needed for the program so IUP Libraries offered to loan out part of its children’s collection for middle and elementary school students. The reading program’s method for helping kids retain knowledge is simple: Read books, and lots of them! Close to two thousand books were needed for the program so IUP Libraries offered to loan out part of its children’s collection for middle and elementary school students.

By William Kane, Sociology Major

The “Bring Your Assignment Service” at the reference desk, located on the first floor of Stapleton Library, is a must stop for all Indiana University of Pennsylvania students looking to better themselves on both an academic and personal level. The librarians that operate the desk, located in the center of the first level, are a dynamic team of highly skilled individuals. They can provide you with all the free help you need on your assignment or refer you to another location in the library that can better fit your needs and questions. This phenomenal group of professional researchers and critical thinkers can guide you to success whether it be homework help or questions concerning how to apply special research skills such as creating an annotated bibliography or just explaining where to find specific books and how to use or reference the materials presented. This library super center operates during most library hours, usually from 9:00 am until 9:00 pm. Stop by and ask questions, or just to say hello, and thank the staff for all the helpful services they provide.

In Reference to Your Success: Bring Your Assignment Service

By Vicki Kidron, Criminology Major

As a freshman, it is easy to get overwhelmed in a university as big as IUP, and the library is no different. There are so many floors, categories, sections, information desks, and people that it is often too overpowering to take it all in. In reality, everything in the library is there for the convenience of the students, and there are a multitude of people ready to help any student with any problem they might have.

One of the more interesting areas of the library is the Media Equipment Desk which can be found between the Circulation Desk and the Technical Support Desk. This area of the library supplies students with many different kinds of equipment, but the devices that are most useful to students are the laptops and notebooks.

The laptops can be very useful if you need to use a computer and all of the desktop computers are occupied. They are also useful if your laptop is broken or if you need to use a computer in an area of the library that the desktops don’t occupy. To borrow a laptop, you need to present your I-Card or a valid library card. The laptops can only be used in the Library, but the netbooks can be borrowed and taken home for use.

I know I probably haven’t convinced you that the library is the coolest place on campus. You should go to the library to learn about the rest of the helpful tools that occupy it. Who knows? Maybe you will start to think that the library is the coolest place on campus.
Library Hires Two New Assistant Deans

The IUP Libraries is pleased to welcome two new Assistant Deans to the IUP family.

Ms. Katherine Jenkins, Assistant Dean for Assessment and Development, comes to us from Rochester, New York where she served as the Assistant Director of Libraries at Monroe Community College. Ms. Jenkins earned a Masters degree in Education from Frostburg State University in Maryland and a Masters degree in Library Science from Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Ed Zimmerman, Assistant Dean for Systems and Technology, has been working at IUP in the Information Technology field for twenty-six years of which the past sixteen years have been in the Library. Mr. Zimmerman earned a degree in Communications Media from IUP in 2006, and he will be completing a Masters degree in Organizational Leadership from Argosy University in January 2014.

While visiting the Library, feel free to stop by the Dean’s suite in 203 Stapleton to say hello to our new Assistant Deans!

Missy Steffy Joins Library Acquisitions Department

By Missy Steffy

I live in my hometown of Homer City with my husband, Dan, and daughters Megan (8) and Sarah (6). I was very excited to be hired here at Stapleton Library, and my alma mater! I graduated with a BA in Economics ('99) and a MA in Industrial and Labor Relations ('01). Following graduation, I worked in Human Resources for two manufacturers within the county.

In 2004 my husband and I took a leap and started our own company, Everlast Insulation. We are the only professional insulation company in the county and the only licensed installer of the low In Blanket Fiberglass Insulation System for Western Pennsylvania. I am excited to gain professional skills and knowledge while having adult interaction that I have missed since quitting work some six years ago when my second daughter was born.

Carrie and Clark Atkins Special Collections and More

Where do you work in the library, and what do you do there? We both work in Special Collections and University Archives. Clark also works in Acquisitions, and Carrie also works in Government Documents.

How long have you worked in libraries or book stores? Carrie has been working at bookstores and libraries for over fifteen years, and Clark has worked in university libraries for about six years. We’ve both been working at IUP Libraries for about two years.

How did the two of you meet? We met when we were both working at Lock Haven University’s library in 1995 or 1996. We met again in State College, Pennsylvania while Carrie was working at a bookstore.

What’s your favorite thing about the library? Clark thinks that Special Collections is the most interesting because it covers a decent range of local historical interests such as the mining industry and labor unions. Carrie’s favorite things about the library are the book collections, the people she works with, and the sense of community the library provides for the students.

Now That We’re Seniors…

We realize there is so much more to explore and learn in regard to our majors and our outside interests in connection with our majors.

Names: Carrie Atkins and Clark Edgar Atkins
Hometown: Many places!
Majors: Clark: Religious Studies, Carrie: Anthropology
Senior Student Worker Spotlight

Matlee Clevenger—Music Library

Name: Matlee Clevenger  
Hometown: Bedford, PA  
Where do you work in the Library, and what do you do there? I work in the Music Library in Cogswell. As a student library employee, I run the check out desk, assist patrons in finding materials, shelf read, shelf books, and assist the Librarian in daily tasks.  
How long have you worked at the Library? I just started working at the Music Library this Fall 2013 semester.  
What’s your favorite thing about the library? I love how the library creates this academic atmosphere where students can come to focus on getting school work done. I also love how it is a central place on campus where groups of students meet to work on group projects or to socialize outside the coffee shop. It is a convenient place for students in multiple ways!  
When I was a freshman… I was overwhelmed by the IUP campus and all that it had to offer its students.  
Now that I am a senior… I feel honored and blessed to have chosen IUP, and soon I will be able to call myself an IUP alum. IUP is an impeccable college with something to offer for everyone. I would encourage underclassmen and upperclassmen alike to get involved on campus. Join a club, go to athletic events, support the music and theatre students in their performances, or work at the library! It is surely something you will not regret!

Kristina Masucci—Serials Department

Name: Kristina Masucci  
Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA  
Major: Exercise Science and Special Education minor.  
Where do you work in the Library, and what do you do there? Serials Department. I direct students, faculty, and other individuals to help them locate information regarding materials they need.  
How long have you worked at the Library? I’ve worked at the library for over four years.  
What’s your favorite thing about the Library? My favorite thing about the library are the quiet areas!  
When I was a freshman… I had no idea what I wanted to do as far as a career goes.  
Now that I’m a senior… I have a slightly better understanding of what I would enjoy doing as a career, but sometimes I still am unsure… and that’s alright.

Tony Bonelli—Online Information Literacy Design Concept

Name: Tony Bonelli  
Hometown: Saltsburg, PA  
Major: Communications Media  
Where do you work in the Library, and what do you do there? I work for the Online Information Literacy Design Concepts (OILDC) where I create graphic art and videos for the Library and IUP faculty.  
What’s one thing students should know about the Library? Students should know that the IUP libraries have more to offer than your average university library.  
What’s your favorite thing about the Library? My favorite thing about this library is the extensive amount of technology available.  
When I was a freshman… I never would have guessed that my job at the library would prepare me for my job after college.  
Now that I’m a Senior… I’m ready to take what I’ve learned from working at the library and put it to good use!
Many thanks to Lindsey Quakenbush, Fall 2013 library marketing intern, for doing the lion’s share of designing and writing this newsletter and also to Janene Taylor, graduate student in Political Science, for help in proof-reading. In this, as in many other aspects of IUP Libraries’ work, we benefit greatly from help from members of our largest constituency, our students.

This semester Lindsey Quakenbush, a senior undergraduate student majoring in English Studies with a writing track concentration, has served as an intern in the library providing assistance in marketing and communications.

Quakenbush says, “I feel like I can use my love of books, reading, writing, and art to contribute to our university community in a way that is creative, meaningful, and important. It has been an enjoyable and rewarding experience so far, and I hope I can continue to help after this semester ends—maybe as a volunteer!”

By Dan Shively
I came in Fall 1963 and was one of the Cataloging librarians until 1970 when I became Head Cataloger upon the retirement of the previous head. My title was later changed to Coordinator of Cataloging.

For three semesters, I taught a section of LIBR 151—our basic one-credit course. I have also served as the bibliographic liaison for the Philosophy, Religious Studies, and Political Science Departments. For a few years, I was also liaison for the German Department.

My most memorable experience here is perhaps the acceptance for publication (in Technical Services Quarterly, vol. 6, no. 1 [1988]) of my article, "Idea Retrieval". This was something I had mulled over in my mind for years, and I’m planning to expand it, with additional material, into a book. The book will be of general interest; it will not be just for librarians. Being an amateur pianist, I also plan to record some piano pieces, mainly by Chopin, on a CD.

I’ve greatly enjoyed this job; despite various frustrations it has also offered many rewards. I have felt privileged to be able to help not only IUP, but also the entire scholarly world—through libraries’ shared efforts—to access information that might be of importance.

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