



# CHECK IT OUT!

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## Campus Library Houses State-of-the-Art *Digital Media Center*

With the start of the fall semester a state-of-the-art Digital Media Center with high-technology computer resources opened for students at Indiana University Kokomo.

At the ribbon cutting for the new Center, Library Dean, Rhonda Armstrong commented, "We do believe the Library serves a very important role in higher education." She stated, "Our goal is to provide students with as many resources as possible to enhance their academic experience and contribute to their success. This world-class digital media center will definitely help prepare them."



Pictured: IU Kokomo Chancellor Michael Harris; New Media Communication student, Megan McKinney; Chief Information Officer, Elizabeth Van Gordon; and Dean of the Library, Rhonda Armstrong.

Indiana University Kokomo student Megan McKinney participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony. "It's one thing to learn media through a textbook, but another thing when you give students the tools to do it themselves," McKinney said, adding that having the experience of using the new equipment will set students apart in the job market. "That's where the real learning begins."

The IU Kokomo Digital Media Center includes:

- Six high-end Mac Pro workstations, offering Mac OSX Snow Leopard and Windows 7 Operating systems (Dual Boot)
- Full Adobe CS5 Design and Production Suites
- STC Standard Software build

In addition, two production rooms (which also offer dual boot Mac Pro systems) can be reserved in advance for access to sophisticated audio capture and production hardware.

- Shure SM7B condenser microphones for individual or group voiceover audio capture
- Mackie Onyzy 1220i 12 Channel Firewire Mixer/interface
- M-Audio BX5q Studio Monitors
- Sony MDR-7506 headphones



The [Digital Media Center](#) is made possible through a partnership between Information Technology Services and the Library.

## Every Good Wish to Kirsten Leonard

Kirsten Leonard, formerly the Electronic Resources/Government Documents Librarian/Assistant Director of Institutional Research at IU Kokomo, became the Executive Director of the Private Academic Library Network of Indiana on August 1st.

Kirsten took a leadership role in the area of electronic resources IU-wide and also served as chair of the Resource Advisory Committee of the Academic Libraries of Indiana. We certainly miss her but wish her well in this new position!

Kirsten's former position has been advertised as a *Digital User Experience Librarian* with an emphasis on electronic resources and Web site responsibilities.



Kirsten Leonard

## Indiana University *Trustees Teaching Award*



Pictured: Information Literacy Librarian Gail MacKay and Chancellor Michael Harris

Information Literacy Librarian Gail MacKay received one of four Trustees Teaching Awards presented during the 2010 Fall Convocation.

Last year Gail designed and delivered instruction for almost 70 classes serving over 1,300 students.

Of the faculty who evaluated the sessions: 94% *Strongly Agree* that "The librarian presented clear learning objectives at the start of the library session." 97% also *Strongly Agree* that "The librarian provided explicit directions for the learning tasks." 94% *Strongly Agree* that "The librarian used more than one form of instruction—(e.g. visual; auditory; individual or group activity; etc.)."

All recipients are nominated by their unit's deans/chairs and are selected by a faculty committee in recognition of teaching practice and effectiveness; participation in the scholarship of teaching; serving as a catalyst for the enhancement of teaching; and other significant indicators of teaching excellence.

## Getting Started: Try a Library "Portal"



The Indiana University Kokomo Library has several new Web pages, or "portals" to help you navigate our ever-evolving Web site. These portals provide links to materials of interest to particular audiences. Have a look at:

- [Faculty Portal](#) – designed to contain resources to assist faculty in effectively using the library for teaching, research, and learning
- [Student Portal](#) – designed to assist students to effectively use the library to help with class assignments and research
- [Visitor Portal](#) – designed to assist non-IU affiliated users with the library resources available to members of our local communities

### Research Portals

Beyond the user-specific gateways listed above, the library has further developed subject-specific gateways, called Research Portals, focusing on specific disciplines. Each subject portal provides links for books, journals, and video resources along with carefully selected Internet materials all gathered together in one location for the user's convenience.

Be sure and check out the **Using the Library Web Site** tab on each research portal. On this page, you will find information providing a brief overview of where you will find resources on the Library Web page.

- [Business & Economics Resources](#)
- [Education Research Portal](#)
- [Nursing Research Portal](#)

Coming Soon! Even More

New portals are under development as you read!

Watch the Library's Web site for the addition of **Psychology** resources available via portals @ *your library*.

Have an idea for additional portals useful for your students? [Contact us!](#)

### Ask A Librarian



#### Ask A Librarian Service Desk

Located near the library entrance

#### Hours:

Mon. - Thurs.

9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

(Other times by appointment)

#### Phone:

(765) 455-9521

## The Library Welcomes Eddie Clem



Eddie Clem

Eddie Clem joined our staff this fall as a part-time Reference Librarian. A native of Carroll County and an IU Kokomo alumnus, Eddie will graduate in December from IUPUI's School of Library and Information Science with his Master of Library Science degree, specializing in cataloging and technical services. With Eddie's passion for asking questions and seeking answers, along with his positive attitude in helping others, he quickly jumped at the opportunity to work at the reference desk!

Before coming to the Library, Eddie worked on campus as a vending attendant and as the Catering Manager for AVI Foodsystems. He has enjoyed developing and cultivating many lasting friendships here at IU Kokomo. Eddie also enjoys working on Saturday mornings at the Flour Mill Bakery in Rossville.

## New Reference Librarian @ Your Library

Steve Owens recently joined the staff of Indiana University Kokomo Library as a part-time Reference Librarian, beginning his service during fall semester, 2010. Steve has been associated with Indiana University Kokomo for four years, where he currently serves as an Adjunct Professor in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA). He is a member of the SPEA Advisory Board which provides support for Dean Robert Dible since 2006.

Steve earned the Master of Library Science (MLS) degree from IUPUI's School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) in 2008. While at SLIS, Steve's focus was on academic librarianship, and he is excited to be able to serve Indiana University Kokomo's students with their reference and information literacy needs.

Steve is a native of Atlanta, Georgia. He earned his BS and MS degrees in Urban Policy Studies from Georgia State University's Andrew Young School of Policy Studies.

Steve and his wife, Beth, reside in Kokomo where they have lived since their move from Cheyenne, WY in 2005. They are the proud parents of two "feline children," and enjoy traveling, TV & movies, and of course, collecting and reading/listening to books and music!



Steve Owens



# Create Your Own Links to the Library's Resources Using EZproxy

The form below is found at: [Proxy Link Generator](#)

## Proxy Link Generator

### Creating Links for Off-Campus Access to Library Resources

**Question:** How do I set up links to articles or other resources such as items from the library databases - for Oncourse Web pages or other locations - so that they work from off-campus?

**Answer:** You need to format the links in a way that redirects them through the EZproxy server. If you don't do this, the links will work from on-campus, but not from off-campus.

### Use this Link Generator to create your 'proxied' links:

- The link must be a "persistent" link. This means that the link is not generated with a session identifier. When in doubt try it, but test it a day later to make sure it still works.
- You do not need to do this for freely available sites (such as Google) or links that already begin with <http://ezproxy.iuk.edu...>
- If you have addresses such as <http://someaddress.com.ezproxy.iuk.edu...>, this will fix them for you.
- The links generated will work from both on-campus and off-campus.
- This tool requires JavaScript enabled in your browser to work.

1. Copy and paste your source URL here:

2. Click the "Create link" button below:

3. Copy and use the resulting link

4. Clear the form to make another link

Problems or comments? **Please contact us.**

**NOTE:** Only sites which have been registered in the EZproxy server will work. If you are working with an outside Web resource that needs to be registered with EZproxy, contact **Heather Bowman**. Please provide the URL you're trying to link to.

## Energy Dept. Releases Alternative Fuel Locator

Those interested in alternative fuels but don't know where to find them now have an app that can do just that! The [Department of Energy](#) has released an Alternative Fueling State Locator. You can search by fuel type – anything from biodiesel to hydrogen – and by location. You can download the app from USA.gov's [Mobile Apps page](#) or simply go to the [Web site](#) itself.

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