

2005 Spirit and Place Civic Festival
“Moving and Staying”
Women in the Professions:
An Exploration of Choice and Challenge

Inspired by the 2005 theme of the civic festival *Spirit & Place*, which will this year explore “Moving and Staying,” the **University Library, the Society of Women Engineers, the Ruth Lilly Medical Library, and the IUPUI Office of Women** are collaborating to explore women’s movement into the professions and the choices and challenges they face. The collaboration will include exhibits, online programs, a roundtable breakfast, and a cross-generational luncheon for students.

November 9, 2005

Women in the Professions: Who Moves, Who Stays, and Why Some of Us Choose to Stay Home

Breakfast Roundtables

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

University Library 1126

This event is a breakfast roundtable that features a dialogue among women who chose professional careers, women who chose to stay at home, and women who combined a profession with periods of staying at home. A male perspective will be represented as well. Each roundtable will have a facilitator who will present their stories and invite guests to dialogue about their choices, their experiences, and the impact of their decisions. Breakfast provided.

November 30, 2005

How Do I Balance it All? Career, Family and Life

Student Luncheon

12 Noon to 1:30 p.m.

University Library, 1116 & 1126

This cross-generational dialogue will feature panels of professional women talking about their career choices and how they balance their careers, family lives and personal interests. There will be with plenty of opportunity for student comments and questions. Student attendees will be eligible to receive a \$250 Scholarship from the Society of Women Engineers or the Barbara B. Fischler Society!

Additional Women in the Professions activities:

Petticoats and Slide Rules: Women in the Engineering Profession

This national traveling exhibit was created by the Society of Women Engineers. The University Library will supplement the panels with exhibits of photography from our archives depicting women's experience in the Purdue School of Engineering at IUPUI. **October 1 through December 31, 2005**

The Jessie Grove Scrapbook (Women in the Nursing Profession at IU, from student days to retirement, an online exhibit)

Jessie Grove spent her entire nursing career from training to retirement at the IU Medical complex and documented her experiences with photos. Her scrapbook will be recreated digitally from the originals in the Ruth Lilly Archives of the University Library and will be accessible through the Internet. It will also run on dedicated computers in the University Library and at the Ruth Lilly Medical Library.

A Woman's Healing Hands, drawn from the Archives, will be mounted in the exhibit cases of the University Library with a duplicate exhibit at the Ruth Lilly Medical Library. **October 1 through December 31, 2005**

Women in the Medical Professions: A Conversation with Girls

This event is a response to research that suggests that younger students, and especially girls, often lose their interest in science and math at about age 11. A group of middle school girls will be invited to lunch and to see the *Jessie Grove* and *Woman's Healing Hands* exhibits at the Ruth Lilly Medical Library and talk with medical professionals. **November 14, 2005**