



Patricia A. Steele Selected as Next Dean of University Libraries at University of Maryland



Pat Steele is leaving her position at the Ruth Lilly Dean of University Libraries at Indiana University (IU) to become Dean of University Libraries at the University of Maryland. She begins her new position on September 1, 2009.

Pat's association with the IU Libraries spans many decades, beginning in the early 1960s when she was a student assistant in the Biology Library. As Pat put it, "I have had the joy of being part of one of the most exciting libraries in the country at one of the premier universities. The friendships and the working relationships I have enjoyed will be part of my life always. Any successes I have had can be attributed to the library team as a whole and to our many partnerships."

Pat served IU as the Ruth Lilly Dean of University Libraries since 2005, is widely admired for her leadership and vision and for moving the libraries forward at a time when they are extending their mission to meet the demands of the digital age.

Representing IU in the national library community, Pat currently serves on the team to renegotiate an agreement between Google and the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC), which first entered into a partnership in 2007. She is a co-founder and executive committee member of Hathi Trust, a shared digital repository of 25 of the nation's leading research libraries.

Her contributions to libraries in Indiana are many. She has served as president of the Indiana Library Federation, president of the Board of Trustees of the Monroe County Public Library, and a member of the Indiana State Library and Historical Board. And Pat has been an active participant in the Academic Libraries of Indiana.

For me is special about Pat is her good sense, her ability to see a way to get done what needs to be accomplished, and her willingness to just do it. As she said to me in an e-mail shortly after the announcement about her new position, "Charles and I are determined to make this a big adventure very different from our present lives. I doubt that will be a problem!"

[Submitted by David W. Lewis, Dean of the IUPUI University Library and IU Assistant Vice President for Digital Scholarly Communication, past ALI Vice President and Board Member, July 16, 2009.]