

From the Editor's Desk:

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After a string of guest edited special issues, *Indiana Libraries* publishes its first general issue in nearly two years, making this my first opportunity to share my thoughts with you as editor. First, the run of guest-edited issues speaks volumes of Indiana librarians. While working in Indiana is not a prerequisite to guest editing it is typically the case and I'm thrilled that so many have been interested in and skilled at, editorship. Guest editing typically begins with an individual or group passionate and informed about a specific topic. The guest editor(s) propose the topic to the *Indiana Libraries* editor and upon acceptance determine the publication schedule (including deadlines for: call for papers, submission, response to submitter, revision requests, copyediting and formatting, and finally publication). The special issue topic will be announced through various venues to encourage submission and typically the guest editor(s) will directly contact individuals known to have expertise/interest on the topic. The process is at times intense but always educational and rewarding. Kudos to *Indiana Libraries* 2012-2013 guest editors for developing excellent issues and making my introduction to editing a great one. I encourage all readers to consider guest editing on a topic about which you are passionate.

The Spring 2014 issue of *Indiana Libraries* covers a diverse range of topics. Michele T. Fenton presents an historical piece on one of Indiana's first African American librarians, Lillian Haydon Childress Hall. Fenton tells the story of a driven, passionate professional whose work made important contributions to Indiana libraries and whose sheer presence as a minority in the profession at that time (and I would suggest even today) is inspirational. Rodney Freeman's article reviewing the Indiana State Library's *Indiana Librarians Leading in Diversity* program reflects the need for continued librarian role models from diverse populations. Zaira R. Arvelo Alicea, Ileana Cortés Santiago, Dr. Luciana deOliveira Lori speak to libraries intentionally and purposefully engaging and serving diverse and in this instance, bi-lingual communities. They highlight the benefits of culturally and linguistically tailored literacy programming. Lori Dekydspotter's sharing of hidden Slavic treasures at Indiana University's Lilly Library reminds us of the wonderful unexpected surprises that can be found in Indiana libraries. And finally Christopher Shaffer provides readers with one librarian's analysis of Patriot Act paying particular attention to applicable solutions for library administrators facing tough information sharing situations.