Libraries and Privacy

by Rosanne Cordell

American libraries have a long history of regarding the privacy of users’ access to information as a central responsibility and concern. In 1929, the American Library Association’s Executive Board first opposed legislation that prohibited the import of materials based on content or viewpoint. ALA continues to place major importance on educating the public about censorship and opposing censorship through advocacy and litigation today. The right to access information freely and confidentially is essential to the exercise of our First Amendment rights to free speech, but recent federal legislation such as the USA Patriot Act (USAPA) have caused libraries to examine their procedures for protecting their users’ First Amendment rights.

The USA Patriot Act makes it possible for governmental agencies to obtain court orders for library records under an expanded list of activities. The orders are sealed, and they come with a "gag" order, requiring that library employees speak about the request only to those directly involved with providing the information, such as their superiors and their attorneys, and not with the individual whose records are obtained. The USAPA also allows "roving wiretaps" that can follow a person from place to place, for example, from home computer to public phone to library computer to home phone. With current technologies, libraries must be concerned with the confidentiality of not only records of books that individuals have checked out, but also with electronic logs of e-mail questions, purchase requests, interlibrary loan requests, web searching logs and histories, logons to remote databases and servers and a myriad of other traces of information-seeking behavior by library users.

None of the recent legislation, nor any legislation currently applicable, requires libraries to keep particular kinds of records. Thus, the IUSB Libraries, along with many libraries across the country, are currently conducting a "privacy audit" to review what records are being kept that link patron information to materials and resources, how quickly they are and can be deleted, and that our procedures for protecting the confidentiality of library records are followed. In conducting this audit, we are actually ahead of the American Library Association, which is developing a privacy toolkit to guide libraries in this effort. The IUSB Libraries take protecting your rights to intellectual freedom and academic freedom as one of our most important responsibilities.

Schreiber donates Fragmenta Regalia

Roy Schreiber, Professor of History, recently donated Fragmenta Regalia to the Schurz Library. Subtitled Observations on the late Queene Elizabeth her times and favorites, it was originally written in the 17th century by Sir Robert Naunton. The work was lost or in private hands for 350 years. When it resurfaced in 1990, Schreiber was chosen to verify the authenticity of the manuscript based on his book, The political career of Sir Robert Naunton, 1589-1635, published in London by the Royal Historical Society in 1981. He was subsequently asked to edit the work for publication by the Roxburghe Club, an organization of bibliophiles devoted to reprinting old manuscripts. The Schurz Library copy will be housed in Special Collections. We are grateful for this important gift that gives insight into the workings of Queen Elizabeth and her court.

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Electronic Resources News

New Databases

**Criminal Justice Abstracts** is one of the latest additions to the Schurz Library's electronic database holdings. Available on the right pull-down menu on the Schurz Library homepage via the SilverPlatter databases, Criminal Justice Abstracts provides comprehensive coverage of the major journals in criminology and related disciplines, extensive coverage of books, and unparalleled access to reports from government and non-governmental agencies. For each document, an informative summary of the findings, methodology, and conclusions is provided.

**Wilson Art Index** is the newest addition to the electronic database arsenal available to you. Art Index provides comprehensive indexing of 377 international art publications, including English-language periodicals, yearbooks, and museum bulletins, as well as periodicals published in French, Italian, German, Spanish, Japanese, Dutch, and Swedish. This database is a critical resource for any type of art research. Art Index includes coverage of contemporary art around the world, new emphasis on Canadian, Latin American and Asian arts, new artists, exhibition reviews, and non-western art and feminist criticism. Art Index references paintings that appear as illustrations for articles or advertisements, listing the works under the artists' names with full bibliographic citations. Coverage is from 1984-present. Art Index is available on the Library homepage as part of the SilverPlatter suite of databases.

**EBSCOhost adds five new databases to its user-friendly collection**

**Clinical Pharmacology** provides access to up-to-date, concise and clinically-relevant drug monographs for all U.S. prescription drugs, hard-to-find herbal and nutritional supplements, over-the-counter products, and new and investigational drugs.

**Health Business FullTEXT** provides full text coverage for more than 130 well-known administrative journals. Critical for hospital administrators and managers, this database includes publications covering the business of health care administration and much more.

**Biomedical Reference Collection: Basic.** Designed for doctors, research scientist, students, clinical specialists and managers, this medical database provides access to over 100 full text journals, which cover virtually every area of medical study. Topics include: clinical medicine, nursing, dentistry, veterinary medicine, the health care system and the pre-clinical sciences.

**Corporate ResourceNet** is designed to meet the diverse information needs of today's companies. This database contains full text articles from more than 1,300 quality magazines and journals. In addition, this database also includes detailed company profiles for the world's 5,000 largest companies.

**The Knight Ridder Collection** includes a 90-day archive of approximately 100 newspapers from the Knight Ridder wire service. The data is updated daily.

Library Instruction

Tired of seeing research papers that cite only Internet sources? The Schurz Library offers library instruction sessions to prepare students to find and evaluate appropriate sources for their research assignments. Sessions typically last 75 minutes, are tailored to the needs of the class, and range from an overview of Library databases to advanced research materials and techniques. To be of most value, sessions should be scheduled just prior to a class assignment requiring use of the library. Library instruction request forms may be filled out online at http://www.iusb.edu/~libg/BIRRequest.html, or instructors may contact Nancy Colborn, Coordinator of Library Instruction, at ncolborn@iusb.edu or 237.4321 to arrange a session.
Systemwide Electronic Database access

As part of our ongoing efforts to increase our electronic database holdings, the IU Libraries are exploring the creation of a common pool of virtual library resources to support faculty and student research. Presently, IU students and faculty are limited to the electronic library resources that local library budgets can afford because there is no “system-wide” budget for library materials. Dean of University Libraries Suzanne Thorin recently met with the IU Board of Trustees to urge them to support this initiative. The Council of Head Librarians (all IU Library Deans and Directors), including Michele Russo, are part of the Common Database Committee that is charged with producing an action plan and timetable. Feng Shan is serving on a database selection subcommittee for this initiative.

On February 4, the directors of academic libraries in Indiana voted to form the “Academic Libraries of Indiana (ALI) consortium with a not-for-profit (501(c)3) status. ALI’s mission is to enhance and enrich access to the full range of resources and services required to improve the quality of teaching, learning, and research in our colleges and universities through collaboration and resource sharing. ALI projects, for which grant funding has been requested, will address the rapidly shifting trends in teaching and learning within higher education. These trends include new curricular and research trends, changing classroom and academic technologies, expanding network bandwidth support needs, shifting scholarly communication models, and new faculty and student expectations. The need for an improved information infrastructure that simultaneously provides improved information content is critical for all Indiana academic libraries to properly fulfill their role. Proposed projects include increased electronic access to journal databases.

INSPIRE your legislators

Some of the databases to which the Schurz Library has access are funded by the State of Indiana as a consortial purchase at a discount, rather than IUSB having to pay approximately $35,000 for the databases with IUSB dollars. These databases are more commonly referred to at IUSB as the Ebscohost databases and are available to all residents of Indiana. You can determine most of the databases that are available from INSPIRE (INSPIRE stands for INdiana SPectrum of Information Resources) by looking at the Ebscohost database list on the Library homepage. (Click on Go under Ebscohost Databases).

Funding for INSPIRE is in jeopardy in these difficult economic times. An investment of just 50 cents per year per resident of Indiana ensures all our citizens have access to INSPIRE from libraries, schools, offices, and homes. If you use one of the INSPIRE databases and would like for the state to continue to fund it, email your Indiana representative and senator to ask for continued funding for INSPIRE. You can find your legislator and an email link at http://www.in.gov/apps/sos/legislator/search/.

You may also want to go to http://www.librarystories.org/. Please pick the county in which you reside and write your story there. Comments written here will be shown to Indiana legislators.

When writing your library story or contacting your legislators, please let them know that you are a student or faculty member at Indiana University South Bend and that the INSPIRE databases are important for your teaching, learning, and research.

Thanks for taking time to help save our databases! INSPIRE is a service of INCOLSA: http://www.inspire.net/.

JSTOR adds 47 new journals to the Arts & Science II collection

The Arts & Sciences II Collection is a multi-disciplinary collection that includes titles in existing JSTOR disciplines such as History, Economics, and Asian Studies, as well as core titles in additional disciplines, such as Classics and Archaeology. In this final Arts & Sciences II release, interdisciplinary subject areas are greatly enhanced by 47 new journals. African Studies, Classical Studies, History of Science, and Middle East Studies are among the disciplines expanded with this release. Journals added in these disciplines offer new content in Arabic, Hebrew, Hindi, Chinese, Burmese, Greek, and hieroglyphics. Scholars in the fields already covered in JSTOR will find great research help in the augmented area studies disciplines. With this release, there are now a total of 122 titles available in the Arts & Sciences II collection.

JSTOR has also recently created a citation management tool that makes the JSTOR interface compatible with many commonly used bibliographic software packages such as EndNote, Reference Manager, and ProCite.
Circulation Loan Periods Change

With a recent system upgrade, loan periods for regular library item checkouts (most books and government publications) have changed. The following loan periods now apply:

Indiana residents                                    30 days
Undergraduate students                         45 days
Graduate students/Staff/Faculty              120 days

Online Reserves

In Fall of 2002, the IUSB Library implemented DocuTek, an online reserve application to replace our previous "homegrown" system. Online reserves allows students to access reserve readings 24/7. The system is password protected by individual course. Instructors may request access statistics per course or per document. Copyright permission is sought for all items NOT owned by the IU Libraries.

Materials may be submitted at the library's Circulation Desk, via email (bsimpso1@iusb.edu), or fax (574.239.5023). All materials must be accompanied by a completed e-reserve form (materials faxed should use the form as a cover sheet.) Complete citations must be provided on reserve forms. Forms are available at the Circulation Desk or online at www.iusb.edu/~libg/reserve/HomePage.html.

Please allow at least 72 hours to process materials during peak times (i.e. during the first week of classes, midterms, finals, etc.) A backup/hard copy of the material will remain on regular reserve. For more information, contact Barbara Simpson, Reserves Coordinator/Assistant Circulation Supervisor at 237.4377 or bsimpso1@iusb.edu.

Upcoming Events

The Schurz Library Needs YOU - and your favorite book!

Always wanted to be on a READ poster? Here's your chance. The Schurz Library seeks volunteers to have their picture taken with their favorite book. From children's literature to scholarly tomes, we want to know where your heart lies. The photos will be part of a display in the Schurz Library lobby during April to commemorate National Library Week (April 6-12.) To participate, come to the Schurz Library Staff Lounge (3rd floor) with your favorite book during the following times:

Mon. March 10, 9-noon
Tues. March 11, 1-4 p.m.
Wed. March 12, 1-4 p.m.
Thurs. March 13, 9-noon

If none of those times fit your schedule, contact Nancy Colborn at 237.4321 or ncolborn@iusb.edu for an appointment during that week.

Amish Culture in Northern Indiana focus of upcoming lecture

April 1, 2003, Steven M. Nolt, Assistant Professor of History at Goshen College, will present a lecture entitled, “The Amish in Northern Indiana: Continuity and Change.” Professor Nolt is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and has written numerous publications related to the Amish and Mennonite peoples and their religion. We invite you to join us at 7:30 p.m. in the Schurz Library 5th floor atrium for this free event. Reception follows. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Schurz Library.

Library Booksale to be held April 22-23

The annual Schurz Library Used Book Sale will be held on April 22-23 in the north end of the Main Cafeteria. Hours are from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Tuesday, April 22 and from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on Wednesday, April 23. Hardbound books are $1.00 and soft cover books are .50 cents. If you have used books for donation, please bring them to the Technical Services Department on the ground floor of the Library, or contact Judith Gottwald at 237.4444 to make prior arrangements for large donations.