By Casey Sirochman, Student Success & Reference Librarian

One of the best keep secrets in the Library just might be the newly renovated second floor Stabley lounge outfitted with brand new computer carrels, colorful furniture, and outlet plug-ins galore. Some new and seasoned faculty, staff, and students may wonder, where is “Stabley Library”?

The answer is, it is attached to Stapleton. The first campus building built specifically to be the University Library was named for Dr. Rhodes R. Stabley, chairman of the English-Speech Department from 1941-1960, and it opened in April of 1961. However, with collections growing to support higher degree offerings, and more students enrolling each year, Stabley quickly became inadequate.*

In the 1970s, it was determined that a new facility, or additional space, was needed to satisfy the requirements of the growing university. The reconfiguration and transformation of Stabley began by adding carpeting, classrooms, and repurposing the entire building while the new building was constructed right in front. The new building would be named after Patrick J. Stapleton, Jr., Pennsylvania State Senator from the 41st District for more than 30 years and member of the IUP Council of Trustees, with construction completed in 1981.

Over the past decades, minimal transformation of Stabley has occurred except for changing classroom technology. The recently remodeled area includes the introduction of bright and vibrant colors on the second floor lounge to aide students with maintaining mental focus after long hours of studying. Paul Zelanski and Mary Pat Fisher write in their fourth edition of *Color,** “Bright colors, particularly warm hues, seem conducive to activity and mental alertness and are, therefore, increasingly being used in schools.”

In addition to the lounge, two of the Stabley classrooms were remodeled and outfitted with state of the art wireless technology including thin clients, DisplayNote software, and an iPad lab. Finally, tucked away in the back right corner of the student lounge on the second floor of Stabley is Studio 1B. (See page 8 for more details). Come on over to the library to see these new marvels for yourself!

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IUP LIBRARIES RECOGNIZE BEST BIBLIOGRAPHIES

By Paige Davies

Each year, IUP holds the Undergraduate Scholars Forum, an event for current undergraduate students to showcase their academic projects. This year marks the 10th annual IUP Undergraduates Scholars Forum. It is scheduled for April 7, 2015. In addition to awards from all of the Colleges, IUP Libraries will be giving The Best Bibliography Award, an award for the best bibliography which it has done annually since 2006. This award recognizes excellence in library research in the production of a bibliography. IUP Libraries created the award to encourage students to pursue high scholarly achievements as well as to help motivate students to use library resources.

The Best Bibliography Award is given to the student who demonstrates within their academic paper or presentation’s bibliography, bibliography breadth and scope, scholarly and critical quality, as well as professional quality. A minimum of five sources is required, and the sources will be evaluated on areas such as their appropriateness to the paper or presentation’s subject, consistent style, number of errors, and critical ability. Last year’s winner, Melissa King, won for her academic paper, “Gendering Tamriel: Character Creation in The Elder Scrolls Video Games Series and Gender Stereotypes.”

To apply for this award, students must be available to attend the conference to present their work. Students from any of IUP’s undergraduate colleges can submit a bibliography. For more information on this award and how to apply, contact Portia Diaz at portia@iup.edu.

DE-STRESS FEST @ IUP LIBRARIES

By Casey Sirochman, Student Success & Reference Librarian

University Libraries across the United States offer students during finals week not only a place to study, but a location on campus to unwind and de-stress. As we’ve done in the past, this year the IUP Libraries will offer activities and opportunities for students to take a much needed break during finals week. Organizations and departments across campus such as Active Minds, Students of AMF, and Psi Chi (Psychology Honors Society) will offer fun, recreational, and thought-provoking opportunities for students to distract and de-stress. Some activities will include do-it-yourself tables by the front door of the Library that include making dream catchers, creating cards, coloring, and more. Other activities will be held near Java City including video and board games on Thursday. To kick off the week, AP-SCUF’s Student Faculty Liaison Committee will be holding their annual Fall Semester Study Social for students on December 8 from 2:30 to 5:00. Faculty will be in Stapleton Library giving away cookies and hot chocolate (donated by ARAMARK) to show their solidarity with students and wish them luck with their finals. A final schedule and full listing of events will be advertised on the Library’s website, Facebook, Twitter, and Digital Signs. Remember, the Library is now open 24/5 so get a jumpstart on studying for your finals today!!
FALL PROGRAMS @ IUP PUNXSUTAWNEY REGIONAL CAMPUS LIBRARY

By Carol Asamoah, Library Technician

Twice a year, the Library sponsors a Voter’s Registration Drive to help all unregistered citizens take time out to register. On September 15-16, the Library and lab students of IUP Punxsy assisted with another drive to help the campus community and anyone else interested in registering, changing party affiliation, and/or interested in filing for an Absentee Ballot(s) for the upcoming election on November 4, 2014. Helping with the event were former Jefferson County Registrar, Mr. Tom Crumlish, and former NAACP President, Dr. Edwina B. Vold. There were nearly 70 students either registering and/or completing Absentee Ballots for the November 4 Elections.

For the month of October, IUP Punxsy Library and lab students also participated in "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" fundraising drive with a Bake Sale. The Bake Sale occurred over two days mid-week and a couple hours on Saturday, October 25 which was identified as "Family Weekend" at IUP Punxsy. Students also took donations from those willing to participate during the month of October. I purchased and donated items for gift baskets which Library student employees, Tatiana Stevens and Dominick Licwinko, put together. Donut Connection donated coffee and donuts for the two day event along with a gift bag. Marquise Seay-Jones worked diligently on the posters, donation box, and signage for the event. Basket drawings were held Friday, October 31, 2014.

STRIVING TO SUPPORT STUDENT SUCCESS

Casey Sirochman, Student Success & Reference Librarian—I am honored and excited to be a new member of the IUP Faculty community. I am eager to help contribute to the academic goals of students and aspire to contribute to retention and student persistence in a meaningful way. I also help manage the IUP Libraries Twitter and Facebook pages. As an alumna of the IUP Graduate School of English, I have personally and professionally cherished my IUP experiences. Since graduation, I have been employed as a Research Specialist with the University of Pittsburgh where I obtained my Masters of Library and Information Sciences (MLIS). After graduating with my MLIS degree, I was employed as the Dean of Library Services with Le Cordon Bleu located in downtown Pittsburgh, PA. More recently, due to Le Cordon Bleu closing, I was the Director of the Carnegie Free Library in Connellsville, PA. Being a native of Southwestern Pennsylvania, my in-laws are from and currently residing in the Marion Center School District, I have long aspired to return to the Indiana area and obtain employment with IUP Libraries.

UP ALL NIGHT TO KEEP THINGS SAFE

Ever use the Library during its late night hours? If so, you have probably met the Library’s new security guard, Phil Levri. The Library began the late night hours in the Spring of 2014, but security and checking people in and out of the building was done by graduate student workers. This fall, Levri joined the staff to provide a higher level of security for the Library. Originally from Rural Valley, Levri worked as a paraprofessional for the Indiana School District in special needs classrooms. Now he works from midnight to 8:00 am at Stapleton Library overseeing the late night hours. Levri was attracted to the position because he was interested in transitioning to security, and he enjoys working during the night now that he has gotten used to sleeping in the day time. Levri says the Library at night is quiet and quite different from the hustle and bustle of the day time hours. Though there are no Library services offered during these late night hours, students are happy to be able to come in to study and use the computers. During the summer sessions when the Library does not have its late night hours, Levri will work with campus police elsewhere on campus.
GOOD LUCK TO GRADUATING STUDENTS

IUP Libraries could not provide the quality service it does to our users without the dedication of our student employees. Student employees assist in almost every area of the IUP Libraries. We would like to thank all of them, particularly those who are graduating this semester, for their service over the years and to wish them the best of luck in the future!

McCUNN BOOK EXPLORES HIDDEN HISTORY OF ASIANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS IN THE CIVIL WAR

Ruthann Lum McCunn is researcher and author of a number of widely read and award-winning fictional and non-fiction works including *An Illustrated History of the Chinese in America* and *A Thousand Pieces of Gold*. Most of her publications are based on the lives of historical figures and arose from research she carried out over decades in the area of social history and the lives of Asian Americans. On the evening of November 3rd, in a presentation called “The Hidden History of Asians and Pacific Islander and the Civil War,” she described how she carried out research in archival census records, online databases, government records, oral histories, internet sites, and publications found in traditional libraries. Central to the discussion was her forthcoming book *Chinese Yankee* which tells the story of Thomas Sylvanus (Ah Yee Way), a Chinese American man who enlisted three times in the Union Army, served heroically, and endured the privations of Andersonville Prison camp. After the war, he settled in Indiana County and opened a laundry and remained here for the rest of his life, for many years the only Chinese American resident of Indiana County. The lecture was sponsored by the Liu Foundation, the Asian Studies Program, IUP Libraries, the Office of International Education, and the departments of History and Sociology.

IRONS: FUNCTIONAL TOOLS TO ART OBJECTS

By Laura Krulikowski

When you exit the library’s main stairs at the second floor, have you ever noticed the display case greeting you? The case is usually full of irons, metal trivets, and now, ironing related items. All of the items rotating through the case over the past two years are from the Maureen Post Collection of Irons and Iron Related Objects. Ms. Post graduated from Indiana State College in 1963 with a degree in Home Economics (ISC would become IUP in 1965) and has since donated over 1,000 irons and ironing related objects to the University Museum at IUP.

For nearly a year, co-curators Rhonda Yeager, Janet Blood, Julie Gomboc-Turyan, and Laura Krulikowski have been planning *Irons: Functional Tools to Art Objects*, this fall’s museum exhibition. The exhibit follows the history of irons and ironing from the time of the Vikings to today’s ‘extreme ironing’ competitions utilizing University Museum Permanent Collection artwork, the IUP Fashion Merchandising program’s clothing collection, university history, and personal experience to create connections between the audience and the collection.
By Paige Davies

The library is a center of activity on our campus with students continuously coming in getting coffee, meeting up with groups, or finding a quiet place to study. However, few realize that the library is also an excellent place to advertise for university sanctioned organizations and events and for students to display class-related work. The display cases in the library are a way that campus organizations and upcoming events can be highlighted and reach a large audience. Previously, student organizations such as: GLBTQIA Advocacy, Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, and the Haven Project have taken advantage of the space. Carol Connell, Reference Librarian/Bibliographer, and Sandra Janicki, Reference Librarian/HHS Bibliographer, are the creative women who design the display cases. While there are reoccurring events like National Black History Month and Banned Books Week that are presented in the display cases, Janicki and Connell will consult with students or organizations to create a display that advertises that organization or educates IUP students. When asked why the two take on this responsibility of coordinating the display cases, Carol Connell explained that “we both enjoy seeing an attractive window that is artistic and relevant to the campus.” Students can contact Carol Connell at cconnell@iup.edu or Sandra Janicki at cspslj@iup.edu to reserve a display case! Display reservations fill up quickly so it is good to plan for an exhibit a few months ahead if possible.

LIBRARY DISPLAY CASES: ATTRACTIVE AND ARTISTIC
NEW I-SEARCH TOOL SIMPLIFIES SEARCHING

If you’re a regular visitor to the library website, you may have noticed a big change that took place right before the Fall semester started: I-Search, the Library’s latest way to discover articles, books, and other materials, made its debut on the Library home page in August. Since then, I-Search has processed more than 12 million searches and helped users download more than 20,000 full-text articles.

I-Search is one of a relatively new breed of library search systems called “discovery search engines.” At their heart, discovery search engines are systems that present users with a simplified search interface (often just a single, Google-like search box), that searches across numerous different library resources and returns a wide array of results—anything from books to articles to research guides—for a user to consider.

While this sounds like the perfect one-stop shopping option for all your future research, remember that the word “discovery” is there for a reason. I-Search covers a lot of ground, but there are two important things to remember: first, it doesn’t cover everything. Second, results usually number in the thousands or tens of thousands—I-Search isn’t interested in short-but-sweet lists of perfect articles. I-Search provides the thousand-foot view of the topic and then hands the reins over to the user to start really exploring.

Once a search is started, users see results comprised of everything from books to eBooks to academic journal articles, and although results are often numerous, I-Search gives users easy control over what results to show. Intuitive filters let users select documents by type (such as academic or peer-reviewed journals), restrict articles to specific date ranges, or even require that only articles matching a specific subject be shown. I-Search’s filtering options help users take the high-level view of their search and quickly refine it to highly-relevant materials to support their work.

I-Search is continually under development to make it the best resource it can be, and as new features arrive, we’ll make sure to let users know! If you have questions, comments, or suggestions for our I-Search service, be sure to stop by the reference desk, email a librarian, or send suggestions to Library Administration.

IUP LIBRARIES SUPPORTS Y READING PROJECT

IUP Libraries is dedicated to supporting literacy for IUP and its broader community. For the second summer in a row, IUP Libraries has lent books from its children’s collection to support the YMCA Summer Camp kids reading program which made it possible for reading to be a part of each camper’s summer day.

The library books were chosen by one of the librarians and a student undergraduate intern from the English Department. The books were checked out to the YMCA and packed in plastic containers and taken to the YMCA. At the YMCA, they were circulated through the Life Steps Mobile Library. Life Steps personnel kept track of the circulation. Campers checked books out at the beginning of the week and returned them at the end of each week. They were allowed to take the books home over night, and a local bank provided plastic bags to protect the books from wet bathing suits and towels for the trip home.

Shawn Sebring, Senior Program Director at the YMCA, believes the program is a great success. He said the campers really enjoyed the opportunity to read during the course of the day, and this summer read over 4,000 books, up from the 2013 total of 3,800 books last year.
**SURVEY SAYS... IUP DAY & LSAC**

By Casey Sirochman, Student Success & Reference Librarian

During the IUP Day event in September, the Library solicited feedback from 170 students via a paper survey and had 170 responses including Norm. As a thank you for students’ time, we handed out pens, t-shirts, mugs, lanyards, and more. We also advertised an upcoming event for Banned Books Week and took photos of students with their favorite banned book cover and tweeted them on the @IUPLibraries Twitter page. Of the eighty photos tweeted, the most popular banned book was *Hunger Games*, with *Captain Underpants* and *The Great Gatsby* in a close second and third. For more information about these and other banned books, please visit [http://www.ala.org/bbooks/](http://www.ala.org/bbooks/).

It is important to us at IUP Libraries that we hear from you! We are forming a Library Student Advisory Council (LSAC) as an explicit way to solicit your feedback, ideas, and advice concerning library resources, services, and policies as part of a formal mechanism to ensure that undergraduate and graduate student input is integrated into actionable goals during the formation of the University Libraries strategic plan. The role of the LSAC is one of advice and advocacy. LSAC meets twice each semester (or as needed) for lunch or dinner at either the Stapleton Library or the HUB. Members are asked to serve at least one academic year and may continue longer. Participation can enhance your resume, provide connections for future references, provide a chance to make new friends, and, of course, provide four free meals a year! The first meeting was held on October 23rd. For more information, please contact Casey Sirochman at 724-357-2636 or email csiroch@iup.edu to find out future dates and times of upcoming meetings.

**STUDENT SUCCESS TOOLKIT : TOP TEN TIPS**

By Casey Sirochman, Student Success & Reference Librarian

Successful searching requires patience and time and new and inquiring students need answers ASAP. The Library homepage in the ‘Get Help’ box has a helpful ‘Libraries A-Z’ link; however, sometimes a long list can be cumbersome. As such, the following top ten tips list was created to highlight some of the most utilized links for successful searches. Because the tips have hyperlinks, please view this newsletter online to utilize them.

Tip #1 - Connect with a Librarian (Ask Questions Online & via Text)
Tip #2 - Learn Where Stuff Is in the Library
Tip #3 - Watch a Video Tutorial
Tip #4 - Get Off-Campus Access
Tip #5 - Use a Group Study Room
Tip #6 - Learn How to Find Books and Articles
Find a Book
Find an Article
If we don’t own it, order it fast online with ILL
Tip #7 - Avoid Plagiarism (Academic Honesty)
Tip #8 - Learn to Conduct Research
Homework Help/ Meet with Subject Specific Tips/ Subject Specific Library Guides
Tip #9 - Learn how to Cite References
Tip #10 - Take a Library Course
NEW ATTRACTION: STUDIO 1B

By Ed Zimmerman, Assistant Dean of Technology & Systems

A new video recording facility is ready for prime time at IUP Libraries! The studio was opened on November 11, 2014. This innovative facility is uniquely different in that the entire recording process is handled by one large button (think easy!). Studio 1b is located on the second floor of Stabley Hall and is managed by Library Technology Services. The studio is modeled after the first of its kind (The One Button Studio) located at Penn State Main Campus. The room is also equipped with a SMART board allowing for presentations with as-you-go annotations. The studio initially will be scheduled in 60 minute increments and may be adjusted later based on demand. Trained student assistants from Media and Equipment will be happy to unlock the door and show you around. Additional graphic/video support is available through the OILDC located next to the Helpdesk and Media and Equipment Desk. For more information, visit http://bit.ly/1qXNUTa.

LIBRARIAN BLAINE KNUPP RETIRING

By Paige Davies

Blaine Knupp, currently IUP Libraries Public Services Librarian and Librarian in Residence for the College of Business, has been serving IUP library users for as long as most people can remember. After reaching his 55th birthday and completing his 35th year of service, in January, he will be retiring.

Knupp came to IUP as a student in the fall of 1977. In 1979, he was hired as a reading room supervisor in Sutton Hall. At that time, Stapleton Library was being built and library journals were being stored in the basement of Sutton Hall. Gorrell Auditorium, the reading room at the time, was furnished with tables and chairs and people who wished to read journals had to ask for them to be brought to the reading room. It was Knupp’s job to run down the stairs to the basement to retrieve them. Knupp continued working in library services as he completed his undergraduate degree, graduating with a BA in History and a minor in Computer Science in 1983. As soon as he completed his undergraduate degree, he began work on a Masters in Library Science at the University of Pittsburgh. He completed his degree in 1986 and started on an MBA at IUP which he completed in 1993. Professor Knupp applied for a position as a library faculty member and was hired in 1991 to be the Serials Librarian. He was the Serials Librarian from 1991-1999 then Serials/Acquisitions Librarian between 1999-2000. From 2000-2011, he served as Reference Coordinator and in 2011, he became the Public Services Librarian. Most recently, he added Librarian in Residence for the Eberly College of Business to his resume. Dr. Todd Thompson, an Associate Professor of English, describes how, after Knupp gave a library orientation to new students, a young student ran back into the classroom after the orientation exclaiming, “That dude is boss!” Thompson writes, “We will all miss that dude who is a totally boss librarian and has always been there for his students.” Dr. John Mueller, Department of Student Affairs in Higher Education, describes Knupp as “a renaissance man: he knows a lot about a lot of things and has such a broad range of interests and areas of expertise.” The faculty, staff, and administrators of IUP Libraries wish Professor Knupp a wonderful retirement and want to let him know that he will be missed by all those at IUP whose lives he has touched.

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