



New Service for Finding Journals Now Includes Print Journals

The screenshot shows the 'Journal Finder' web application interface. At the top, it says 'Journal Finder' and 'Find Print and Electronic Journals' on the left, and 'Indiana University Kokomo Library' on the right. Below this is a navigation bar with links for 'Journal Home Page', 'Help', and 'IU Kokomo Library'. The main content area has a search section titled 'Find Journal by title or ISSN' with a dropdown menu set to 'Title contains all words', a search input field, and 'Search' and 'Clear' buttons. Below that is a 'Browse Journal by title' section with an alphabetical index from '0-9' to 'Z'. The 'Browse Journal by subject' section has a dropdown menu with 'Please select a subject category' and a 'Search' button. A list of subject categories is shown, including 'Art, Architecture & Applied Arts', 'Business & Economics', 'Earth & Environmental Sciences', 'Engineering & Applied Sciences', 'General', 'Health & Biological Sciences', 'History & Archaeology', 'Journalism & Communications', 'Languages & Literatures', 'Law, Politics & Government', 'Music, Dance, Drama & Film', 'Philosophy & Religion', 'Physical Sciences & Mathematics', and 'Social Sciences'. At the bottom, there is contact information for 'Indiana University Kokomo', including a phone number and address, and a footer with copyright information and a last update date.

To improve service to our users, the IU Kokomo library has changed the *Journal Finder* service used to find full-text electronic journals. The new **Journal Finder** also now includes our print journals for access to over 51,000 journals in electronic and print format. You can search or browse by journal title or browse by subject. If you have previously bookmarked our Browse E-Journal or E-Journal Finder, please update your bookmarks to the new link. While the old links will continue to function for a period, the content will no longer be updated. Please let us know what you think of this new service. Contact Kirsten Leonard, kaleonar@iuk.edu if you have any questions or encounter any problems.

Welcome to Heather Bowman

Heather graduated from IU Kokomo in December 2006 with a degree in History-Political Science and a minor in English Literature. She was an active member of the Shakespeare Club and an organizer of the IU Kokomo Renaissance Faire in 2006. Prior to her graduation Heather was employed for two years by the Library as a student assistant in both the circulation and the government documents departments.



She has joined the library staff as *E-Resources & Documents Assistant/Secretary*. The campus librarians are always honored to have students follow in their footsteps and are proud that Heather is currently pursuing a master's degree in Library and Information Science at IUPUI.



Holiday Hours

Library hours

December 15-16 (Sat. - Sun) CLOSED
December 17-21 (Mon. - Fri.) 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
December 22, 2007 (Sat.) – January 1, 2008 (Tues.) CLOSED
January 2, 2008 (Wed.) – January 4, 2008 (Fri.) 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
January 5, 2008 (Sat.) 1 - 5 p.m.
January 6, 2008 (Sun.) CLOSED

Ask A Librarian service desk hours

December 14, 2007 (Friday) – January 1, 2008 (Tuesday) CLOSED
January 2 – January 3 (Wed. – Thurs.) 1 – 5 p.m.
January 4 (Fri.) CLOSED

[2008 Library Calendar](#)



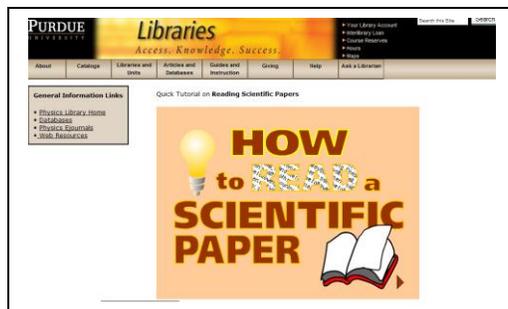
Meet our Newest Adjunct Librarian Annette Griessman

Annette will be finishing her MLS degree at IUPUI in December of 2007. She obtained her bachelor's degree from Purdue and previously worked as an electrical engineer for Delphi Electronics & Safety in Kokomo. She is also a published children's fiction author. More information about her writing and works can be found at <http://www.annettegriessman.com>.



How to Read a Scientific Paper

by Michael Fosmire , Associate Professor,
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Why: Do I have to read this? Does my professor just want to ruin my life?

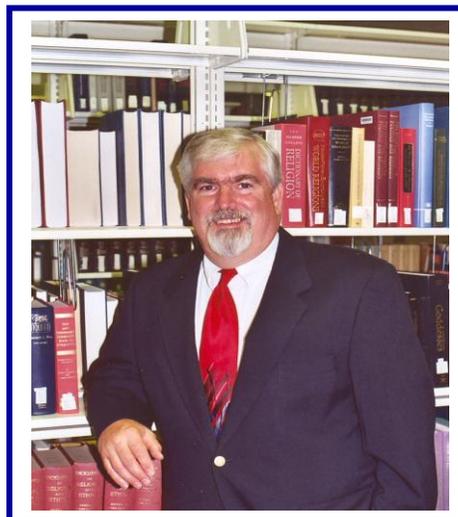
How: Do I read this stuff? Making the reading of scientific papers as painless as possible

Anatomy: Who organized this? Everything you ever wanted to know – why it's there and what it's good for

The link above is to a set of PowerPoint slides that could be used in a classroom presentation or as a resource in a syllabus. It is appropriate for undergraduates and is quite well done.

From the Desk of the Director:

We always like to have something new in the Library. Fall saw new faces on the library staff, some new electronic resources, and new services. The articles in this issue of *Check it Out* introduce two new members of the library staff, Heather Bowman and Annette Griessman, who we are happy to have on board. This issue will also highlight several new electronic resources. In the area of services, the Library became the new home to the Writing Center, which has witnessed an increase in the number of students being helped by their services. Additionally, the Information Technology Department reorganized the staffing of the Computer Services Help Desk so that it is staffed every hour the library is open.



Students and faculty alike appear to appreciate these service upgrades. With the inclusion of the Writing Center we officially changed the name of the Information Commons to the Learning Commons to better reflect the activities that are now occurring in that environment. The Library has also eased restrictions on food, drink and noise to make the library a more hospitable environment for research and study. Many of these changes were a direct result of the student feedback garnered from the LibQUAL+™ survey the Library conducted in the spring. Patron feedback is always helpful in assessing our services and modifying them accordingly. Finally, through the generous support of Sarah Sarber and the Office of Student Activities, our free coffee cart will once again be available during finals week, so drop on by for a cup. Have a good Holiday season.

Money! Money! Money!

Rising journal costs! Rising database costs! Stagnant materials budget! Preference of students/faculty to gather research material online! Student/faculty expectation of immediate online full-text access! These are just a few of the things the Librarians are dealing with in today's library environment. How are librarians responding?

During the 2006-2007 academic year every effort was made to count the usage of print journals to help determine the "cost per use" of individual titles. For every major database used we identified, when possible, the journal titles from which full-text articles were requested. We also identified "cost per use" of individual databases. This information will be used in the spring to determine the future direction of the journal/database budget. John Stachacz, Library Director, and Ria Lukes, Head of Technical Services, will be arranging meetings with faculty during the spring semester to facilitate a discussion about departmental journals. Plan to be involved so your needs are met!

Law Library of Congress

The [Law Library of Congress](http://www.loc.gov/law) is pleased to announce the release of its newly designed Web site (<http://www.loc.gov/law>). The Web site includes information on a range of legal issues and research topics as well as services. In addition to established products such as the Global Legal Information Network (GLIN), Guide to Law Online and the Global Legal Monitor, new Law Library products are available as well.

Highlights include:

[Congressional Hearings Project](#): Full-text access to selected historical Congressional committee hearings on a variety of topics.

[Foreign and International Law Guides](#): Provides a starting point for researching foreign, international, and comparative law with analysis and references to official printed and online resources.

[Pakistan](#): Crisis in the Judiciary. Find information and analysis of the suspension and subsequent reinstatement of the Chief Justice of Pakistan.

The Governor Makes *How Much??*

The Indianapolis Star has put up a database of state employees salaries. It allows you to search by institution and Indiana University is listed:

<http://www.indystar.com/data/government/statepay.shtml>

Highest to lowest salaries are available at:

http://www2.indystar.com/state_salaries/employee/list/

This list allows you to sort by heading categories as well.

The IU salaries are also at this Web site:

<https://fdrs.fms.indiana.edu/cgi-bin/Salary/Salary.pl>



Information Literacy/Library Instruction

Remember to schedule your classes for library dates as you begin to prepare your syllabus for the new semester. The Library operates on an abbreviated schedule throughout the break period and librarians schedule time off over the holidays. Don't be disappointed; confirm your dates: e-mail or call ahead.

[Gail MacKay](#)

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Interactive Online Tool Provides Side-by-Side Comparisons of Presidential Candidate Health Care Proposals

As part of its ongoing effort to inform debate about health care issues in the 2008 presidential election, the Kaiser Family Foundation has released an interactive online tool to compare the health care proposals of presidential candidates. The tool, [2008 Presidential Candidate Health Care Proposals: Side-by-Side Summary](#), presents positions in four overall categories of access to health care coverage, cost containment, improving the quality of care and financing.

The online tool allows users to customize side-by-side comparisons by selecting as many as four candidates for comparison that can then be formatted into a printer-friendly format. Users will also be able to print out documents comparing all the Democratic candidates and all the Republican candidates.

The candidates' summaries were prepared by Kaiser Family Foundation staff with the assistance of Health Policy Alternatives, Inc. They are based on information appearing on the candidates' Web sites and supplemented with information from candidate speeches, the campaign debates and news reports. The sources of information are identified for each candidate's summary (with Internet links). Information will be updated regularly as the campaign unfolds.

The new tool is part of health08.org a Web site operated by the Foundation providing analysis of health policy issues, regular public opinion surveys, and news and video coverage from the campaign trail.

Chronicling America

Approximately 310,000 digitized newspaper pages, dating from 1900 to 1910, are now accessible through the [Chronicling America](#) Web site. The site is a project of the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP), a partnership between the Library of Congress and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

NDNP is a long-term effort to develop an Internet-based, searchable database of U.S. newspapers with select digitization of historic pages, as well as information about newspapers from 1690 to the present. Supported by NEH's "We the People" program and Digital Humanities Initiative, this rich digital resource will continue to be developed and permanently maintained at the Library of Congress.

Ultimately, over about 20 years, NDNP will create a national digital resource of historically significant newspapers published between 1836 and 1922 from all the states and U.S. territories. Also on the Web site, an accompanying national newspaper directory of bibliographic and holdings information directs users to newspaper titles in all types of formats. The information in the directory was created through an earlier NEH initiative: the United States Newspaper Program. The Library of Congress is also digitizing and contributing to the NDNP database a significant number of newspaper pages drawn from its own collections during the course of this partnership.