Schurz Library Speaker Series: “Radical Evolution and Revolutions in Thought”

Please join the faculty and staff of the Franklin D. Schurz Library and Media Services Thursday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Wiekamp 1001 for author Joel Garreau’s presentation “Radical Evolution and Revolutions in Thought.” The event is sponsored by Academic Affairs, Friends of the Schurz Library, Political Science Club, Student Government Association, Chancellor Una Mae Reck, School of Education, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Raclin School of the Arts, Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, and the Office of Public Affairs and University Advancement.

Most recently Garreau is the author of Radical Evolution: The Promise and Peril of Enhancing Our Minds, Our Bodies, and What It Means to Be Human, published in 2005. The book takes an unprecedented look at the hinge in history at which we have arrived. For hundreds of millennia, our technologies have been aimed outward at altering our environment in the fashion of fire, agriculture, or space travel. Now, for the first time, we are increasingly aiming inward at modifying our minds, memories, metabolisms, personalities, progeny and possibly our immortal souls. Radical Evolution is about altering human nature -- not in some distant tomorrow, but in the next 10 or 20 years thanks to the technological possibilities of genetics, robotics, information, and nanotechnology (also known as the acronym GRIN). In Garreau’s presentation he will discuss the possibilities of these four technologies and the potential outcomes for humanity. Garreau is a reporter and editor at The Washington Post and principal of The Garreau Group, the network of his best sources committed to understanding who we are, how we got that way, and where we’re headed, worldwide.

The Schurz Library Speaker series provides speakers of intellectual interest to the university and the community. For more information, call 520-4410.
Electronic Resources News

Thanks to a special licensing agreement with Indiana University Libraries, the Franklin D. Schurz Library now has access to the Gale database **Sabin Americana, 1500-1926**. The database is based on Joseph Sabin's landmark bibliography and contains works about the Americas published throughout the world from 1500 to the early 1900's. Included are books, pamphlets, serials and other documents that provide original accounts of exploration, trade, colonialism, slavery and abolition, the western movement, Native Americans, military actions and much more. With over 6 million pages from 29,000 works, this collection is a cornerstone in the study of the western hemisphere.

**Sabin Americana** can be found in the library's A to Z database list at: http://www.iusb.edu/~libg/ref/az.php?id=all.

Two new trial databases in **Ebscohost** provide students with a helpful resource for getting background information on their research topics. **Research Starters--Education** and **Research Starters--Business** provide “starting point” summary articles for students on a variety of topics. These starting point articles provide students with topic overviews, definitions of key terms and bibliographies for further research. These databases can be found in the **Ebscohost** database list. **Ebscohost** can be found on the right hand side of the library’s reference and research page at: http://www.iusb.edu/~libg/ref/ as well as in the library’s A to Z database list at: http://www.iusb.edu/~libg/ref/az.php?id=all.

Schurz Library & ERC Showing an Increase in Use

In September and October of 2008, the IU South Bend Libraries noticed a significant increase in student use since the spring of 2008. For example:

- The number of **students and faculty** coming into the Schurz Library and the Educational Resource Commons (ERC) has increased **13 percent**.
- The number of **books** checked out from the Schurz Library and the ERC has increased **17 percent**.
- The number of **reference questions** asked at the Hammes Information Commons Service Desk has increased by **18 percent**.
- The number of students taking the one-credit hour class, **Introduction to Information Literacy**, which is taught by librarians, has increased by **15 percent**.

Flute Recital on Library’s 5th Floor Atrium, February 11

Rebecca Hovan and her flute ensemble will perform at the Schurz Library’s fifth floor atrium February 11 at noon. Please bring your lunch and enjoy! While enjoying the music, be sure to take a few moments to view the Raclin School of the Arts exhibits on display on the fifth floor. Works from printmaking and sculpture students will be on display until February 24.

Podcast of Schurz Library Speaker Series Available

A podcast version of the October 8 Schurz Library Speaker Series, “Revolutions in Thought: Individuals Making Things Better” is available at the Schurz Library Speaker Series web site: http://www.iusb.edu/~libg/pr/schurzlibrariespeakerseries.shtml

The event featured four members of the community who have made a major impact in Michiana and beyond: Dr. Roland Chamblee, Sr., Health Officer of St. Joseph County; local businessmen Jerry Hammes and LeRoy Troyer, and IU South Bend student Aleah Wilburn. The panelists shared what motivated them to give back to the community.

Users can access the podcast by clicking on the quicktime icon on the site.

Library Services Now Available via Mobile Devices

The following library information is now accessible through your mobile device:

- Ask a Librarian
- Hours
- Contact
- Address
- Schurz Library Homepage

To access the above information, launch a web browser on your mobile device and go to http://www.iusb.edu/~libg/mobile/index.html
Library Receives Green Screen Gift from Alumni

Last fall the Instructional Media Services received a “green screen” system as a generous gift from Lindsey and David Turner. Lindsey, a member of the IU South Bend class of 2008, wanted to support and enhance the experience of students studying mass communications by providing state-of-the-art camera and recording equipment. This equipment will be located in a new Multimedia Production Studio which is the key component of our plans for a Media Commons and Café.

Because of the increasing emphasis on visual literacy and multimedia in today’s world, we plan to renovate the west side of the first floor of the Library (opposite the Hammes Information Commons). The Media Commons will provide an extensive range of audio-visual materials and presentation equipment, in addition to the multimedia production studio. We will also use some of the space to create a small café to allow students to meet together in a comfortable setting and enjoy a cup of coffee. In the meantime, the green screen system is ready for use this semester and is located in a temporary multimedia production studio on the first floor of the Schurz Library.

Be a Critic! A Request for Schurz Library Movie Reviewers

Have you checked out a movie from the Schurz Library that you’d like to recommend to others? The Schurz Library faculty and staff would like to showcase our DVD and VHS collection this year by featuring the collection’s favorite titles of IU South Bend students, faculty, and staff. Reviews will be featured in our digital display case, the Schurz Library News Blog, and our Fall Newsletter. If you have checked out a really good movie from the Schurz Library and you would like to share your review with others, please submit the following:

Your Name:
Department or Major:
Title of the film:
Annotation:

Your annotation should include a brief synopsis of the movie and why you feel others might enjoy watching it as well. The annotation should not exceed two paragraphs.

If available, be sure to include a small snapshot of yourself. Send your annotation to Julie Elliott at jmfelli@iusb.edu with the subject line: Schurz Library Movie Review.
One Book, One Campus 2009-2010: Your Suggestions Needed

The One Book, One Campus Committee needs your help in suggesting books related to this theme for consideration for next year’s One Book, One Campus title. Criteria to keep in mind when suggesting potential titles are:

- Is the title still in print and available in paperback?
- Would the title have a wide-appeal to students in a variety of disciplines?
- Can a connection be made to the title and the campus theme?
- Is the book under 350 pages long?

The campus theme for 2009-2010 is “The Urban and the Rural.” The theme description is as follows: “The urban versus the rural, Wall Street versus Main Street, red state versus blue state, small town versus big city, the elite versus the folk, the cosmopolitan versus the bucolic, the sophisticated versus the simple. These geographical and cultural conflicts have become commonplace ways of dividing polities, economies, and societies. One recent example could be seen in the United States political campaign of 2008, with its clash over the definition of American values and the people who supposedly embody them: where is the real America and is its future best represented by small town life and “Joe the Plumber” or is it better reflected in urban and educational centers? While we might be familiar with this latest instance of this conflict, it is merely one more in a centuries’ long debate about differing values, lives lived, and problems faced in urban areas as opposed to small towns and rural areas. Finally, the theme encourages consideration of how demographic and technological changes such as the growth of suburbs and exurbs, the internet, globalization of the economy and environmental damage, challenge the meaning and value of these types of distinctions.”

Please e-mail your suggested titles to Julie Elliott at jmfelli@iusb.edu by February 15.

Videos, DVDs, Available for Checkout at Schurz Library

The Schurz Library has a varied collection of videos and DVDs available for checkout. Subjects range from instructional films to documentaries to foreign and classic Hollywood cinema. Films can be searched on IUCAT by keyword or title, and there is a special link “DVD/Video Search” on the right hand side of the catalog. DVDs and videos, unless on reserve, can be checked out for four days.

Book Donations Needed

The Library is in need of current popular fiction, cookbooks, and health and wellness titles. The Schurz Library also accepts and greatly appreciates donations of current textbooks (2003-present).

Please contact Susan E. Thomas for more information about donating books at suethoma@iusb.edu or 574-520-5500.

Interlibrary Loan News

The Interlibrary Loan department has gone green. To save paper, we only provide articles by electronic delivery and in order to facilitate that, we are only contacting patrons through their IU South Bend e-mail address.

This past year the department saw many journal article requests come in from other libraries. We have filled requests for articles from Italy, Turkey, Qatar, South Africa, Israel and Australia. Interlibrary Loan delivered 2,614 articles in 2008, a 77 percent increase over the previous year.

Friends of the Library Book Sale April 1 & 2

The Annual Friends of the Library Used Book Sale will be held on April 1 and 2, in The Grille. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on April 1 and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 2. The book sale features a wide variety of reasonably priced fiction and nonfiction works in hardcover and paperback. In addition, a special sale of comic books will sell for $1 each. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Friends of the Library, which provides such services as free coffee to students in the library during finals week.

Color Copying Now Available at the ERC

The Educational Resource Commons (ERC) now offers color photocopying. 8 1/2 x 11, single color photocopies are 30 cents a page. 8 1/2 x 11, double-sided color photocopies are 60 cents a page. Color transparencies can also be made for 70 cents a page.

Questions? Contact the ERC staff at 520-4120.