SINCERE THANKS!

Due to the generosity of our donors and friends, the Franklin D. Schurz Library and Educational Resource Commons (ERC) were able to provide more resources, services and programs for IU South Bend students, faculty, staff and community members. We gratefully thank our supporters.

Lincoln Chair

The Schurz Library’s Lincoln Room is home to one of 40 chairs that were purchased in 1861 by President Lincoln for use in the State Dining Room in the White House. Numerous pieces of furniture and accessories at the White House were purchased from the fashionable Philadelphia retailer, Wm. H. Carryl & Bros., including the massive rosewood bed known as the “Lincoln Bed.” This beautiful chair, as well as numerous Lincoln memorabilia, and a lovely dining room set were donated in 1974 by Robert and Louise Christianson, owners of the Christianson Furniture Store located in Mishawaka.

From the Dean

Community engagement is essential to the mission of the IU South Bend Libraries. Our public programs – exhibits, panel discussions, talks by prominent individuals – draw the public, both academic and general, to the Library. Over the years, the campus and community have come to view the Library as both an intellectual and cultural centerpiece.

Without the support of our Friends of the Library, many of our events and receptions would never have occurred. I was extremely pleased to see such a wonderful turnout, over 100 people in attendance, at a recent panel talk entitled, “The Rise of the Rest: Economies in the New World Order.” Other talks on the theme of globalization were presented in the Schurz Library as well. So was a beautiful photo exhibit from students in the Study Abroad program who had recently returned from Italy. This spring our speaker program will continue its focus on globalization by showcasing faculty from around the world.

On a different note, we are so proud to be among 200 libraries nationwide hosting a 1000 square foot traveling exhibition on Lincoln and the Constitution next year. In conjunction with this display will be two programs featuring prominent Lincoln scholars.

— Dean Vicki Bloom

EXHIBIT

LINCOLN: The Constitution and the Civil War

March thru mid-April, 2012
Honor Someone Special

Wish to honor the memory of a loved one? Need just the right expression of sympathy? Want to celebrate an accomplishment?

Consider the Library’s Honor With Books Program. With your donation, a personalized bookplate is placed in a newly purchased book of the donor’s or recipient’s choosing.

Here are examples of books recently acquired through this program:

Contact Sue LeFevre
574.520.4404 or slefevre@iusb.edu for more details.

Lincoln Exhibit

For six weeks starting in March, “Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War” will be on display on the 5th floor of the Schurz Library. This large exhibition explores how Lincoln used the Constitution to confront three intertwined crises of the war—the secession of southern states, slavery and wartime civil liberties. The traveling exhibition and tour was developed by the National Constitution Center and the American Library Association Public Programs office, with generous support from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

It has been a great school year!

Here are some highlights:

Reference, virtual and directional questions answered 29,500
Items checked out 28,000
Books, articles & media borrowed from other libraries 8,287
Sections of Q110, Intro to Information Literacy, taught 54
Tours and workshops in the ERC 180
Students reached in course related library instruction 1,030
Print books, scores, music CDs and DVDs added 3,969
Searches conducted in our licensed online resources 1,370,000

Lincoln Highway

Located in Greenlawn Hall, Room 111, the ERC is gem to many of those in the local community. Open M-Th, 8 AM–8PM, Fridays 8-4:00, Saturdays 10-1:00, it is home to many treasures including Indiana’s Historic Lincoln Highway Resource Kit. Contact the Educational Resource Commons at 574.520.4120 or kparker@iusb.edu for more information about this kit and their services.