Star Trek Author is Schafer Speaker

Karen Rose Cercone, IUP Geoscience professor, will be the speaker at the library's second annual Mary Jane Schafer Distinguished Speaker Series. The title of the program is “Gratuitous Science: One Geologist’s Journey Through Genre and Serious Fiction.” The program will be Tuesday, April 17, 2007 at 7PM in McVitty Auditorium, Sprowls Hall. Following the program will be a dedication ceremony for the Mary Jane Schafer Memorial Collection of Current and Leisure Reading in Stapleton Library. Mary Jane Schafer was a 1931 graduate of Indiana State Teachers College. The Schafer Endowment funds the speaker series and acquisitions for the Schafer Collection.

Dr. Cercone has published, either as a co-author or sole author, over fifteen science fiction and mystery novels. She has built the plots of several Star Trek novels around real scientific processes such as volcanic eruptions, mega-floods and planetary glaciations. Her serious fiction focuses on pivotal events in the lives of real women scientists such as Maria Martin, Mary Anning and the actress Hedy Lamarr. Dr. Cercone will discuss some of the challenges she has faced trying to merge geology and geography into fiction. Dr. Cercone's lecture will incorporate elements of history, women's studies and geography as well as geoscience. For additional information contact Phil Zorich at pjzorich@iup.edu or 357-2335. Open to the public. All are invited to attend.

Bruno Nettl to Visit IUP

Dr. Bruno Nettl, one of the preeminent ethnomusicologists in the world, will be visiting IUP from March 29 to April 1st. He will be the keynote speaker at a joint regional meeting of the Niagara Chapter of the Society for Ethnomusicology and the Allegheny Chapter of the American Musicological Society. The meeting is being hosted by Matt Baumer, Music Historian in the Music Department and Carl Rahkonen, Music Librarian.

Dr. Nettl is a Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Music and Anthropology at the University of Illinois in Urbana. He is the author or editor of more than a dozen important books and numerous articles. He has served as President of the Society for Ethnomusicology and twice as editor of the Society's journal. His principal interests include the history, theory and methodology of ethnomusicology; musical cultures of Native American peoples, Iran, and South India; and the ethnomusicological study of Western classical music culture. His keynote address, “Return to the Heartlands,” will be on Saturday, March 31 at 11:00 a.m. in 121 Cogswell Hall. The entire IUP community is invited to attend.

The spring Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for March 26-30 in Stapleton Library. The fair, held each fall and spring semester, offers an opportunity for the community to purchase a variety of children's publications at very good prices. Contact Dr. Kelly Heider at kheider@iup.edu or 357-4886 for details.
The featured speaker at the upcoming Technology Town Meeting will be Ray English, Library Director at Oberlin College. The subject of English’s presentation will be scholarly communication. English is a longstanding author and lecturer on the subject which led, in part, to his selection as the 2006 Academic/Research Librarian of the Year by the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), a division of the American Library Association. The award recognizes significant national or international contribution to librarianship and library development. English is a founding member and chair of the ACRL Scholarly Communications Committee and a member of the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition’s (SPARC) steering committee.

The Technology Town Meeting will be held Saturday, March 24, 2007 in Beard Auditorium, Stouffer Hall. At 9AM there will be poster presentations by IUP faculty who serve as editors of journals; at 10AM Ray English’s presentation; at 11AM a panel of IUP faculty and administrators will discuss issues related to scholarly communication. For more information contact Rick McFerron at jrmcferr@iup.edu or 7-5769.

FISH!
By Judy Bouton

On Tuesday, February 13th, librarian Portia Diaz and Circulation Services manager Judy Bouton participated in a workshop sponsored by the Office of Human Resources that told the story of the FISH! Philosophy. It is an idea inspired by the Pike Place Fish Market of Seattle, Washington and by the national bestselling book *FISH! A Remarkable Way to Boost Morale and Improve Results*. Along with facilitator Mark Anthony, Director of Career Services, and Malaika Turner from Housing and Residence Life, Portia and Judy told of the library’s venture into the waters of the FISH! philosophy. They shared ideas with an enthusiastic audience on how to employ the four elements of FISH!: “Be There”, “Play”, “Make Their Day” and “Choose Your Attitude”. To learn more about FISH! See http://www.lib.iup.edu/whatsnew/fish.shtm

Milestones

Nicholas Kloszewski, son of Reference Librarian Sandy Janicki, shadowed Ed Zimmerman, Library Technology and Security Manager, during the recent career exploration event, Shadow Day.

Blaine Knupp, Reference Coordinator and Systems Librarian, is one of the recipients of the IUP Graduate School’s Forward Focus Trailblazer awards.

Ken Ciroli, Electronic Systems Technician, has moved from the library to the Institutional Advancement Division.

Chris Clouser, Science Librarian, has received a scholarship to attend the upcoming national conference of the Association of College and Research Libraries in Baltimore.

Dr. Glenn Himes has moved from the Instructional Design Center to Information Technology Services.

Karen Lemasters accepted a temporary staff position in the Acquisitions/Serials Department. Karen was formerly on the staff at the library at Mansfield University.
Map Collection in Stapleton Library

By Jin Pang

In the spring of 2006, the Library’s map collection was moved from the former Media Resources Department on the second floor of Stabley Library to the Government Information Department area on the first floor of Stapleton Library. Two thirds of the maps in the collection have been inventoried and reorganized. The map collection is in two groups: General Maps and Specialized Maps. The General Maps include political and physical maps of the world, continents, countries, states, counties and cities. These maps were published mainly by the Central Intelligence Agency, the Army Map Service/Defense Mapping Agency, and the Census Bureau. The Specialized Maps contain quadrangle/topographic, historical and some special types of maps mostly issued by U.S. Geologic Survey and Army Map Service. This group’s focus is Pennsylvania, includes county/city maps and contains other state and some foreign country maps. The issuing dates of the maps in both groups range from 1930s to the present.

To view the details of the map collection, please visit the newly created web-based guide at: http://www.lib.iup.edu/depts/govdocs/maps/Maps-Index.html. For more information about the collection, please contact the Government Documents Librarian at 357-4892.

Performance Funding for University Libraries

By Karen Brown

The library has received performance funding again this year from the State. An allocation formula for book purchases was devised to distribute the funds between various departments/programs based on PASSHE guidelines for how performance funding should be spent. Faculty members are urged to submit book orders to their department library liaisons by the deadline date of April 30, 2007. Limited funding is also available for the purchase of print serials, databases, and media items. Contact Joann Janosko at Janosko@iup.edu for serials and database requests and Dr. Kelly Heider at KHeider@iup.edu for media requests.

State Library of Pennsylvania at Your Fingertips

By Blaine Knupp

The IUP Libraries recently received notification that a new database, Consumer Health Complete, is accessible through the services of the State Library of Pennsylvania. We’d like to take this opportunity to highlight a wonderful service available to all Commonwealth employees (which includes all IUP University employees).

As an employee, you are entitled to a FREE State Library card. With this card you can have access to a wide range of online databases provided by the State Library. These include databases in Business, Education, Genealogy, Government & Law, Health, History, Newspapers, and Statistics. The card also gives access to the databases from the Pennsylvania POWER Library program. Together, these provide a significant supplement to the databases you already receive through the IUP Libraries.

To see the list of databases available, click on the link below:

http://www.statelibrary.state.pa.us/libraries/cwp/view.asp?a=11&q=37740

To sign up for your free card, use the following link:

http://www.statelibrary.state.pa.us/libraries/cwp/view.asp?a=11&q=89925

Current library exhibits include the Time magazine article about YouTube that features IUP graduate and YouTube CEO, Chad Hurley. Also exhibited in the Java City area is the Kiplinger magazine article that lists IUP 40th in the nation as a best buy in public colleges. Upcoming exhibits include Fast Food Nation, recent IUP faculty publications, and posters and essay winners from the Undergraduate Research Symposium.
February was “Black History Month” everywhere in the country. At the Punxsutawney Regional Campus Freshman First Year Experience students created a special tribute and participated in numerous activities throughout the month that concluded with a “Black History Month” Celebration in the Library.

The Library, with the support of Dean Valerie Trimarchi, Chef Bob Stevens and Resident Assistant Shelton Thompson, hosted a program honoring Black Americans. The program began with the singing of the Black National Anthem followed by poems and songs sung by Devine Praise Choir. Three students representing the Punxsutawney Regional Campus spoke to the crowd about their participation at the Chakah Fattah Conference in Philadelphia over a week-end in February. This was followed by more poems, readings, and music attended by at least 125 students, faculty, staff and administrators; with foods served afterwards from the 1920’s the Prohibition Era.

For more information about these and other activities that make the First Year Experience special at the Punxsutawney Regional Campus see www.iup.edu/punxsutawney or contact Carol Asamoah at carasam@iup.edu or 814-938-4870.

For breakfast and a book programs scheduled for spring: March 22nd 9AM, Dr. David Myers, Boys Among Men: Trying and Sentencing Juveniles as Adults; and April 16 9AM, Dr. Lydia Rodriguez, Helena Maria Viramontes En Sus Proprias Palabras (In Her Own Words). Stabley Room 210. Watch your email for details or check the “What’s New” link at www.lib.iup.edu