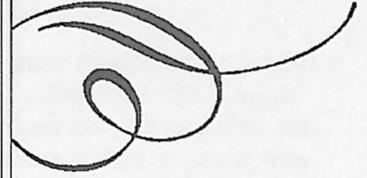


FROM THE EDITOR'S DESKTOP

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Welcome to the summer 2006 issue. From the book to the wiki, this issue covers the gamut of librarianship. Again we start off the issue with library news from around the state. Next, we learn about another Indiana author, mystery writer Tony Perona. Pat Steele's article talks about how the lines are blurring between public and academic libraries. Her commentary sets the stage for Juliet Kerico's article on community outreach, once a prerogative of public libraries, at Indiana State University library. John B. Straw's article on Friends' groups in academic libraries also demonstrates the blurring line between academic and public libraries. Robyn Young's article on collaborative research between a media specialist and a university professor illustrates that the blurring of lines also includes school libraries. And, J. Douglas Archer brings us up-to-date news on the USA PATRIOT Act, a concern of all libraries.

Whether public, academic, school, or special, libraries strive to provide patron centered service. Read Joe Heaphey's article to discover if servant-leadership could work in a public library setting. Beverly Burmeister, Tara Oldfield, and Sonia Schatzlein look at how the religious studies department at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis uses the



library and what might be done to improve services. Brad Matthies, Jonathan Helmke, and Paul Slater are also looking for ways to improve services in their article entitled, "Using a Wiki to Enhance Library Instruction." Our focus then moves to school libraries with Danny Callison and Naomi Patterson's review of expenditures in "2004 AIME

Building Level Survey: Indiana Expenditures Compared to National Averages."

Is there a doctor in the house? Read Jean-Pierre V.M. Herubel's article to discover how doctoral degrees may influence academic libraries. Sarah Woodruff tells us how fish and cows could improve staff morale. Next, William Meehan's interview with well-known author Nick Basbanes will gladden the hearts of librarians with his love for books and libraries. We end our issue with learning about NextGen Resources from our Well-Read Librarian, Marissa Priddis.

In what other career would wikis, cows, doctors, and bibliophiles all have something in common? Happy reading and have a fun-filled and safe summer. Keep in touch.