
Retirements

Vicki Bloom, dean of library services at Indiana University-South Bend, retired at the end of 2020, after nearly 11 years. Putting student success at the forefront of all library services, she added computers, bookable study and Zoom rooms, makerspace technology, a subject librarian program, and a discovery service for searching across databases. She oversaw the implementation of several digital initiatives, including a robust open access repository and journal hosting of both faculty and student publications as well as a growing presence in Indiana University's Archives of Institutional Memory and Media Collections Online. During her tenure, Bloom oversaw the move and expansion of the Dorothy J. Wiekamp Educational Resource Commons, a curriculum library and teachers' resource center into a larger, modern space. In addition, she expanded community engagement by leading a Veterans Book Club and bringing 3rd–12th grade students, exhibits, and speakers to campus. For many years, she served in leadership roles in Academic Libraries of Indiana, ALA, and as a resume reviewer and mentor to new librarians.

Deaths

Everett Wilkie, independent scholar and consultant in rare books and manuscripts since 1997, has died. Wilkie previously served as the head librarian of the Connecticut Historical Society (1985-97), bibliographer at the John Carter Brown Library (1981-84), and reference librarian at the Lilly Library (1980-81). Between 1989 and 2008 he received fellowships for research at the Library Company of Philadelphia, the Lilly Library, the Huntington Library, and the John Carter Brown Library. Wilkie also held the position of research

associate in the Department of Comparative Literature at Brown University (1978-80), conducting post-doctoral research for the final compilation and editing of a bibliography initiated by Durand Echeverria. Published in 1994, *The French image of America: A descriptive and subject bibliography of French printed works relating to the British North American colonies and the U.S. through 1815*, is the standard work for this area of European Americana in the colonial period. Wilkie's notable publications on French Americana also include two *Harvard University Library Bulletin* articles: "Mercier's *L'An 2440: Its Publishing History During the Author's Lifetime*" (1987) and "The Authorship and Purpose of the *Histoire naturelle et morale des îles Antilles*, An Early Huguenot Emigration Guide" (1991). His later descriptive bibliographies focused on previously underdocumented printed works concerning Texas and Mexico: *Lilly Texana: One Hundred Eighty Broad-sides, Pamphlets, and Other Ephemera Relating to Texas Printed and Published before 1849 in the Lilly Library of Indiana University* (2008) and *The 1861 Texas Printings of the Ordinance of Secession A Declaration of the Causes and An Address to the People of Texas: An Illustrated Descriptive Printing History Commemorating the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of Their Adoption and the Secession of Texas from the United States of America* (2011). Wilkie served as the moderator of the Ex Libris discussion list for two decades, beginning in 1995. He was also moderator of the RBMS electronic discussion list from 2001 until 2016. For RBMS he was the section liaison to the ACRL Standards and Accreditation Committee for at least a decade, guiding numerous RBMS guidelines and standards through the ACRL approval process. He also served as the chair of the RBMS Security Committee for nearly two decades. In this latter role he oversaw the committee's work on several iterations of the security and theft guidelines for RBMS/ACRL. On a related note, he compiled and edited the *Guide to Security Considerations and Practices for Rare Book, Manuscript, and Special Collection Libraries*, published by ACRL in 2011. In addition to bringing this essential and still relevant volume to print, he also wrote 13 of the 18 chapters. ♪

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