
Letter from the President

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Dear InULA members,

2015 is drawing to a close and it has certainly been a year of change. There are many new faces around the libraries that bring new energy and excitement to our work. Welcome to all of our new colleagues! InULA is also exploring new ways to meet our mission to “promote excellence in library service and to provide opportunities for continuing education and professional growth.”



Currently, we are experiencing a time of great financial security, due in large part to the work of the book sale committee and the changes they have made in the last few years. I would like to thank Naz Pantaloni, Nick Homenda and Thomas Whittaker for their creative thinking and superstar fundraising. This windfall has allowed the InULA board to increase the amount of grant and scholarship money available and expand our professional development offerings. This spring we hope to offer a variety of professional development and networking opportunities, especially related to writing and building awareness of changes in librarianship and scholarly communications.

So far this year we have awarded three grants and have another grant cycle coming up in January. I encourage you all to apply for grants to support your costs to research and share your findings. The programs and social committee has been working hard to organize networking and professional development opportunities this fall including a hike at the Bean Blossom Bottoms Nature Preserve (See my article in this edition of InULA notes for all the details), a great webinar with our own Andrea Baer digging deeper into the new ACRL Information Literacy Framework and a wonderful Holiday Party at the Scholar's Inn, where we got to hear from InULA grant recipients about the exciting research they have conducted in part with support from InULA's research grant program. InULA is also teaming up with the Council of Head Librarians to host the 2016 Statewide Libraries day. We are very excited to work with the Libraries to develop a day of professional development that we can share with our colleagues all across the libraries. You'll be hearing more about this event in the New Year!

If you have suggestions about programming or professional development opportunities you'd like to share we'd love to hear from you! Please email us at: inula@indiana.edu

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season and a happy New Year!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christina C. Wray". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name and title.

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InULA President 2015-2016