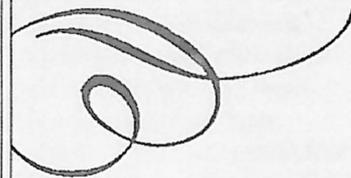


FROM THE EDITOR'S DESKTOP

by Alberta Davis Comer



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elcome to the winter 2006 issue. As you can tell by the name at the top of the page, *Indiana Libraries* has a new editor. I started my position this past August and am excited about the opportunity to bring you informative and interesting articles about libraries. Emily Okada from IU-Bloomington has graciously agreed to continue as assistant editor. Joining her are two new assistant editors, Marissa Priddis from Alexandrian Public Library and Julie Moline, school librarian in Franklin Township. I hope that having assistant editors from diverse libraries will allow us to offer articles from across the spectrum of librarianship.

In this issue we will hear from people working in academic, public, and school libraries, as well as library students. Douglas Archer informs us how to help peace studies researchers, while Susan Leach-Murray takes us on a trip to Russia. Kristine Brancolini and Stacy Kowalczyk explain their 3-year project to catalog and digitize sheet music. Marie Becker updates us on

medical informatics and a group of SLIS students tells us about adult literacy in Indiana. We also feature an article from Susanna-Judith Rae an "outsider" who does not work in the library field but who greatly appreciates libraries. From Ellen Rempala we learn about multicultural literature and from Anne Marie Moser we learn about silent reading. In addition, we have two new columns in this issue that we plan to offer as regular features. One report, from the Indiana State Library, will keep readers updated on what is happening in libraries around Indiana while the second piece will feature an interview with an Indiana author. This month we feature an interview with new author Michael Koryta.

During my tenure as editor, I hope to meet many of you and learn what topics are of interest to you. I also encourage you to consider writing an article for *Indiana Libraries*. If you have any suggestions or if you would like to discuss ideas for an article, please contact me by e-mail at libcomer@isugw.indstate.edu or by phone at (812) 237-2649. Have a great winter and keep in contact.



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