

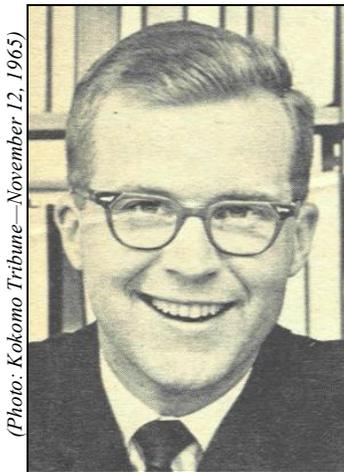
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My, How We've Changed! Then and Now



(Photo: Kokomo Tribune—November 12, 1965)

**Checking In
New Head Librarian—1965**



(Photo: IUK—Mary Ellen Stephenson)

**Checking Out
Librarian, Emeritus—2003**

After serving 38 years as Director of the Indiana University Kokomo Library, Dick Ardrey officially retired at the end of June. The campus Library has known no other director. Dick has seen many changes over these years, not the least of which is how a campus gets a Library Director.

THEN:

In 1965, Dick Ardrey arrived on campus as a young librarian just two years out of library school to head a new Regional Campus library for Indiana University. Dick came to Kokomo from the Bloomington campus Main Library where he worked in both circulation and acquisitions. He was tapped by his boss, Michael Reynolds, to come to Kokomo and become the director of the new campus's library. Dick drove up to Kokomo with his boss, and they met with, then chancellor, Dr. Victor Bogle. They all went to lunch, at the local Howard Johnson's, where the older gentlemen argued politics and solved the University's problems for the next three hours. (Dick **says** he kept quiet.) Upon returning to campus, Dick was offered the job—if he wanted it. He did.

NOW:

Today, it will take eighteen months, and an international search by a committee composed of several IUK faculty members, members from the local community, student body representation, and librarians from other IU campuses to fill his position.

THEN:

When Dick arrived on campus in July 1965, the current Main Building was newly constructed, and the library had just moved onto the new campus from its prior location in the former kitchen of the Kingston-Seiberling mansion. Old news stories found in the Library archives quote Dick as saying that there wasn't much there to start a library with. The collection in 1965 consisted of less than 10,000 volumes. However, Dick had lots of room in his new building—one floor and mezzanine, together, made space for a projected 40,000 volumes.

The building had not yet been dedicated when Dick arrived, and things were rather “rough.” There was one phone in the building; it was located in the chancellor’s office. The floor in the hallway leading from the Library to the front of the building had not yet been poured. When Dick got a phone call, someone had to run back to the Library to get him. He then walked on a dirt “floor” to get to the phone in the chancellor’s office.

Under Dick’s leadership, the Library not only acquired phones; it acquired materials. It wasn’t long, before the library had outgrown its allotted space. In the mid-80’s, room was allocated directly underneath the Library to create a second floor for its 73,000 books and microforms. Within a few years, it became obvious that even more space would soon be needed to house a Library for a growing campus and to meet the needs of an electronic computer generation unthought-of when Dick first came to campus. So in 1995, the campus Library moved into a new facility

NOW:

In 2003, the IUK Library houses over 600,000 items. The new library building was designed not only to house materials inside the physical building, but to be state-of-the-art. The Library was designed to be able to adapt and expand with the ever-changing and ever-evolving technologies that had come to define libraries as one millennium was ending and another beginning. Today, among the things that Dick would have not envisioned in his 1965 library, are: the Library’s electronic classroom, a computer lab, and numerous full-text databases. Other changes not thought about in 1965: the Circulation Desk loans out laptop computers that run on wireless connections to connect to the Library’s Web-based resources; from home, students can view what items they have checked out and renew their Library materials over their own computers; student ID’s are bar-coded to serve as a library card and additionally, to function as debit cards in the Library’s copy machines. Dick has always been an early-adopter of technology. His influence is prevalent throughout the Library he has led for almost four decades.

The librarians are very proud that among his many accomplishments, a first that Dick will hold will be his well-deserved status as IUK’s very first Librarian, Emeritus. To Dick: All of us wish you much happiness in your retirement and say a sincere, heartfelt, “Well Done!”



Staff Retirement Luncheon—June 2003



Dick, in the old Library –Circa 1985
(Photo appeared in Dow Richardson's book, *Going to College at Home.*)



Library Dedication—April 1995

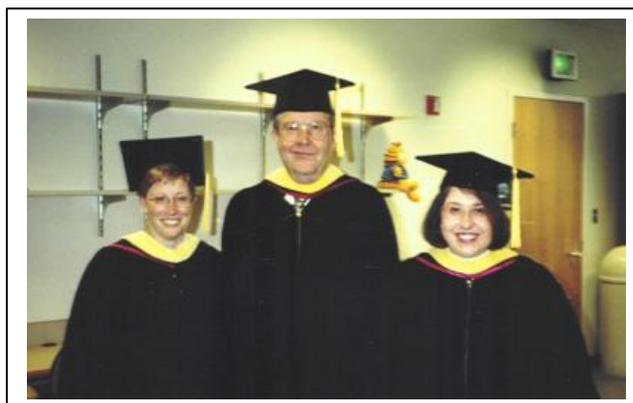


Library Dedication—photo of a taping for a segment on *Good Morning America.*

Spring 2003—Librarians Richard Ardrey, Diane Bever, Joyce Eikenberry & Ria Lukes.



**Robed and Ready
for Chancellor Person's Installation**
(l-r) Ria Lukes, Dick Ardrey, Gail MacKay





A Message from Vice-Chancellor Stuart Green, Acting Director, Library Services

After 38 years of dedicated and effective leadership, Dick Ardrey's retirement as Director of IU Kokomo's Library is an occasion for reflection. We are very fortunate indeed that Dick and our excellent librarians and staff have positioned our library to meet the current and future needs of the campus for state-of-the-art library services. At the same time, as programs and regional needs evolve, we can expect the library to be at the leading edge of change. In an information-driven global, intellectual, and economic environment, we will always look to the library and our librarians to guide and assist us in information access and management. I am delighted that I will have the opportunity in the coming year to work with our library's excellent people, to explore new ways to build on Dick Ardrey's legacy.

Together, and with the help of faculty, students, deans, and other library clients, we will look at best practices for regional campus librarians in the areas of circulation, collections, bibliographic information, reference and research assistance, and library amenities. We will look at ways to create service and space that invite faculty, students, and the community to make the library the intellectual center of our region. We hope to expand the role of the library liaison for purposes of assisting academic planning in individual units and to re-examine and reinvent the role of librarians as faculty, faculty who both serve and teach. —*Stuart Green*

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