

Information literacy: taking it to the next level

Purdue University Libraries is the first university library in the nation to create a chair in information literacy. The chair is being made possible with a \$2.5 million planned gift from Purdue graduate and longtime Libraries supporter Dr. Wayne Booker.

The W. Wayne Booker Endowed Chair in Information Literacy will bridge the world of libraries and information technology. "As information explodes all around us, it is critical to be able to harvest and evaluate it efficiently and effectively," says Purdue President Martin C. Jischke. "This generous gift from Wayne Booker underscores our central mission: to open the doors to information literacy and therefore to knowledge."

Wayne Booker is a 1956 economics graduate of Purdue and retired chief financial officer for Ford Motor Company. The Sullivan, Indiana, native said he funded the chair in large part to bolster the leadership role of Purdue Libraries. "An outstanding library is the backbone of any great university," Booker says. His gift is the largest ever made to Purdue Libraries in the University's history. Booker believes a greater focus on information literacy will provide students with skills to be lifelong learners and wants to see critical thinking and communication skills increased in the United States and abroad.

"This gift reflects faith in Purdue's education leadership for the global business community for the 21st century," Booker says. "The business world is looking for problem solvers who can identify the issues and then find potential solutions. Partnership with Purdue on this initiative is a sound investment in the future and a win for everyone involved."

The person filling the chair in information literacy will conduct research and launch additional initiatives to increase students' ability to



Students learn information literacy skills taught by Alexius Macklin, associate professor of library science, in an English 106 class.

access, assess, and integrate information and make good judgments about what information they choose to use, according to Libraries Dean James L. Mullins. The holder of the chair will be hired after a national search.

"We want students to be diligent seekers, while being analytical and responsible," Mullins says. "This gift highlights the importance of

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A message from

THE DEAN OF LIBRARIES

Redefining the libraries

I consider myself to be a lifelong learner. This past year, my first as dean of Libraries, I've had the great fortune of having Purdue Libraries as my focus. It's been a distinct pleasure to garner a clearer understanding of our impressive academic library and the steps needed to excel to the next level.

The Purdue Libraries mission is an academic one — learning, discovery, and engagement. To meet these goals, one of the first steps we have taken is to redefine our structure. As a library, we will be defined by our actions and also by our structure. We have given administrative personnel new titles that align with our academic mission.

Key to our impact on campus are the libraries' roles in learning and discovery. We have embarked on several initiatives, some receiving national attention, to better integrate our resources with students and faculty. This is evidenced by our involvement in the ETS information literacy assessment pilot program.

At this point in time, we are poised to become a full-fledged participant in the research process. A little over a year ago, I never would have thought that we would be submitting grant proposals along with colleagues in academic departments to the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health. But, it is happening and it will only continue to grow.

We continue to take a closer look at our facilities, collections, and the integration of our services. Our users are always on the cutting edge of technology, and we must constantly be innovative in our delivery of services. In addition to being ready for the future, we must be cognizant

of our past. Purdue Libraries is committed to making a greater investment in our Archives and Special Collections. What is now an impressive collection is poorly housed and not widely apparent or accessible to users.

My hope with this publication is to inform and involve you in Purdue Libraries. I invite

you to take a closer look at many of the exciting initiatives underway. This fall we embarked on a detailed strategic planning process that will take us through the next five years, beginning with LibQUAL+™, a national library survey being conducted on campus this fall.

What is already clear is the tremendous potential we have for making an even greater collaboration at this fine university. I'm delighted to be leading Purdue University Libraries during this pivotal time of reaching preeminence. The vision for the libraries is clear and the foundation solid.

I look forward to the journey.

James L. Mullins, PhD
Dean, Purdue University Libraries



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information literacy and we expect this person to be a national spokesperson who will help encourage other universities to follow our lead.”

Purdue University Libraries has been leading the way on information literacy for some time. Education Testing Service (ETS), steward of the SAT, selected Purdue to participate in the Information and Communication Technology Literacy Assessment, a test tool to analyze how well students assess and evaluate information. Purdue was among the handful of universities asked to participate largely because it has installed information literacy as a core competency for all students.

“Students feel as if they know how to do research because they can ‘Google,’” says Alexius Macklin, associate professor of library science. “But they don’t necessarily know how to evaluate the search results or how to search scholarly resources. They also inadvertently plagiarize because of the ease of cutting and pasting information from Web-based material.”

Macklin coordinates the Leaders in Information and Communication Technology Integration program, known as LEADER. Funded by Dr. Booker in 2001, the course has librarians teaching strategies for locating, retrieving, and evaluating information. “We integrated global awareness into the content of the program and of course we learned a lot from it,” says Booker. “It provided us the knowledge to proceed with the endowed chair.” The program involves searching under deadline for definitive answers to questions such as, “What is the world’s oldest living thing?” or “How old is the world?”

“These are skills that will enable Purdue students to continually refresh their knowledge base long after they have graduated,” Macklin says.

Mullins says colleagues at several other universities have already expressed interest in following Purdue’s lead in creating a chair to lead the



Dr. Wayne Booker is recognized for his philanthropic contributions to Purdue University Libraries at the Key Executives dinner in September. He was presented the Pinnacle Award, the University’s highest honor, by Purdue President Martin C. Jischke.

efforts of faculty members charged with teaching information literacy. “It’s a statement to academe and the population as a whole,” Mullins said. “We need to think critically. Not everything we read is of the same value.”

Information literacy at a glance

What is information literacy?

Information literacy is defined as the ability to know when there is a need for information, to be able to identify, locate, evaluate, and effectively use that information for the issue or problem at hand.

Why is it important?

Information is expanding at an unprecedented rate, and enormously rapid strides are being made in technology for storing, organizing, and accessing the ever-growing tidal wave of information.

How can it help students?

Information literacy forms the basis for lifelong learning. It is common to all disciplines, to all learning environments, and to all levels of education. It enables learners to master content and extend their investigations, become more self-directed, and assume greater control over their own learning.

Libraries host official biographer of Neil Armstrong

The Purdue University Libraries Distinguished Lecture Series brought the official biographer of Neil A. Armstrong to campus in October. Former NASA historian James R. Hansen presented the new biography of one of Purdue's most prominent graduates, as well as America's most iconic, enigmatic, and misunderstood heroes in *First Man: The Life of Neil A. Armstrong*.

The talk by Hansen was the inaugural event of the Purdue University Libraries Distinguished Lecture Series. "We were tremendously pleased to kick off our first lecture with such an accomplished scholar as James R. Hansen," says Purdue University Libraries Dean James L. Mullins. "It is our goal through the lecture

series to bring the community together around important topics and to encourage intellectual stimulation and exchange." Purdue Libraries also hosted a reception and a book signing.

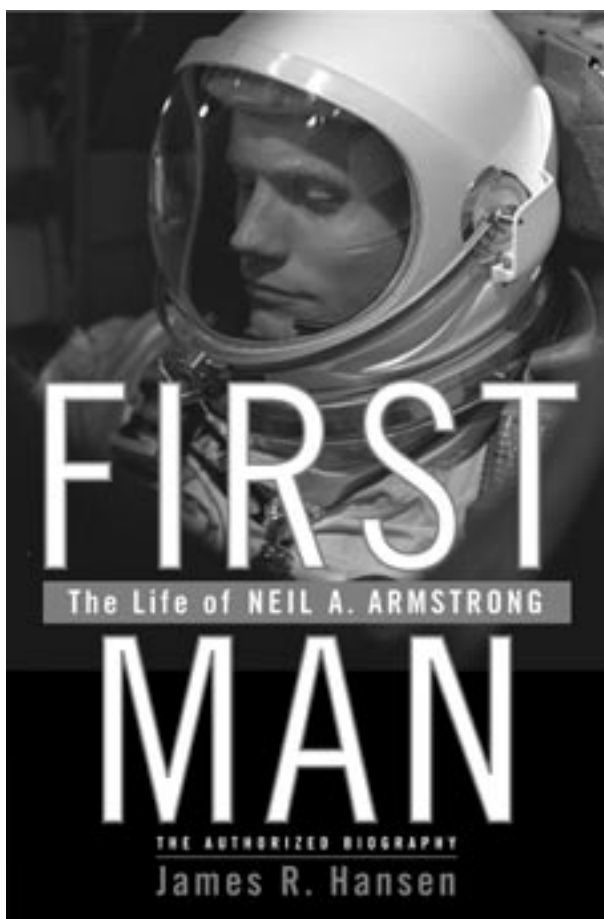
Hansen was selected by Armstrong to be his official biographer and was given complete access to his papers, flight logs, family letters, photographs, and archival documents. The author conducted interviews with more than 125 people, including 50 hours with Armstrong himself. Although Armstrong has assisted in making the book as factually and technically correct as possible, he has left matters of analysis, interpretation, and emphasis entirely to Hansen.

The book details Armstrong's life growing up in small-town Ohio and how his early love of airplanes led him to learn to fly a plane at age 16, earning his pilot's license before he received a driver's license. Armstrong entered Purdue on a Navy scholarship but at 19 was called up to serve in the Korean War. As a Navy pilot, he was a member of the Screaming Eagles VF-51 squadron, flying 78 combat missions. He soon returned to Purdue, graduating in 1955 with a bachelor's degree in aeronautical engineering.

After graduation, Armstrong flew more than 900 flights on several experimental planes and became a test pilot for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, the predecessor to NASA. In 1962, Armstrong became an astronaut in response to the challenge



James R. Hansen is a professor of history at Auburn University. He is the author of eight books on the history of aerospace, including a study of NASA's design and implementation of the Apollo program's lunar-orbit rendezvous method.



by President John F. Kennedy to land a man on the moon by the end of the decade.

On July 20, 1969, Armstrong would become that man as commander of *Apollo 11*. The book explains how NASA administrators chose Armstrong for the mission and how many at NASA were pushing for the calm, reserved Armstrong to become the first person to walk on the moon instead of his more outgoing crewmate Buzz Aldrin. Hansen also delves into Armstrong's personal life and how a rigorous training schedule and brushes with death during flight missions took a toll on his marriage.

Purdue Libraries will host another author in the spring as part of its Distinguished Lecture Series.

Trees of the Midwest featured in new title from Purdue University Press

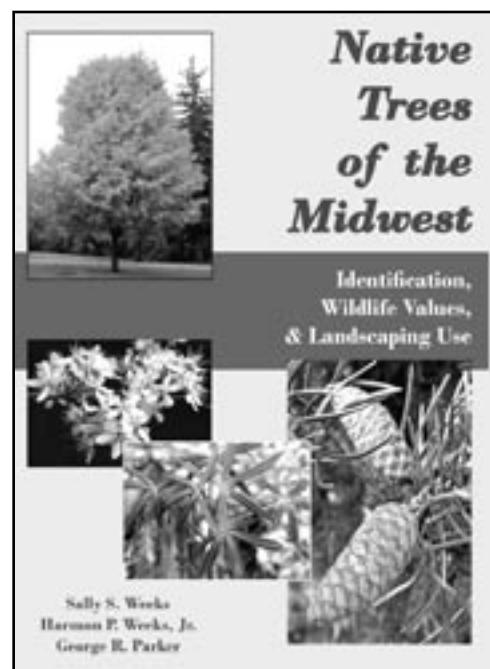
Autumn's vibrant foliage may bring many things to mind, like nature's beauty, crisp air, and football. While absorbing and enjoying the landscape, you may also have questions. What is the name of that tree? Why is it red? Why is another one orange? A new book from Purdue University Press provides answers to those questions and more.

Native Trees of the Midwest gives detailed descriptions and unique insights into identifying all the trees native to Indiana and most of those in the surrounding states. Descriptive text gives invaluable hints on identifying species in any season and is supported with color photographs of all important characteristics. It encapsulates the authors' combined experience of more than 50 years in teaching students to identify woody plants.

The book allows the reader to identify plants, learn of their ecological and distribu-

tional attributes, and evaluate each species relative to its potential ornamental value. Since tree species have diverse values to wildlife, an evaluation of wildlife uses is presented in detail.

Author Sally Spurgeon Weeks was born and grew up on a dairy farm near Winamac, Indiana. She "found" trees later in life, almost by accident, while a student at Purdue University. They became her passion. She has received a BSF in wildlife management and an MS in forestry from Purdue's Department of Forestry and Natural Resources. She has taught aspects of tree identification at Purdue for 15 years and now is responsible for teaching laboratory and recitation portions of dendrology. Harmon P. Weeks and George R. Parker, who collaborated on the book, are both Forestry and Natural Resources faculty members at Purdue. To order, log on to www.thepress.purdue.edu or call (800) 247-6553.



Special Collections

Maureen Sharp, collections conservation technician, works to conserve the original manuscript of one of George Ade's best-known plays, *The College Widow* (1904).

George Ade, a graduate of Purdue's class of 1887, is one of Indiana's most famous humorists, playwrights, and authors. Held by Purdue Libraries Archives and Special Collections, Ade's manuscript contains his handwritten annotations. It will be exhibited in February in conjunction with the Purdue Theatre's performance of *The College Widow*.

The process of conservation involves vacuuming the pages through a screen with a HEPA vacuum, surface cleaning with eraser crumbs, light ironing, and mending with Japanese tissue and wheat paste. The Purdue Libraries Archives and Special Collections holds the largest collection of George Ade's original papers and manuscripts in the world.

Conservation work on this manuscript was begun in the spring and will continue through the end of the year. To help conserve important documents such as this one, a new Libraries Preservation Fund has been established.



Toward an institutional repository

A new level of data storage

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—D. Scott Brandt, associate dean for research

A joint project between Purdue Libraries and Information Technology at Purdue (ITaP) will kick off the development of a prototype for an institutional repository at the University. Storage for the initial repository is funded in part by a gift valued at \$198,000 from EMC Corp., an Indianapolis-based company specializing in information storage and management. The storage unit is one component of a distributed system that will ultimately link to other servers, storage, and data sources, all of which will work invisibly behind a Libraries portal for access and retrieval.

Eventually, the repository will maintain, preserve, and provide access to research data. Purdue Libraries’ role in the overall repository effort is to define organizational structure, access, and the retrieval of data deposited and archived. “The libraries have always supported research through building and organizing collections,” notes D. Scott Brandt, associate dean for research. “And with a dynamic repository, we hope to facilitate research as well by enhancing discovery and use of data across campus.”

An institutional repository is necessary to meet the growing need and demand for the storage of data sets created from research throughout the University community. Data generated in genomic research, astrophysics, and geography are just some of the fields of study that will benefit from this project. Eventually, access to Purdue’s institutional repository will be open to all researchers on campus and, as appropriate, throughout the nation and the world. The goal is to encourage sharing data and information as well as to facilitate interdisciplinary collaboration.

“Working closely with ITaP, we hope to move swiftly from proof of concept to a beta system that will allow us to scale up and work with more researchers and research groups on campus,” Brandt says.



Libraries collaborate on new Cyber Center

Purdue Libraries' involvement in the formation of a new Cyber Center at Discovery Park, the University's hub for interdisciplinary research, is the next step in its increasing role in important research initiatives on campus. The center is focused on enhancing research and cyberinfrastructure education.

Cyberinfrastructure includes an information technology network made up of powerful computers, software, facilities, and large repositories of information, as well as the people and services needed to make the system work.

Libraries' role in the collaboration is to address issues involving the communication and exchange of research, as well as to solve problems relating to organizing, accessing, and storing large scale data and information.

Unlike most books, which undergo a sophisticated process to produce a uniform item, research data files or datasets are unique works — unique in creation, content, and format.

Without a unified standard for all research data, computer science and library science must

work together to find other ways for making the data easy to access and use.

“As Purdue Libraries help collect and organize Purdue research data,” says D. Scott Brandt, associate dean for research, “we will work with the Cyber Center to solve issues related to interoper-

ability. In other words, we will provide a way for files of data of different formats to ‘talk’ to each other and create ways to inter-relate and combine the data to solve new problems.”

The Cyber Center is being funded for the first three years with a portion of a \$10 million Lilly Endowment grant. Additional funding will be sought from the National Science Foundation, whose National Science Board recently issued a draft white paper on the problems related to facilitating the management, preservation, and sharing of digital data.

For more information on the Cyber Center, see the University news release at:
<http://news.uns.purdue.edu/hp/Discovery.cyber.html>



Graduate Student Jack Moreland uses the Chinese Garden application in the Envision Center's Virtual Reality Theatre. The Envision Center is a component of the new Cyber Center. This application is a virtual simulation of a garden that was destroyed by fire in 1812, and Moreland is able to walk through the reconstruction.



Left: Graduate Student Leif Delgass interacts with the Catalyst Design by Discovery Informatics application on the Tiled Wall in the Envision Center. The Tiled Wall projects images at high resolution, allowing researchers to look at very detailed images. Delgass is trying to identify similarities and differences in molecular structure for his quantum chemistry research.

Q & A: Ask a librarian Online, fast and reliable

*It's 9 p.m., on a cold, rainy night. You're in your dorm room staring at your computer, about to **PANIC**. Your paper is due in the morning and it's not nearly done. You need **HELP**.*

*Q & A: Ask a Librarian
It's at your fingertips!*

Whenever. Wherever. That's how people are encouraged to use Purdue University Libraries' digital reference service, Q & A: Ask a Librarian. Whether it's a specific question about the history of aeronautics or finding a book on medieval playwrights, students and faculty can get online assistance.

Marisa Ellsworth, a graduate student in the Department of Communication, used Q &

A: Ask a Librarian because of its convenience. "This allows students to have the wisdom of librarians from the comfort of their own homes," says Ellsworth. She needed to know the libraries' best international resource for the undergraduate communication class she teaches. A short chat later, she had her answer: Factiva, a database containing a wide variety of newspapers and publications from all over the world. Ellsworth says she'll use the service again —

"People prefer library research to be quick and painless!"

Accessible Information

Questions run the gamut and librarians on the other end are prepared. Hal Kirkwood, associate professor of library science, Management and Economics Library, is a business librarian by training but answered Ellsworth's question quickly. "I have a pretty good grasp of library research in general, and I have a solid knowledge of the Purdue Libraries Web site; this allows me to handle most any question that comes fairly quickly," he says. "If it's truly beyond my scope, I'll pass the student on to one of our other subject specialists."

Students have the choice of sending an e-mail or chatting. In addition to a basic question, the libraries may ask what resources have been tried already, how the information they're seeking will be used, and if they are under deadline.

"We are reaching out to library patrons on their own terms, using communication technologies they are increasingly comfortable with to assist them with their research and learning needs," says Matthew Bejune, digital reference services coordinator and assistant professor of library science. "Providing reference service in this manner is more convenient for our patrons, and it is also a way for us to ensure that we are represented as a viable option in an ever-expanding 'Googled' world."

Q & A: Ask a Librarian may be expected in our digital world, but it's much more than having information accessible online. The goal is outreach and meeting user needs. "Over the last several years we have been working so hard to push our databases out to wherever the students are; ITaP labs, dorms, off-campus, wireless network," says Kirkwood. "The library and its content is everywhere on campus. Now with



Hal Kirkwood, associate professor of library science, Management and Economics Library, answers online questions from his office.



Marisa Ellsworth, graduate student in the Department of Communication, shares the Q & A: Ask a Librarian information with her class.

digital reference, the librarians are everywhere on campus ... in those same labs and locations ... providing assistance along with the database content.”

A Popular Service

Since going live in 2003, the Q & A: Ask a Librarian service has soared. Last year, the usage of the service increased 66 percent. It now makes up five percent of the total reference inquiries at Purdue — an impressive number when considering the 16 reference locations on campus, the relative

newness of the service, and the overall drop in reference traffic system-wide. But while the numbers are good, the librarians are not focused on the statistics; they’re focused on helping. “We shouldn’t worry about how many questions we’re receiving. As long as we keep offering this service and the students keep finding value in asking us questions, the usage will only grow,” says Kirkwood.

First-year student Laura Goldin values Q & A: Ask a Librarian, because her class assignments weren’t going to wait while she was still getting acclimated to campus and the library system. “I had no idea how to use the libraries at Purdue or which databases to use,” says Goldin. “This was an easy way to obtain the information I needed to conduct my research.” She met the deadline on her paper, feminist writers of the 1850s, thanks to a chat session pointing her to four online databases as well as the Humanities, Social Science, and Education Library. “It was so

helpful, and I have used it more than once since then,” says Goldin.

Room to Grow

As with any service, librarians are always looking for improvement. After research showed demand for daytime chat service rather than just evening and nighttime hours, staff adjustments were made to accommodate the need.

What is the future of Q & A: Ask a Librarian? One idea is to involve collaborations with academic institutions around the world to expand the chat service to 24 hours a day, seven days a week. “This would not only extend the hours we are able to offer the service, but it would also open the door for cross cultural exchange for Libraries staff and patrons alike,” says Bejune.

Q & A: Ask a Librarian can be accessed at <http://askalib.lib.purdue.edu/> or by clicking the Ask a Librarian button on the Purdue Libraries home page: www.lib.purdue.edu

User feedback

“The experience was excellent. The response came quickly; I got the reference I requested and have been referred to an additional resource. Thanks!!!”

“It was great. I used the email service and had a reply within an hour or so. The answer I got was exactly what I needed.”

“It was fast and the answer was extremely thorough.”

“Prompt reply, exact info, easy accessibility, great tools for my educational needs here.”

“Fast and easy access 24/7. User friendly – simple.”

Award-winning novelist speaks at 74th Literary Awards



Maxine Hong-Kingston

Chinese-American memoirist and novelist Maxine Hong-Kingston shared her insights into the creative writing process at the 74th Literary Awards Banquet. In a collaborative effort, the Department of English and Purdue University Libraries sponsored her visit. After dinner, the National Book Award winner held a public reading in Stewart Center's Fowler Hall. "We in Purdue Libraries are committed to bringing top authors to the campus," says James L. Mullins, dean, Libraries. "The academic and local community benefit greatly from the intellectual discourse they

provide."

Hong-Kingston is best known for her two memoirs, *The Woman Warrior* (Knopf, 1976) and *China Men* (Knopf, 1980). "Both of these works combine Chinese myths, the stories of her family members and the experience of Chinese immigrants in the United States, to create her own version of 'talk stories,' narratives transmitted and passed down orally from one generation to another," says Donald Platt, associate professor of English and the Literary Awards Committee chair. "Her work has been credited with creating a new space in our literature for the voices of a generation of Asian-American writers."

Hong-Kingston, who won the National Book Award and the National Book Critics Circle Award, is a senior lecturer in creative writing at University of California at Berkeley. In addition to receiving many honorary doctoral degrees, she was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1992 and was presented with a National Humanities Medal in 1997. Hong-Kingston was born in 1940 in Stockton, California, to Chinese immigrants.

Purdue among top business school libraries to develop new database

Purdue Libraries has partnered with eight other high ranking business school libraries to provide an online system to assist students and faculty in finding business data and research in vast information databases.

The new system is a database that can be searched by keyword and can be browsed by specific topic or frequently asked question. It took business librarians at Purdue some 300 hours to develop the database. "We have so many databases in the business, economics, and management fields, that students and researchers don't know how to select the right one," says Management and Economics Librarian and Professor of Library Science Judith M. Nixon. "This online library will guide them to the best database or web site for a specific question."



The software and content used to create the online database was developed at the University of Pennsylvania. Purdue librarians adapted the basic set of questions and answers provided by U. Penn and added their own set of questions to it in an effort to personalize it for the specific needs of Purdue students and faculty. "We maintain the database, interact with it, and change it daily, so it can always be modified to better serve our users," says Nixon. "We can see what questions are asked and write answers for new questions our users are asking."

Two outstanding students receive PULSE Awards

Two student Libraries workers were honored for their service and academic success with Purdue University Student Employee (PULSE) Awards. This is the second year of the award. In April, Andrew Davidson and Jill Anderson, both seniors, received \$250 in recognition of extraordinary service. Davidson worked at Purdue Libraries' Science and Engineering Cluster as a student Web assistant. His main focus was Web site design and maintenance. He continues to work in the libraries as a graduate student.



Andrew Davidson and Jill Anderson

Anderson was a student assistant in Hick's Repository. Along with her main job of meeting users' needs, her supervisor says she took initiative by updating statistics and item records. The

PULSE Award was created by the Circulation Reserve Team, which wanted to recognize student workers for their contributions to Purdue Libraries.

LibQUAL+™ coming to Purdue

How good is Purdue Libraries? Are the faculty and students satisfied? A nationally recognized library survey will answer those questions and more when it's conducted on campus this month.

LibQUAL+™ is an online survey consisting of specific questions regarding collections, services, and facilities. All Purdue faculty and a sample of students are asked to fill out the questionnaire.

"By participating in this survey, our faculty and students will provide us the important data for successful strategic planning for Purdue Libraries," says Dean James L. Mullins. "And because LibQUAL+™ is a national survey, we can compare our facilities to other top research

libraries. Its results are central to the future of Purdue University Libraries."

LibQUAL+™ has been used by over 500 libraries in the U.S. and abroad. It was developed by the Association of Research Libraries in conjunction with several faculty members at Texas A & M University. This fall marks the first time the survey is being conducted at Purdue. Results are expected by the first of the year.

Dr. Stewart Saunders, associate professor of library science, Humanities, Social Science and Education Library, is coordinating the LibQUAL+™ survey. "There is nothing more reassuring," says Saunders, "than having hard, statistically valid data to work with. It gives one confidence in the planning process."

University Senate Library Committee

The University Senate Library Committee serves as a conduit between the individual colleges and schools of Purdue University and the dean of Libraries. As evaluators of Purdue Libraries' services, facilities, and collections, this advisory group makes administrative recommendations. Committee members for 2005-06 include:

Heather L. Cooper, assistant professor of mechanical engineering

Cheryl J. Davidson, director, financial affairs, student services

Alexandre Eremenko, distinguished professor of mathematics

Albert J. Heber, professor of agriculture and biological engineering

Chang H. Kim, assistant professor of immunology

Mark Levinthal, associate professor of biological science

Zhiyuan Li, associate professor of computer science

Andrew P. Mass, graduate student, college of management

James L. Mullins, dean, Libraries

Robert Nowack, chair, professor of earth and atmospheric science

Jan Olek, professor of civil engineering

Laura P. Sands, associate professor of nursing

Victor J. Shires, assistant professor of communication, Purdue North Central

Suzanne M. Stanoch, undergraduate student of child development and family studies

In & Around

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Class of 1935 Celebrates 70th reunion and Library Scholars Grant 20th anniversary

The Library Scholars Grant program marked its 20th anniversary in April when Purdue Libraries provided awards to three recipients. The program was created in 1985 by the Class of 1935, which celebrated its 70th anniversary this year. The Library Scholars Grant Program supports access for tenure-track members of the Purdue faculty to unique collections of information around the country and the world. The recipients use the grants for expenses associated with the cost of transportation, lodging, meals, and

fees charged by the library or other collection owner, including access, photocopying, and scanning.

In April, three recipients were awarded grants to complete research in their field.

Quinton H. Dixie, assistant professor of religious studies, Fort Wayne campus, was awarded \$2,439 to fund a two-week stay at Yale University to research religion and race relations. The library holdings of Yale are a significant repository of documents related to ecumenical student organizations of the “inter-war period.”

His proposed research project argues that the groundwork for interracial and ecumenical cooperation of the 1950s and 60s was laid a generation before the civil rights movement.

Angelica A. Duran, assistant professor of English, West Lafayette campus, was awarded \$3,500 to fund one month of research at libraries in Spain. The book will be the first to demonstrate the complexity and vitality between Spanish-language literature — ranging from the Americas to Argentina to Spain, and from the 17th century to the present day — and the works of John Milton (1608-1674). The two final components of her study could only be completed abroad.

Ruijian Zhang, assistant professor of computer science, Calumet campus, was awarded \$3,230 for a two-week stay in Houston, Texas, for his research on computer architecture and branch prediction. The grant provided access to library materials at the Hewlett-Packard Digital Library as well as a training course on HP’s Itanium-based solutions, and seminars with researchers of Houston-based Hewlett-Packard Company and the University of Houston.

The Class of 1935 established the Library Scholars Grants in 1985 with its 50th anniversary gift. The program marked its 20th anniversary this year, thanks to continuing gifts from this class and others to an endowment fund.



From left to right, Class of 1935 representatives: Thomas S. Wilmeth, Martha Bolt Graham (Acting President), John S. Swaim, Dean James L. Mullins.

National diversity program visits Purdue Libraries

Eight representatives from the Association of Research Libraries program to recruit a diverse workforce visited Purdue earlier this year. During their visit, they became acquainted firsthand with the workings of a major research university library.

The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) representatives, including seven graduate students and a program officer, worked with Purdue Libraries faculty and staff to learn about Purdue's library system. They also met with University administrators and other members of the Purdue community to explore the challenges and issues of a complex research library system.

Dean James L. Mullins created the program to support the nationwide initiative to broaden the diversity among library professionals. "We saw this as an opportunity to promote the strategic plans of both Purdue Libraries and the University to advance diversity among the faculty on campus," Mullins says. "The visit also supported the ARL diversity program. The idea was to bring in qualified individuals from groups that are traditionally underrepresented in the library profession and expose them to the workings of a major academic research library."



Pictured from left to right are program participants: Julie Ogg Graybill, Jerome Offord (Association of Research Libraries), Isabella De Castilla, Tresa Fore, LaVerne Gray, Sara Cisse, and Dean James L. Mullins. Not pictured: Michael Porter.

ARL representative Isabella Marques De Castilla, a master's student at Catholic University in Washington, D.C., and an employee of the Library of Congress, welcomed the chance to tour a major university's academic research library. "This was an excellent opportunity for me to see the way a university library system really works," says Marques De Castilla, who is Spanish and has lived and worked extensively in Europe. "The diversity and minority issues are somewhat new to me, but I do believe that people should be recognized by their achieve-

ments rather than their background or appearance. I think this program is a good example of how American society offers an abundance of opportunities to those people who want to take advantage of them."

The purpose of the ARL diversity program is to support efforts within academic and research libraries to develop library staff and library leaders who represent the diverse population in the United States. Those efforts include the recruitment and retention of library personnel from a variety of backgrounds. The program also provides professional development opportunities that create networks and promote diverse leadership.

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The Libraries 'wish list'

Purdue University librarians have compiled a wish list of important materials to enhance the collections.

\$325, *Collected Letters of Charlotte Bronte*, two volumes. This monumental and scholarly work promises to be the definitive edition of Bronte letters to date and will be compulsory reading for Bronte scholars and enthusiasts alike.

\$369, *Financial History of the United States*, three volumes by M.E. Sharpe. This is the first comprehensive financial history of the United States in more than thirty years.

\$450, *Little Orphan Annie*, 1927, by Harold Gray. This volume enhances the unique set of original cards done by Gray.

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An 1855 rare first edition, first issue of *Leaves of Grass*, a gift to President Edward Elliott by Josiah K. Lilly Jr. in 1937, is in need of conservation. Your support of the new Libraries Preservation Fund will aid in the conservation of important works such as this one, which requires intricate restoration of its binding and end pages.

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Bioinformatics Week a success

The first Purdue University Libraries conference on bioinformatics exceeded expectations in May, when nearly 300 participants from 33 different academic departments attended conference activities. Bioinformatics is defined as the manipulation, organization, management, and displaying of information related to DNA and protein sequence data.

The unique week-long event was open to Purdue faculty, staff, and graduate students.

Dr. Andreas Baxevanis, deputy scientific director and director of the Computational Genomics Program at the National Human Genome Research Institute, National Institutes of Health, opened the week with a keynote address aimed at defining trends in bioinformatics.

Over two dozen bioinformatics workshops and lectures followed throughout the week,

selected from internationally recognized bioinformatics experts. Topics included nucleic acid sequence searching, working with DNA and RNA information resources, gene ontology, proteomics, selected National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) and European Bioinformatics Institute (EBI) databases, and specially designed set of bioinformatics programming and software engineering sessions for Purdue programmers.

As a direct result of the interest displayed by Purdue researchers in Bioinformatics Week, the Office for the Vice President for Research at Purdue created the Bioinformatics Working Group to develop enterprise-level policy and planning guidelines related to Purdue bioinformatics and research/funding initiatives.

Currently, two librarians have been appointed to the group: professor of library science and

associate dean for research, D. Scott Brandt, and Diane C. Rein, assistant professor of library science and chair of Purdue Libraries' Bioinformatics Initiatives Group, which created and organized Bioinformatics week from within Purdue Libraries.

Purdue Libraries is already considering another form of a bioinformatics instructional week, as well as continuing to develop effective bioinformatics partnerships with the Purdue bioinformatics community, library-based bioinformatics instructional modules, consultation services, and Web-based bioinformatics information tools.

— by Diane C. Rein, assistant professor of library sciences life sciences librarian, and molecular biosciences specialist

The Dean's Advisory Council



The Libraries Dean's Advisory Council convened on the West Lafayette campus in April. Seated L–R: Wayne Townsend, Jenniemarie Blankert (student representative), Helen Townsend, Nancy Vonic, Judy Schumaker (staff). Back row, L–R: John Phillips, Fred Billerbeck, Larry Hiler, James L. Mullins, Tom Pearson (faculty representative), Amanda Teder, and Jim Blakesley.

Not in photo: W. Wayne Booker, Barbara Hansen, Stephen R. Kurowsky, and Samuel B. Smith Jr.

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Libraries faculty and staff Promotions and appointments

D. Scott Brandt

D. Scott Brandt has been promoted to the position of Libraries associate dean for research. Brandt most recently held the position of interdisciplinary research librarian.

In his new role, Brandt continues to promote research collaboration with departments across campus and Discovery Park. He will address the complex information needs of researchers and will be specifically working with the structures in which information is organized, retrieved, and archived.

Brandt earned both BS and MLS degrees from Indiana University. He came to Purdue Libraries in 1984 as a librarian in the Math Library and later became head of the Physics Library. He returned to Purdue in 1993 after spending four years at MIT.

Lance C. Hassan

Lance C. Hassan, assistant professor in computer and information technology, College of Technology, accepted a one-year appointment to serve as Libraries acting assistant dean for information technology.

His expertise comes at a critical time as Purdue Libraries assesses current and future technology projects, develop a vision for information technology within Purdue Libraries,



D. Scott Brandt

and explore the relationship of information-technology goals and objectives with campus-wide initiatives and the library profession. Over the next year, a national search will recruit a permanent appointment to this new position.

Hassan received a BS in electrical engineering technology and an MS in industrial technology from Purdue. Before becoming a professor in 2002, he held various positions in the networking and telecommunications industry.

Patricia Kantner

Patricia Kantner, head of technical services, accepted an appointment to serve as Libraries acting assistant dean for collections and information resources.

At Purdue, her work has involved strategic planning and staff performance management for Libraries as well as technical services management. Her new responsibilities include coordination of the collection development and information resources within the libraries.

Kantner received a BA in French from Ohio University and an MA in comparative literature and library science from the University of Michigan. Before coming to Purdue in 1986, she worked in special and academic libraries in Michigan, New York, and Ohio. She has been active in the Indiana Library Federation, serving as president in 1999-2000.



Patricia Kantner



Lance Hassan

Awards and grants

The following Libraries faculty and staff were recognized with awards and grants for their contributions to Purdue Libraries.

Class of 1922 Helping Students Learn Award

Library science faculty member **Harold P. Kirkwood**, along with Krannert School of Management faculty members Roy M. Dejoie and Deborah L. Saks, received the Class of 1922 Helping Students Learn Award. The trio won the award for their work, "Helping Teams Succeed Through the Development and Imple-

mentation of a Team Dynamics Course." The recipients will divide a \$4,000 cash prize, and their departments will divide a \$2,000 academic expense account.

Grants

Sammie Morris, archivist and assistant professor of library science, acting head of Archives and Special Collections.

"Preservation Assessment of Purdue University Libraries' Archives and Special Collections." National Endowment for the Humanities. Pres-

ervation Assistance Grant to finance a preservation assessment of facilities and practices in the Archives and Special Collections unit, purchase preservation supplies, and host a preservation workshop. December 2004 (\$5,000)

"Preservation and Duplication of Three Frank Gilbreth Motion Picture Films." National Film Preservation Foundation. Federal Grant to duplicate and preserve three original motion picture films documenting the time and motion studies of Frank and Lillian Gilbreth. May 2005 (\$6,000)

Excellence in Library Service Awards

The 2005 Joseph M. Dagnese Memorial Award for Excellence in Service to the Libraries of Purdue went to **Brenda Meagher**, **Jill Smith** and **Linda Purvis**, and **Sarah Kelly** claimed the John H. Moriarty Award for Excellence in Library Service.

Meagher, a circulation assistant in the Humanities, Social Science, and Education Library, was cited for helpfulness and leadership in the first survey in 30 years of the library's entire holding of 500,000 books.

Smith, a circulation assistant in the Engineering Library, was cited for outstanding customer service as demonstrated by her creation of a procedures manual, leading implementation of new information technology and serving on multiple committees pertaining to library policies and procedures.

Purvis, a senior workstation administrator in the Information technology department, was recognized for her leadership through the years in incorporating new computer hardware and software and staff training initiatives.

Kelly, a life sciences librarian, was honored for promoting user instruction and informa-



Pictured from left to right: Dean James L. Mullins, Jill Smith, Sarah Kelly, Brenda Meagher, and Lisa Purvis

tion literacy and positioning Libraries as a key resource in the emerging field of bioinformatics. Bioinformatics includes the process by which scientific researchers access the massive amount of biological data contained in databases around the world. Purdue Libraries sponsored the University's first annual Bioinformatics Week on May 16-20. International

bioinformatics experts from Washington, D.C., and London conducted free workshops for Purdue staff, faculty, and graduate students.

For more information on Bioinformatics, see the story on page 15.

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T H E L I B R A R I E S



In memoriam: Keith Dowden

Keith Dowden, former Libraries staff member, died on June 12, 2005. Mr. Dowden began his employment at Purdue as a librarian in 1951, and worked for more than three decades until he retired in 1986. He graduated from Bowdoin College and received a masters in library science from Columbia University.

After being employed in the Columbia University Library as a reference librarian, he accepted an offer from Purdue University

Libraries to join the staff as an assistant reference librarian.

At Purdue, he was head of reference services in the general library, Libraries assistant director for resources and reference services, and was assistant director for special collections until his retirement. After retirement, Dowden volunteered in the Special Collections Department and enjoyed several trips to England. He is survived by his wife, Ruth.

Kern-Simirenko leaves for University of Akron

After eleven years with Purdue Libraries, Cheryl Kern-Simirenko, associate dean and director of public services and collections, left her position to become Dean of University Libraries at the University of Akron (Ohio). “Cheryl has been an outstanding leader of Purdue Libraries and the University community; her impact will be felt for many years,” says James L. Mullins, dean, Purdue Libraries. “I am sure she will make as substantial an impact at the University of Akron. They are extremely fortunate to have attracted a person of her talents.”



Cheryl Kern-Simirenko

Through the years, she played an integral role in librarian recruitment, the implementation of a staff development and training program, as well as the creation of Purdue’s Digital Learning Collaboratory.

“It is the people that I will miss and remember the most,” says Kern-Simirenko. “Our work together has been a very special part of my career. The camaraderie that the Purdue Libraries staff shares has made it a truly memorable and rewarding experience. Thank you.”

Linda Christie retires

Linda Christie, operations manager, Technical Information Services (TIS), retired in August. Christie began her employment as a secretary, and, during her 18 years with Libraries, her responsibilities grew and her title changed to library assistant, and then to operations manager.

One of her main duties was overseeing document delivery services. “Linda saw TIS grow from a small grant-funded program serving Indiana customers to a cost-recovery operation serving customers from Indianapolis to the Ivory Coast,” says Suzanne Ward, TIS manager. “Much of the TIS reputation for quick, efficient, and accurate service rests with the customer-oriented example that Linda set for her staff and co-workers.”

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A couple's love leads to PULSE endowment

Michael S. Humnicky (Physics 1970, Economics 1971) and Judith K. Peters-Humnicky (Physics 1970) share a passion for books. Over the years and during many travels abroad, they collected thousands of volumes on topics including aerospace, architecture, religion, mythology, and art.

This couple's love for books is not something new as they nurtured their passion while student workers in the Management and Economics Library; the Engineering Library; and the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Education Library over 35 years ago. "We did everything from checking out books, to reshelving them, to answering students' questions," says Michael. "We often worked alongside librarians learning the fascinating inner workings of the library world. We had a sense that our services as student workers were appreciated and valuable."

Their past experiences and connection to Purdue Libraries inspired the couple to financially support the PULSE Award. The Purdue University Libraries Student Employee Award was developed to let students know they are valued members of the team. In an effort to endow the fund, which ensures a perpetual annual award, the Humnicks offered to match every gift of other former student workers.



Thanks to the generosity of this couple, the PULSE Award is very close to being endowed. "We look back fondly on our days at Purdue and are grateful for the many ways the University and Libraries have shaped our future," says Judith.

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