

## Letter from the President

**November 25, 2007**

Welcome to *InULA Notes*. This is my chance to provide an overview of goals for the coming year. In order to achieve these goals, I am often reminded of John Donne's famous words "no man is an island...entire of itself." It takes true collaboration and unwavering support among our members and friends to ensure InULA's success and commitment to excellence. We too hope this year will add some small contribution to InULA's legacy as it approaches its 50th anniversary.

My primary goal is to increase membership by 15 percent. The current membership is slightly over 50 members. Recently, a Board member asked why a librarian would want to join InULA when there are so many other professional development opportunities. Here, I'd like to draw from the wisdom of Fran Huehls, current InULA Membership Chair, and Nancy Boerner, InULA Past President. "InULA exists to serve I.U. librarians at all libraries in the I.U. system. It offers a range of professional support, from scholarships for SLIS students, to Research Incentive grants aimed at furthering librarians' research projects, to serving on committees, to Professional Development grants that help fund continuing education programs for librarians and library staff. All of this support comes from you -- from your dues, your participation in the annual book sale, and your generous contributions." I don't think I could have said it any better. InULA exists to support you, our well-deserving family of librarians, retirees, and friends to help meet your goals and aspirations.

I also want to encourage more librarians to apply for Research Incentive grants. This cycle, InULA has awarded two Research Incentive grants for a total amount of \$430. Congratulations to Chris Long (IUPUI) for his research project, *Not Born Digital: The Continuing Education Efforts of Librarians to Enhance Their Digital Library Skills*, and to Taemin Park (IUB) for her research project *Bibliometric Study of D-Lib Magazine*. The next deadline for the Research Incentive grant is January 8, 2008. I hope that you will also encourage your SLIS reference and graduate assistants to apply for the Julieann V. Nilson InULA Scholarship grant, deadline is March 1, 2008.

Two final goals will be to hire a person to gather data to create an historical InULA Financial Progress Report to help members better understand the financial future of InULA, and to move InULA Archives from a secure floor in the Herman B Wells Library (IUB) to the University Archives' newly renovated space within Wells Library.

In closing many thanks to the Communications Committee for their wonderful commitment to bring us *InULA Notes*, and for keeping us informed through InULA Web, to our current committees and chairs for their dedication to excellence, and to all members who without your continued support, none of this would exist. Along with Julie Hardesty, Chair, Program and Social committee, the Board looks forward to seeing you at the December 14th membership meeting and luncheon, 11:30-1:30, Tudor Room, Indiana Memorial Union, IU Bloomington. Guest speakers Angela Courtney and Michele Dalmau will speak about their experiences and travels to Canada.

The Board wants to hear from you with your ideas and suggestions so that we can better serve the membership. Please contact me or any of the Board members.

Happy Holidays,

Monique Threatt, InULA President