

Meet the New(ish) Librarians

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Where did you go to library school? I received my MLS from Indiana University, Bloomington.

What are you reading? What is at home by your bedside or comfy chair?

Right now I am reading, and thoroughly enjoying, the compiled book of letters written by Andrew Wylie (first president of Indiana University) and his family. I am also having fun reading [Fingersmith](#), by Sarah Waters. Next to my bed I always have a copy of the literary magazine, *The Sun*, and my upcoming book club selection. The next one is [Wild](#), a memoir by Cheryl Strayed.

Is there any professional literature that has caught your interest? Professionally, I have just picked up [Historical Thinking and Other Unnatural Acts](#), by Sam Wineburg and am looking forward to seeing how it might inform my approach to the teaching and learning facet of my position.

What website or listserv have you found most useful recently? In regards to a website or online resource, I have been having fun exploring [Historypin](#) lately.

What music are you listening to? I have been listening to a lot of Christmas music lately because my five-year-old likes to listen to it all year round!

What is the last movie you saw? Was it in a theater or on DVD I recently saw the movie *Argo* in the theater and I highly recommend it.

Hobbies? Obsessions? Interests? I enjoy flower gardening, baking, exercising, and knitting when I have the time. I have also just recently picked up my son's ukulele, which is great fun!

Julie Hardesty
Metadata Analyst/Librarian, IUB



Where did you go to library school? Indiana University's School of Library and Information Science—some also refer to it as the Center of the Universe.

What are you reading? What is at home by your bedside or comfy chair? Most recently, I have been enjoying Christopher Moore's awesomely wacky books (the latest I've read being [Coyote Blue](#)). They contain solid stories but with just enough absurdity to keep me interested.

Is there any professional literature that has caught your interest? I am currently reading Margot Note's [Managing image collections: a practical guide](#). There's a chapter on metadata and I'm interested to see if it can inform what we're doing with [Image Collections Online](#) and its accompanying cataloging tool.

What website or listserv have you found most useful recently? For websites, I have to admit, it's probably [icanhas.cheezburger.com](#)—only in that it helps keep my stress levels in check and is almost always guaranteed to make me laugh. I monitor several listservs and have most recently found useful info in EAD, DIGLIB, DLF-ANNOUNCE, and WEB4LIB. Just this morning I discovered the metadatalibrarians listserv—that looks like it could be a good one too, but I don't know how active it is yet.

What music are you listening to? I was just jamming to Big Bad Voodoo Daddy over the weekend, but I have a wide variety of tunes for everyday listening—They Might Be Giants, Freezepop, Jonathon Coulton, Seth MacFarlane (he sings Hoagy Carmichael!!), and then lots of funk with some Dean Martin and Beatles mixed in. And then there's always Hoops & Yoyo—they sing songs about bacon and donuts and coffee.

What is the last movie you saw? Was it in a theater or on DVD? Netflix brings me most of my movies these days. Most recently I watched *Leon: The Professional*. An older movie but I really enjoyed it!

Hobbies? Obsessions? Interests? I love bicycling to and from work - it's a great way to break up the day. I try not to obsess too much about anything (some days I'm more successful than others though).

Stacy Konkiel
E-Science Librarian, IUB



Where did you go to library school? IUB SLIS 2008 (Go Hoosiers!)

What are you reading? What is at home by your bedside or comfy chair? [The Amazon of Letters: The Life and Loves of Natalie Barney](#) by G. Wickes

Is there any professional literature that has caught your interest? *International Journal of Digital Curation* (<http://www.ijdc.net/>) and the *Journal of E-Science Librarianship* (<http://escholarship.umassmed.edu/jeslib/>)

What website or listserv have you found most useful recently? I've found the IUB Libraries' Sharepoint site to be very useful, once I started using it for committee work and explored its features.

What music are you listening to? Tanya Tucker, Cocorosie, and Spirit Family Reunion dominate my iTunes playlist these days.

Hobbies? Obsessions? Interests? My research interests include altmetrics and their application in IRs, and how we as librarians can better embed ourselves in the research data management lifecycle. My hobbies include suburban homesteading and talking about my dog, Pedro.

Emilee Mathews
Interim Head of the Fine Arts Library, IUB



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Where did you go to library school? I went to library school here at IUB! I was in the dual degree program with a master's in Art History and the MLS degree. I graduated in 2011.

What are you reading? What is at home by your bedside or comfy chair?

I started reading [The Cloud Atlas](#) after I saw the previews for the movie--I'm kind of stuck in the middle, though; too busy with work and travel to get very far. Blog-wise, I enjoy perusing blogs like *Retronaut* and *101 Cookbooks*. I just went to a fashion information symposium a couple weeks ago in New York, and learned about the blogs *Advanced Style* and *Babes at the Museum*, which sounded really fun.

Is there any professional literature that has caught

your interest? I try to keep up on art librarianship, information literacy, visual literacy, collection development, special collections, images and copyright. Recently *The Chronicle of Higher Education* published an article about images and art publishing in relation to initiatives in digital scholarly communication, which was very interesting and exciting. Here's the URL for that: <http://go.iu.edu/6dK>

What website or listserv have you found most useful recently? Website: I'm really excited about Europeana (<http://www.europeana.eu/portal/>). It's a metasite that brings together digital content from across 2,200+ cultural institutions in Europe, ranging from art to film to music to literature and much, much more. They are also taking a progressive stance on open access content and use, which is great and should be supported in every way possible by us library folks.

What music are you listening to? I like a lot of bands that the local label Secretly Canadian produces—like Gardens & Villa and Nurses. Bloomington is a great town for going to shows—the venues are a few minutes away, charge next to nothing, and there's a ton of great bands that come through town.

What is the last movie you saw? Was it in a theater or on DVD? Hmm, I can't quite remember. I went to see the new Wes Anderson movie over the summer, and I went to the new Bourne movie. I think we started watching *Cowboys and Aliens* a month or so ago, but it quickly got ridiculous.

Hobbies? Obsessions? Interests? My hobbies include crafting and sewing, thrifting for odd and exciting treasures, shoe shopping online, cooking, baking, pickling, going to shows, and incorporating road trips whenever feasible.