Meet the New(ish) Librarians

InULA is an organization focused on the librarian not the library, the person not the job. In the interest of getting to know each other better as peeople, InULA Notes imposed on several new(ish) librarians to share some of their personal history and interests. Read on to learn about Carrie Donovan (IUB), Melissa Gomis (IUPUI), J B Hill (IUB), Jaena Hollingsworth (IUPUI), and Stephanie Schulte (IPFW).

Carrie Donovan, Visiting Instructional Services Librarian, IU Bloomington, as of February 2006.

Where did you go to library school? IUB SLIS

What are you reading? Joan Didion's The Year of Magical Thinking

What is at home by your bedside or comfy chair? The New Yorker

Is there any professional literature that has recently caught your interest? Ward, D. (2006). Revisioning Information Literacy for Lifelong Meaning. The Journal of Academic Librarianship, 32(4): 396-402.

What music are you listening to? Clap your hands say yeah

What is the last movie you saw? Thumbsucker, on DVD.

Hobbies? Billiards, shoe shopping Obsessions? Music, Madrid, Macs Interests? Teaching, learning, singing, organizing, hiking, planning/taking trips.

Melissa Gomis, Assistant Librarian, Instructional Technology Librarian and Liaison to the School of Informatics and New Media Program, IUPUI University Library, as of February 1, 2007.

Where did you go to library school? University of Wisconsin-Madison

What are you reading? What is at home by your bedside or comfy chair? I just finished You Don't Love Me Yet by Jonathan Lethem. Hilarious.

Is there any professional literature that has recently caught your interest? Campus Technology. Fascinating.

Hobbies? Obsessions? Interests? Currently I am obsessed with pomegranate juice. Also, I have a chronic case of wanderlust.

J B Hill, Director of Public Services, IU Bloomington Libraries, as of September 4, 2006

Where did you go to library school? George Peabody College, Vanderbilt University (the Library School closed in the mid-late 80's)

What are you reading? What is at home by your bedside or comfy chair? I am currently reading Technically Together (a discussion of the impact of new technologies on social interaction).

Is there any professional literature that has recently caught your interest? There are some interesting articles about inital experimentation by universities and libraries with virtual worlds, and I am working on a paper with a couple of librarians from Bradley (where they are very invested in Second Life).

What music are you listening to? Whatever is on WIUX or WFHB

What is the last movie you saw? Was it in a theater or on DVD? The Lives of Others - at a theater in Little Rock

Hobbies? Obsessions? Interest? I don't really have any hobbies (although maybe frequent flying) and am too old for obsessions; down time generally includes reading or watching classic/foreign/indie movies or sports.

Jaena Hollingsworth, Assistant Librarian, Liaison to the Department of English, IUPUI, as of January 15, 2007.

Where did you go to library school? The University of Alabama

What are you reading? What is at home by your bedside or comfy chair? Something about vampires and/or werewolves.

Is there any professional literature that has recently caught your interest? Depending on what mood I'm in, everything seems interesting.

What music are you listening to? At the moment, I'm into blues and bluegrass music.

What is the last movie you saw? Was it in a theater or on DVD? The Prestige, on DVD.

Hobbies? Obsessions? Interests? I'm really into black-and-white photography and trivia games (especially Trivial Pursuit or Jeopardy!).

Stephanie Schulte, Reference and Information Services Librarian at IPFW, Liaison to Nursing, Dental Education, Consumer and Family Sciences, Biology and Chemistry, as of January 3, 2006.

Where did you go to library school? Kent State University (I mainly attended the Columbus program located on the campus of Ohio State)

What are you reading? What is at home by your bedside or comfy chair? There is little time for leisurely reading in my life. I'm lucky if I get to read the newspaper once a week. Beyond that, as a librarian, I spend my time looking at information all day long. When I go home, I just like to vegetate and spend time with my three children.

Is there any professional literature that has recently caught your interest? Survivor's Guide for the Novice: A Simplified Model for a Collaborative Systematic Review by Shell et al. The collaboration among this group of librarians and nursing researchers is remarkable and exemplary, one that I would hope to emulate.

What music are you listening to? My music tastes are all over the map. My favorite rock group is Vertical Horizon, but I also like some country music, like Tim McGraw and Rascal Flatts.

What is the last movie you saw? Was it in a theater or on DVD? The last movie I saw in the theater was We are Marshall, which I was really interested in since Marshall is relatively close to where I grew up and ran around as a teenager and college student. I have watched some DVD's recently, but they must not have stood out too much in my mind, because I have no idea what they were!

Hobbies? Obsessions? Interest? My latest project has been remodeling my kitchen, much of which I did not physically do, but I did pick out almost all the details. After living in my home for nearly 11 years, my husband and I have remodeled every room except one. This summer, we're planning to tear down our breezeway and build a new one. Other than that, my daughters and I are somewhat hooked on watching the TLC show "What Not to Wear" on Friday nights, and I love traveling to the beach for vacation when I can.

Are you a new librarian? Hiring someone now? Tell InULA Notes about it, and we'll add them to our next "New(ish) Librarians feature!