

**IULFC Librarian's Day Committee  
2006-2007  
Final Report**

The members of the 2006-2007 Librarian's Day Committee were Susan Thomas-IUSB (Chair), Lora Baldwin-IUE, Elizabeth Johnson-IUB, and Kristi Palmer-IUPUI. Working primarily via email with one telephone conference call, the committee began working in October to plan this year's event. The committee reviewed the survey responses from the 2005-2006 survey on Librarian's Day activities and incorporated suggestions where possible.

Librarian's Day 2007 was held on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> in Bloomington at the IU Memorial Union. Attendance was recorded at 91.

The theme for this year's celebration was the Future of IU Libraries. Two outside speakers presented interesting views on the future of information seeking behavior. Cathy De Rosa, Vice President of Marketing and Library Services for OCLC was the first speaker followed by a panel discussion of IU Librarians speaking on the future of IU libraries. Cathy De Rosa also participated in the panel discussion. Pat Steele, Interim Dean of Libraries, was instrumental in arranging for Cathy to present at this year's Librarian's Day. Cathy's expenses were covered by OCLC. A lunchtime speaker, Edward Castronova presented on the educational and research impact of virtual worlds. Dean Steele presented each speaker with a gift (book).

A second panel discussion on promotion and tenure within IU libraries followed lunch. There were ten 30 minute afternoon presentations on various topics by IU librarians. A call for presentation proposals went out early spring and all submitted proposals were accepted. A complete program is available at <http://www.iu.edu/~iulfc/libday07.shtml>.

Registrations took in \$1,870.00.

The day's expenses are broken down as follows:

Breakfast	\$234.26
Room	\$145.00
AV Cart & Monitor	\$65.00
Afternoon Snack	\$189.26
Lunch	\$1,140.03.
Total	\$1,773.55.

This leaves a balance of \$96.45 which can be carried forward for next year's Librarians Day. A cost saving feature was having the IU Libraries technical staff set up all the equipment for presentations.

An online survey was prepared by Kristi after the day's activities with 66 responses of which 45 attended and 21 responders did not. The top reasons for not attending Librarian's Day were schedule conflicts, with at least 29% indicating no interest in the

program. The majority of responders indicated that the both the date and location were convenient. The most favored features were the two outside speakers, Cathy De Rosa and Edward Castronova, as well as the opportunity to network with colleagues from around the state.

Suggestions for future Librarian's Days include more time for social interaction and networking with IU colleagues, a more central location, less IULFC business, librarian presentations and poster sessions, and more outside speakers. One such suggestion worth pursuing is to have a joint meeting with Purdue or to ask Jim Mullins to be a speaker. One noteworthy comment that may help with future planning indicated a desire to leave Librarian's Day feeling "inspired and energized." Some responders commented that they felt the registration fee of \$25.00 was too high.

A website was established after the event to post power point slides and handouts from the various presentations. Vincci Kwong, IULFC Webmaster, established and maintains the web site, <http://www.iu.edu/~iulfc/libday07.shtml>