

Mark T. Day

Mark Tyler Day, librarian for Middle Eastern, Islamic, and Central Eurasian studies, retired in December 2006. Mark was an active member of the Subject and Area Librarians Council and the Research Collections Reference Department. He also has been a leading member of the library profession at the national level.

Mark did his undergraduate work at the University of Chicago, where he received a B.A. in political science, and then went on to receive an M.A.T. in social studies and an M.A. in library science. He also studied at the University of Utah, the American University in Cairo, Egypt, and the University of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. In 1982 he received an M.A. in Near Eastern languages and cultures from Indiana University, where he also was a candidate in philosophy and Near Eastern languages and cultures.

Prior to coming to IU, Mark was an assistant reference librarian and human relations area files supervisor at the University of New Brunswick, Canada (1968–1969), the librarian of the Office of Population Research at Princeton University (1969–1971), and a private high school social science teacher at The Meeting School in New Hampshire (1971–1972). Beginning with his appointment to the IU Libraries faculty in 1972 as an assistant librarian for government publications, Mark worked in a variety of public service and subject specialist positions. In addition, while on temporary leave from IU, he served as government publications expert for the University of Riyadh Libraries from 1977 to 1979, and as library microcomputer expert for the Indiana Cooperative Library Services Authority (INCOLSA) from 1988 to 1990. From 1979 to 2002 he worked half-time in the reference department, was promoted to associate librarian in 1983, and was acting librarian for Middle Eastern studies during the 1987–1988 academic year. From 1992 to 1996, Mark was co-director of the Indiana University Library Electronic Text Resource Service (LETRS), which he helped found. In 2003 he was appointed librarian for Middle Eastern, Islamic, and Central Eurasian studies.

Mark can look back at a series of impressive accomplishments in the area of service, both at the local and at the national level. Locally, he served on many library and library faculty committees. In 1996–1997 he chaired the IU Libraries' communications committee; in October 1995 he organized the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) Counterpart Meeting on Electronic Texts in the Humanities, co-sponsored by LETRS and the CIC. In 2002 he was appointed to the library organizational task force, which was charged with reviewing the structure, concerns, and history of the IU Libraries and recommending changes in light of new opportunities and challenges. In the early 1990s, as bibliographic software programs emerged, Mark immediately recognized their value to researchers and became the Libraries' expert on ProCite. In 1992 he founded the ProCite Users Electronic Discussion List, a listserv composed of some 600 international members, which he managed for 14 years until recently passing on the role of list owner to a colleague and ProCite user at IUPUI. At the national level, Mark has been active in the American Library Association, especially in the Association of College and Research Libraries and the Library Administration and Management Association, the Middle East Studies Association, and the Middle East Librarians Association. His knowledge and expertise are known nationally.

Mark has a distinguished record of publications on topics in librarianship, library management, and Arabic literature. His research has focused on the theory and practice of academic librarianship as a social institution and on the relationship of this institution to the development and application of interpretive technologies designed to advance human knowledge and understanding across cultures.

Mark has been a model area studies librarian who will be missed by many: students will remember the librarian who taught them the intricacies of working with transcriptions from Arabic into Roman script; faculty will recall Mark as both a valued colleague and a

scholar-librarian; and the library faculty and staff will miss a kind and knowledgeable colleague and friend.

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