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Mission

The mission of Academic Libraries of Indiana is to enhance and enrich access to the full range of information resources and services to improve the quality of teaching, learning, research, and engagement in Indiana’s colleges, universities, and seminaries through collaboration, resources sharing, and advocacy.

Vision

Academic Libraries of Indiana will be recognized as a national leader in state-wide academic library collaboration by leveraging individual member strengths for the betterment of all.

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2011 ALI Conference Focuses on the Future

Sixty-five deans, directors, and librarians from throughout Indiana convened at the Indiana Wesleyan Indianapolis Education Center on Thursday, May 12, 2011, for the Academic Libraries of Indiana (ALI) Annual Meeting.

ALI president Arthur W. Hafner welcomed the attendees, including ALI members and guests, and he introduced the keynote speaker, Jane Burke, Senior Vice President of ProQuest and the executive sponsor of Serials Solutions. Burke is a former librarian, a library automation veteran, and an industry leader in information access technologies.

Burke’s presentation, *Discovery vs Disintermediation*, focused on the very real need for librarians to simplify greatly the search process for students and faculty in order to compete effectively with and provide the same type of searching experience these users have when using Google.

She argued that since most academic library users are finding full-text resources on the Internet, the library as a gateway for locating information is diminishing.

According to Burke, students prefer Google searching because they typically conduct their research “just in time,” and want their resources “at the point of need.” When confronted with a lot of information results, students become confused and find that they may not have budgeted their time adequately to learn about the complexities of the library’s many subscription databases and other learning resources.

Burke cited examples from a study conducted with college students that observed how, where, and when they conducted their research. She said that these observations illustrate the need for librarians to provide a simplified and a much more convenient search experience for students.

Burke spoke about the value of the library offering students a Web-scale discovery product to provide a Google-like search box and a results list that includes items from all of the library’s resources (catalog, databases, and repositories) with direct links to full-text. A discovery interface of this type could be marketed easily as the Library’s “Digital Front Door” and provide an opportunity to reinvigorate perceptions of the academic library as the starting point and best destination for student research.

Following her presentation, Burke took questions from conference attendees in an informative and lively discussion.
Update From the Indiana State Library

Following Jane Burke’s presentation, James Corridan, Deputy Director of the Indiana State Library, reviewed some of the many services that the State Library provides to Indiana’s libraries. Three of the many that are of particular interest and importance to academic libraries are licensing for OCLC FirstSearch, support for the growing number of INSPIRE databases, and funding for Info Express delivery services for resource sharing.

In addition, the Indiana State Library manages Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds according to an approved Institute of Museum and Library Services plan. They also sponsor online training that is available through WebJunction and Lyrasis.

Corridan also pointed out that academic librarians serve on several Indiana State Library Committees, such as the Professional Development Committee, the INSPIRE Advisory Committee, and the recently formed Resource Sharing Committee.

Afternoon Panel Session, Save Your Place

The conference’s afternoon program began with a lively panel discussion, Save Your Place. The topics were on the approaches that several Indiana academic libraries are now providing through their library programs and services that address the crucial issues and challenges identified earlier by keynote speaker, Jane Burke.

Moderated by James L. Mullins (Purdue University), the uniquely qualified panel members included Karla Alexander (University of St. Francis), Lewis R. Miller (Butler University), and Jessica Placke, (Ivy Tech Community College, Central Indiana).

Panel members discussed initiatives and provided examples of librarian involvement such as academic partnership with classroom faculty to shape curriculum and institutional goals beyond the library, and collaboration in creating and developing effective learning spaces.

Panel members highlighted the importance and emerging role of digital repositories created by librarians in making available their institutions’ scholarly products globally, and they spoke about effective promotional strategies in order to create greater awareness about the academic library as a first source for digital resources.

Panel members also explored additional approaches for academic libraries to demonstrate their value proposition to their university or college. Examples included providing resources and instruction at the point of need, moving beyond one-time bibliographic instruction through programs of “embedded librarians” in classes and library services across the campus, and addressing other key institutional goals such as distance learning and student retention.

The panel discussion and the ensuing questions illustrated the necessity for librarians to find ways to enhance convenience for students and faculty when delivering informational resources for todays and our future generations of students and scholars.
This year’s poster presentations addressed several important topics in academic libraries. Attendees were able to look over the presentations and discuss them with presenters and fellow attendees.

The topics featured were:
- **Shelley Arvin**, Indiana State University. Library Assessment Committee of Cunningham Memorial Library of Indiana.
- **Katie M. Bohnert**, Ball State University. Quick Response Codes: QR Codes for Linking Physical Items to the Web.
- **Jeremy R. Garritano** and **Jessica Weller**, Purdue University. Learning to Teach and Teaching to Learn: Redesigning a Chemical Information Literacy Course.
- **Jeremy R. Garritano**, Purdue University. Developing Curious and Persistent Continuous Learners: Information Skills of First-Year Engineering Students by **Michael Fosmire**, **Ruth Wertz**, **Megan Ross**, **Monica Cardella**, and **Senay Purzer**.
- **Catherine Lemmer** and **Debra Denslaw**, IUPUI. Teaching Legal Research Online.
- **Emily Samborsky**, Indiana University East. The Library Living Room: Learning Relationships Unplugged.

Jeremy R. Garritano with his presentation, Learning to Teach and Teaching to Learn: Redesigning a Chemical Information Literacy Course

Emily Samborsky explains the concepts behind Indiana University East’s Library Living Room: Learning Relationships Unplugged

Shelley Arvin discussing her presentation, Library Assessment Committee of Cunningham Memorial Library of Indiana

Catherine Lemmer and Debra Denslaw discuss Teaching Legal Research Online with Mary G. Persyn (left)
Committee Updates at the 2011 ALI Conference

**Information Literacy Committee**

Chairperson J. Susan Clark, Ivy Tech Community College, East Central, reported that seven new members were added to the Committee during the year and that the Committee had been actively planning and implementing Hoosiers and Information Literacy (HAIL).

Preliminary discussions with librarians across Indiana have been promising. Committee members plan to present the HAIL project at various ILF district conferences.

The ALI Information Literacy Summit is scheduled for July 20, 2011, at Indiana University, Kokomo.

**Resource Sharing Committee**

Chairperson Matthew C. Shaw, Ball State University, announced that Tina Baich, IUPUI, will serve as the Committee’s Vice-Chair and that Collette Mak, University of Notre Dame, will serve as Secretary.

Matthew reported that the Resource Sharing Assessment Survey resulted in a report with several valuable recommendations. The Committee’s recommended final version of the Resource Sharing Code was approved by the ALI Board. The Resource Sharing Conference was held on March 11 at Indiana State University, providing a significant forum for discussion of state-wide possibilities.

The Committee is developing a structure for a regional peer training program for resource sharing technologies. It also plans to broaden its membership and is seeking volunteer members.

**Resource Advisory Committee**

Chairperson George Stachokas, Indiana State University, reported that increases in the costs of databases for ALI members have been kept to a minimum, despite vendors refusing to sign multi-year contracts.

A subcommittee for e-books is being formed, and the Committee is planning to host another E-Resource Rendezvous Conference this coming September 2011.

The Committee is collaborating with the Resource Sharing Committee to assure mutual efficiencies.
Academic Libraries of Indiana: Academic libraries realizing the future
President’s Report: 2010 - 2011

ALI’s President, Arthur W. Hafner, reported that the Academic Libraries of Indiana had had a successful year. He commented that ALI is fortunate to have volunteer leadership on the ALI Board from talented academic librarians, and that ALI was equally fortunate to have committee members who bring considerable vision and energy for ALI to develop and improve its programs to enhance collaboration, communication, and resource sharing.

ALI’s five standing committees are
• **Annual Program Planning Committee**, chaired jointly by Arthur W. Hafner (Ball State University) and John Lamborn (Wabash College)
• **Information Literacy Committee**, chaired by J. Susan Clark (Ivy Tech Community College, East Central)
• **Nominating Committee**, chaired by J. Susan Clark (Ivy Tech Community College, East Central), who is also the Board Liaison
• **Resource Advisory Committee**, chaired by George Stachokas (Indiana State University)
• **Resource Sharing Committee**, chaired by Matthew C. Shaw (Ball State University)

The ALI Board of Directors met six times, four times using online conferencing software
1. Thursday, May 6, 2010, following the Annual Business Meeting 2009. This brief meeting allowed board members to set a meeting schedule for the fiscal year.
2. Monday, August 30, 2010
3. Monday, October 11, 2010
4. Monday, December 13, 2010
5. Monday, February 14, 2011

All of ALI’s minutes and reports are posted on the ALI website, [http://ali.bsu.edu](http://ali.bsu.edu)

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