

IU Libraries News

IU Bloomington

Submitted by Michelle Crowe

New email shares special collections stories

This October, IU Bloomington Libraries launched *We Saved This for You*, an email newsletter from our archives and special collections: the University Archives, IU Libraries Moving Image Archive, Wylie House Museum, Archives of Traditional Music, and IU's general special collections. We plan to send an issue every October, February, and May, with a rotating introduction from one of the archives and special collections, followed by collection spotlights, events, and more. With such active and engaging departments in the Libraries, it can be hard to know about all of the wonderful happenings in our archives and special collections. For that reason, the Library has created this newsletter to gather all the best archival stories for the community in one place.

Subscribe here: <https://libraries.indiana.edu/subscribe-wesaved>

Revolution & Reflection: Campus Experiences in Art, History, and Ideas

In 2026, the United States will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Indiana University Bloomington will commemorate the historic occasion with a campuswide “civic festival” will take place throughout the spring and summer. Calling on the strengths and expertise of each institution, the Lilly Library and the Eskenazi Museum of Art are partnering to present a coordinated plan of outreach to multiple audiences, encouraging dialogue and connection.

The centerpiece will be an exhibition at the Lilly Library, [The Declaration of Independence: The Motives, The Moment](#) which will open in the South Gallery in February 2026. All guests to the library will be immediately engaged by the centerpiece presentation of its Dunlap broadside, the first printed copy of the Declaration of Independence, printed by John Dunlap of Philadelphia on July 4, 1776. IU holds one of only 26 remaining copies. The south gallery will present an exhibition that explores the decade preceding the Declaration, how the text of the Declaration circulated after its publication, the intellectual currents influencing the Declaration, and a glimpse into some personal experiences of those living through this historic time. The Sidney and Lois Eskenazi Museum of Art will commemorate the semiquincentennial by exhibiting the Lilly Library's portrait of George Washington by Gilbert Stuart; on loan from the Lilly Library.

To learn more about the campuswide celebration visit:

<https://bloomington.iu.edu/about/initiatives/america-250/index.html>

Research Data Services invites you to celebrate Love Data Week

Officially launched earlier this Spring, the Research Data Services Librarians at Bloomington, Indianapolis, and the Ruth Lilly Medical Library are gearing up for ***Love Data Week!*** This international celebration of all things data occurs annually around Valentine's Day. This year, the event will be **February 9-13, 2026**, with the theme “Where's the Data?” Events are hosted from around the world, so be sure to register for anything the interests you!

The Bloomington campus will host several in-person events focused on data physicalization. The schedule will be formally announced in January, but will include:

- Data visualization by hand workshop
- ORCID ID Friendship bracelet making

- Physical mapping workshop
- Daily interactive and collaborative data visualization activities in Wells Lobby

We will also host a few virtual webinars – so stay tuned for more! If you have any questions, want to support any of our activities, or just hear more, reach out to the shared email for all IU Research Data Librarians: resdata@iu.edu.

A Whole World in a Book: Celebrating Madeline Kripke's Dictionaries:

This exhibition opens at the Lilly Library in February 2026 and will be an enlightening celebration of dictionaries and how they open windows onto human experience. Read more about the Kripke Collection here: <https://libraries.indiana.edu/lilly-library/KripkeCollectionAcquired>

- Attend our one-day symposium. Sessions will occur all day on Saturday, February 21, 2026 at the Lilly Library, with breakfast and lunch provided, so your RSVP is required:
<https://events.iu.edu/libraries/event/kripke-symposium>
- Attend our opening event: Unabridged: An Evening with Stephan Fatsis on Friday, Feb. 20
 - 5:30 p.m. Q& A with Fatsis | 6:30p.m. Book signing and reception | Lilly Library
 - RSVP Please: <https://events.iu.edu/libraries/event/stephan-fatsis>

IU Northwest

Submitted by Gretchen Rings

Indiana University Northwest has a new archivist! Visiting Archivist Dan Hill joined the library with the departure of Jeremy Pekarek in the spring of this year. A graduate of Indiana University, Indianapolis, Dan is focused on digital preservation and accessibility along with answering research questions. Dan may be reached at dlh5@iu.edu.

Have you thought about attending the annual RBMS conference but are not sure of its value? Gretchen Rings sits on the Local Arrangements and Conference Development committees--please contact her with questions about the 2026 conference, which conveniently takes place in Milwaukee! This year's conference explores advocacy at every career stage, from speaking up as a newcomer to driving change as a leader. Join in on inspiring colleagues at every level to find their voice—and make it heard. The proposal deadline is **December 12, 2025**, and complete details are available on the [conference website](#).

IU Kokomo

Submitted by Yan He

Library Personnel News

We're excited to welcome two new members to the IU Kokomo Library team in 2025!

Lisa Rummel joined us in February as our new *Technical Services Assistant*. Lisa brings nearly a decade of experience from the Peru Public Library and most recently worked in the Copy, Print, and Ship department at McCord's Do-It-Best in Logansport. She holds an associate degree in Library Technical Services from Ivy Tech and a bachelor's degree in General Studies from IU Kokomo. Lisa is eager to give back to the IU Kokomo community in her new role.

Yanling Liu joined us in August as the new *Coordinator of Information Literacy and Research Services*. She earned her Master of Science in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and brings a rich multidisciplinary background in developmental psychology, social work, global studies, and adult development. Yanling has extensive experience in research support, teaching, outreach and engagement, accessibility, and reference services. She looks forward to collaborating with faculty and students to advance the teaching, learning, and research mission of IU Kokomo.

Programs and Grants

- The library's textbook affordability initiative was awarded a \$2,000 grant from the Women of the Well House to purchase 18 unlimited-access course titles for Spring 2025 and Fall 2026.
- The library received a \$5,000 NiSource Charitable Foundation Grant for the project *Growing Together: Community Gardening and Food Education Program*. This grant supports the library's community outreach efforts by funding initiatives that promote gardening, healthy eating, and educational programming
- The library hosted a vibrant National Library Week celebration in April 2025, bringing together faculty, staff, students, and community members for engaging events such as *Ink and Intrigue* and the *Human Library*.

On October 16, the library facilitated and sponsored a well-attended lecture by Dr. Paul Renfro on his new book, *The Life and Death of Ryan White: AIDS and Inequality in America*. The event drew approximately 90 attendees from both the campus and the community, including representatives from the Kokomo-Howard County Public Library and the Howard County Historical Society. Additional funding for this program was generously provided by the Addison Locke Roach Fund and the Kokomo-Howard County Public Library. Read the full stories here:

<https://iuknews.org/1714/news/author-paul-renfro-hosts-public-lecture-at-iuk-discussing-research-from-new-book/>

<https://news.iu.edu/kokomo/live/news/47504-iu-kokomo-to-host-author-of-ryan-white-biography>

IU South Bend

Submitted by Susan Thomas

Over the past eight months, IU South Bend Libraries celebrated several exciting developments. The Student Government Association agreed to fund the Infobase Feature Film collection and permanently fund snacks for finals. We welcomed Erica Guevara as our new part-time librarian and announced Julie Feighery as the campus Archivist! Former interlibrary loan specialist, Adrian Esselstrom, was re-hired to work as a part-time cataloger.

The Honors Program is relocating to the library's fourth floor, creating new opportunities for collaboration and engagement. To prepare for the move, the Schurz Library has been shifting and weeding collections to clear the 4th floor for new carpet, paint, tile, and restroom renovations. Some collections will return once the new carpet is installed. Our beloved Miniature Horse Therapy program continued to bring joy to students at midterms with the addition of Bolt, a new therapy horse. Bandit has officially retired.



To foster community, the libraries hosted a Movie and Game Night in October with extended hours to midnight, offering students a fun and relaxing evening, costume optional. The event was well attended with plans to offer a similar event in the spring. The Wiekamp Educational Resource Commons expanded its capabilities by adding a state-of-the-art Xante UV printer, enhancing resources for creative projects.



Planning for the third annual trivia night is underway. This year's trivia night is scheduled for March 10 from 5:30-7:30 pm in the University Grill. Stay tuned for more details and registration information. We have a very special guest MC to lead us through the evening!!