



## **Report about the Academic Libraries of Indiana's (ALI) Resource Sharing Workshops Conference Held June 5-6, 2007 in Indianapolis**

This is a brief report to ALI Member Library Directors and others about the **ALI Sponsored Resource Sharing Workshops** held June 5-6, 2007 in Indianapolis at INCOLSA.

Stephanie Spires from ATLAS Systems, creator of ILLiad and Odyssey, Collette Mak from INCOLSA, and I teamed up for the two days of workshops. The sessions were a success:

- Twenty-five ALI librarians received hands-on training from Collette for setting up direct request in both ILLiad and OCLC Resource Sharing Libraries
- Thirty-two ALI librarians received hands-on training from Stephanie on the setting up and use of the Odyssey software as a means for document delivery software

Training included a special session for ILLiad libraries that had not implemented the Odyssey component. At lunch each day, I interacted with attendees on aspects of the Resource Sharing White Paper, *Wagging the Long Tail: Sharing More of Less; Recommendations for Enhancing Resource Sharing in Indiana*, see:

<http://ali.bsu.edu/Programs/ResourceSharing/IndianaResourceSharingTaskForceWhitePaperJan2007.pdf>

Plans are well underway for a resource sharing conference to be held on August 29, 2007. Early discussions about this second conference were presented during our spring board discussions, April 10, 2007, and there is great promise for ALI member participation.

Dr. Arthur W. Hafner, Dean of University Libraries at Ball State University (Muncie) and his staff have graciously offered to host the conference at Ball State University. The tentative conference name is ***Discovery to Delivery—Good to Great in Indiana***.

Douglas F. Hasty, Head, Access Services Department, Florida International University, is available as our keynote speaker. Collette had the pleasure of hearing him present at the International ILLiad Conference this past Spring, 2007.

Break out sessions on the best practices from the white paper will serve as the morning programming, then innovative/even better practices, such as Purdue's purchase in lieu of Interlibrary Loan program, in the afternoon. So, the morning program will focus on *good* and the afternoon on *great!*

INCOLSA will be helping to support the conference financially and the State Library has agreed to contribute several thousand dollars. With co-sponsorship from ALI, the Indiana State Library, and INCOLSA, we should be able to keep the registration fees low to allow many to participate.

This Conference provides another opportunity for academic libraries to enlarge their collaboration on resource sharing. It also allows for collaborative efforts on the part of ALI, the State Library, and INCOLSA in the early months of this new chapter in Indiana library history, and it is a collaborative effort on a topic important to us all—resource sharing!