

Letter from the Editor

Navigating the Job Jungle

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elcome to *Navigating the Job Jungle*. When I volunteered to guest edit an issue (long before I became the editor of *Indiana Libraries*), I envisioned numerous articles from academic, school and public librarians on creating cover letters and resumes specific to their academic institutions. The final issue turned out quite different; I found that people wanted to write about many different aspects of their library. Some wanted to write about their job as a librarian, some wanted to write about internship or diversity programs in their libraries (geared toward encouraging new generations to enter library science programs) and others had specific experiences they wanted to share. Although this issue is far different from one devoted to resumes and cover letters, the wealth of experience and diversity is wonderful.

Cheryl Blevens shares her experiences as a new tenure-track librarian (and second career) at Cunningham Memorial Library at Indiana State University. Kata Koppel tells about her experience in applying for a library position with the United Nations in New York, including the testing and waiting for test results and interview calls. Theresa Bruno describes her experience (and that of some fellow graduates) as they look for library positions.

Dave Miller describes his job as the “new guy” in Hope, Indiana. Hope is a small and unique town, home to the Hope Heritage Days. Dave provides great descriptions about life in a small town and getting to know the fellow residents.

Laura Bayard provides information on the Librarian-in-Residence Program at Notre Dame University. The venture is a joint program between Hesburgh Libraries and the Kresge Law Library. Jaena Hollingsworth, from IUPUI tells about the

university library and the Undergraduate Diversity Fellowship program.

Diane Dallis, Carrie Donovan, and Emily Okada share their experiences in developing future colleagues through mentoring, communication, and experience at Indiana University in Bloomington.

Peter Ford provides his outlook on what makes a good Human Resources person. Rachel Applegate, with the Indiana University School of Library and Information Science in Indianapolis offers superb advice on creating resumes and cover letters for those looking for library employment.

Many of the articles in this issue highlight the interesting ideas, programs, and employees in Indiana libraries. Consider writing about your library, from research to programs to employee skills, Indiana libraries have a lot to brag about.

Enjoy!

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