



JB Hill appointed Director of Public Services, Indiana University Bloomington

Indiana University Bloomington Libraries is pleased to announce the appointment of JB Hill as the Director of Public Services effective September 5, 2006. JB is currently the Head of Reference at the Sims Memorial Library at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, a position he has held since 1997. At Sims Library, JB was responsible for developing and overseeing all activities of the reference department, for-credit library instruction, user education, and distance learning services and serving as liaison/collection manager for general business and economics. JB implemented virtual reference using Tutor.com's software/outsourcing service, as well as reference via text messaging. Prior to working at Southeastern Louisiana he held several positions at the University of Akron including Interim Head of the Science and Technology Library (1994-1996), Applied Sciences Bibliographer (1992-1997), and Reference Librarian (1989-1992). JB has a BGS from Auburn University, an MLS from George Peabody College of Vanderbilt University, and a MA in Economics from Mankato State University. He is active in professional organizations and has an extensive record of presentations and publications. His research interests are in the areas of virtual reference, electronic resources, and serials.

The Director of Public Services provides leadership and direction for all aspects of public services including reference, library instructional programs, circulation, interlibrary loan, reserves, and the delivery of print and electronic information. Crucial to success is integrating library services into the University's e-learning environment, facilitating the research process for faculty and students, and developing partnerships with appropriate University constituents.

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