



Academic Libraries of Indiana's Mid-Year Report on Activities that Promote Collaboration, Stimulate Innovation, Foster Preservation, and Strengthen Resource Sharing among Member Libraries

As President of the Academic Libraries of Indiana (ALI) and on behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to provide a mid-year report of ALI's many activities that impact academic libraries in Indiana by promoting collaboration, stimulating innovation, fostering preservation, and strengthening resource sharing. I welcome your comments and suggestions.

Members may recall that the ALI Board of Directors meet on Wednesday, August 9, 2006 at Indiana University, hosted by John C. Stachacz, Director of Library Services. At that time, ALI's plans for the coming year were discussed, <http://ali.bsu.edu/ALIannouncements/20060831-Violette.pdf>.

1. Resource Sharing

Resource sharing activities among ALI member libraries continue to grow and flourish. Plans are under way to provide training for member libraries that wish to participate in the *request delivery* options, which were so successfully tested last year by a group of 16 pilot libraries. View a summary of the Direct Request Pilot on page 3, item 5 under **Resource Sharing – Robert Roethemeyer**, in the October 10, 2006 Board Minutes, http://ali.bsu.edu/archives/boardminutes/20061010_BoardMinutes.pdf.

A best practices workshop is being planned.

There is a new printing of the **Reciprocal Borrowing Program** brochure and **Academic Libraries of Indiana Borrowers Card**. To receive copies and/or to refresh your inventory, send an e-mail to Arthur W. Hafner (Ball State University), AHafner@bsu.edu and the number of brochures you request will be sent to you via Wheels delivery.

2. ALI's Indiana Light Archive for Government Documents

The ALI Indiana Light Archive for Government Documents Planning Group has been working diligently with staff at the **Indiana State Library** to establish a light archives collection in Indiana. They met twice this fall semester with Superintendent of Documents' Judith C. Russell and are now set to implement the first stage of their plan.

They will create a permanent (initially distributive) comprehensive collection of federal government documents built with the combined library collections of Indiana University, Purdue University, the University of Notre Dame, and the Indiana State Library. Each of these libraries is in the process of claiming areas of the SUDOCS system to collect, preserve, and catalog.

How reference expertise will be organized is yet to be determined.

New **disposal guidelines for depository libraries** have been established. These are posted on the ALI Web site, view http://ali.bsui.edu/Programs/GOVDOC/GPO_Disposal_Guidelines_Apvd20061101.pdf. The guidelines will speed the process of de-selecting more recent (post 1976) documents. The five-year retention guidelines will remain in effect. The Indiana State Library is creating a needs/offers page on their Web site for any libraries building collections focused in special areas. In the meantime, Indiana University is pursuing options for funding a new module of the Auxiliary Library Facility (ALF) at Bloomington, which will eventually house the entire light archives collection.

A Web site focused on this project is under development. In the meantime, the latest minutes of the ALI Indiana Light Archives for Government Documents Planning Group are posted on the ALI Web site, view http://ali.bsui.edu/Programs/GOVDOC/GOVDOC_20061201.pdf.

3. ALI Board Members' Participation

ALI board members have been participating in the Indiana State Library's discussion of library/librarian certification and statewide library services. The Board members are also following closely the activities and recommendations surrounding the Indiana Office of Management and Budget's **PROBE Report**, an acronym for Program Results: An Outcome-Based Evaluation published as *2006 Budgetary and Functional Review of the Executive Branch Agencies and Instrumentalities*. This report is important because it signals some potentially significant changes for Indiana's key library organizations.

4. ALI's Distance Education/Off-Campus Library Services Task Force

The Distance Education/off-Campus Library Services Task Force has been promoting library services with the Indiana College Network (ICN) Learning Center Coordinators. Task Force documents are posted on the ALI Web site. View "Reports" and then "2. Distance Education/Off-Campus Library Services" on the ALI Web site "Overview of Programs," <http://ali.bsui.edu/programs.html>.

Suzanne S. Rice, Ball State University participant, published an article about the November 17, 2006 meeting, "Videoconference Shares Library Resources throughout Indiana," on page 10 of the *Ball State University Libraries' The Library Insider*, www.bsui.edu/library/virtualpress/libinsider.

5. ALI's Licensing Committee

The Licensing Committee recently reviewed its charge with the Board of Directors. The Committee's priorities for Fiscal Year 2006-07 are to continue the negotiation and licensing process for services that are already established, to develop an RFP for provision of negotiation and licensing and related services, to clarify the working relationship between ALI and INCOLSA with respect to database licensing and invoicing, and to explore select publishers/aggregated journal packages. View, http://ali.bsu.edu/Programs/DatabaseLicensingCommitteeReport_20061010.pdf.

6. ALI's Strategic Planning Task Force

The Board of Directors has formed a Strategic Planning Task Force, which will be chaired by ALI Vice-President James L. Mullins (Purdue University), JMullins@purdue.edu. They plan to "review the success and continuing challenges of the existing strategic plan" and establish a planning and reporting process within ALI. The Strategic plan will address Fiscal Years 2007-2012 and will be ready for adoption at the May 10, 2007 Annual Membership Meeting.

7. ALI's Annual Membership Meeting for 2007

Members are encouraged to mark your calendars for the ALI Annual Membership Meeting: 2007. It will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2007 in Indianapolis. More details will follow.

8. ALI's Web Site

Members are encouraged to visit and contribute to the ALI Web Site, <http://ali.bsu.edu>. We welcome pictures of your library building and news about events that you would like to share that is of interest to academic librarians. Please include news about grants, awards, prizes, recognitions and other points. Send these to Arthur W. Hafner (Ball State University), AHafner@bsu.edu.

Final Comments

I look forward to future communications with you to share more news about ALI's many activities that strengthen and improve Indiana's information infrastructure and support economic development in Indiana. The information resources of Indiana's academic libraries improve teaching, learning, research, and service opportunities for all of our member institutions.

I wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.