



**Indiana University – Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW)  
Selects Cheryl B. Truesdell as New Dean, Walter E. Helmke Library**

Cheryl B. Truesdell has been selected as Dean, Walter E. Helmke Library at Indiana University – Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW), effective August 1, 2008.

Cheryl currently serves as Associate Library Director, Head of Government Documents and Document Delivery Services, and Digital Initiatives Coordinator. She graduated magna cum laude from IPFW with a B.A. in History in 1978 and earned her Master of Library Science at Indiana University-Bloomington in 1980. She began her library career at IPFW in the Helmke Library in 1983, rising steadily through the academic ranks and earning increasing levels of responsibility for library operations and programming.

Cheryl's expertise and professional interests include strategic planning, building digital library collections, resource sharing, copyright law, and U.S. government information services. She has been active in Indiana University Library system committees and Indiana libraries and library organizations for more than 20 years, serving in leadership roles in the American Library Association, the Indiana Cooperative Library Services Authority (INCOLSA), the Indiana State Library Advisory Council, Indiana Government Documents Organization (INDIGO), and the Indiana Library Federation. She is currently president of the Indiana Library Federation.

Cheryl's professional accomplishments also include publications in the *Journal of Academic Librarianship* and *Indiana Libraries*, and she has given many presentations at state, regional, and national conferences, including the Indiana Library Federation, INDIGO, the Indiana Health Science Librarians Association, the Midwest Federation of Library Associations, the American Library Association, and Federal Depository Library Conference.

Cheryl brings experience, accomplishment, and vision to her new role. Her commitment to integrating Helmke's resources into the Internet, increasing students information literacy, building the new learning commons, and responding to the challenges of the digital academic library assure that she will continue Helmke's outstanding service to IPFW's students, faculty, and regional constituencies.

[Submitted by Judith L. Violette, Director of Library Services, Walter E. Helmke Library, and former President, Academic Libraries of Indiana 2006-2007, May 21, 2008.]