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# Pot Pourri

Articles in *Indiana Libraries*, especially the “pot pourri” issues, always provide interesting viewpoints and comments about the multifaceted profession of librarianship. This issue is no exception, offering four divergent articles for your perusal, evaluation, and comments.

Mary Wolcott focuses upon the ambiguity of our labels, suggesting in “Our Profession—It’s Time for a Change!” that we discard such labels as librarian and media specialist and adopt “information specialist.” Wolcott insists the rationale is apparent—one readily identifies an “information specialist” when seeking data; this unfortunately is not the case with librarian and media specialist. Maybe it is time for the profession to lead not only the bandwagon but the parade as well.

In “Validity of Output Measures,” Beth Ann Kroehler presents an overview of literature on evaluation and measurement, and then describes the Muncie Public Library experience. Although librarians traditionally have been collectors of statistics—number of circulations, borrowers, volumes added to collection, ad infinitum, members of the profession too often sit-and-rest with these figures. Kroehler maintains that statistical data library administrators collect can and should be utilized to determine whether or not the library’s goals and objectives are being achieved.

The state of “Electronic Mail and Interlibrary Loan in Indiana” is discussed by Cheryl B. Truesdell, who describes and evaluates Project Electro, the system used by Indiana University and its regional campus libraries. The success and value of Project Electro is demonstrated by the author’s survey which indicated regional campus libraries wanted to extend Project Electro to Ball State University, Purdue University, Indiana State University, and the University of Notre Dame. Project Electro may be the first step in establishing a statewide interlibrary loan and document delivery service.

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Utilizing computers in public libraries is advocated by Kuang-liang Hsu in "Logo Environment in Public Libraries." Hsu presents a step-by-step approach to establish a Logo environment. The activities suggested by Hsu require effort and undying enthusiasm, but the rewards are ample and provide a high degree of visibility for the library within the local community.

The Author Index, Volumes 1-5, and Title Index, Volumes 1-5, complete this issue.

My predecessor, Jill May, stated that two volumes were indeed a long enough editorial lifetime. I have managed three volumes, one and one-half lifetimes! A sincere "thank you" is extended to all of you who responded to my many, oftentimes too many, telephone calls for articles, and a special "thanks" to all who actually produced an article.

Several individuals assisted with the preparation of manuscripts during these three volumes. Dr. Kathleen Garland, Ball State University, provided excellent editorial assistance during the preparation of this issue. Brenda Tevis, Phoenix [AZ] Public Library, used her grammatical skills on several occasions. And Donna Rider, Ball State University, assisted in the preparation of the Author and Title indexes.

Dr. Daniel Callison, Indiana University, now assumes the editorship of *Indiana Libraries*. The Joint Publications Board is confident that the quality of the journal will continue to improve and that the scope of the journal will continue to not only stimulate the intellectual curiosity of its readers but also provide insight into the practical realities of librarianship for its readers. *Indiana Libraries* will definitely continue to enrich the Indiana library community.

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