



Indiana Library Federation Virtual Legislative Update

Indiana Library Federation Virtual Exchange

Housekeeping

- Virtual Exchange = statewide online, on-the-phone sharing of ideas, successes, challenges, solutions and next steps. Similar, but not a webinar.
- All participants are muted until open discussion time. Use chat box.
- Sessions are *not recorded* in order to promote free and open dialogue, networking and camaraderie among members.
- Sessions are facilitated for paced focus on content and exchange.
- Slides will be made available.
- We invite recommendations for improvements and future exchanges.

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Virtual Exchange Etiquette

Clear Sound Quality

- Minimize background noise while your mic/phone is open.
- By phone
 - Do not put us on hold.
 - Do not announce yourself if you join late or drop off or rejoin
 - Make sure your computer speakers and mic are muted.
- By internet
 - Mute your microphone when you are not speaking
 - Good headsets are a plus

Participation and Engagement

- Respond to polls and surveys
- Type in chat box with comments, reactions, questions and examples
- Speak up with your VOICE – We want to hear you, too. This is meant to be a dialogue among many.
- If you offer a suggestion or example, please indicate your library so others may follow up.

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Goals of this Legislative Update

1. Provide an overview of the 2018 Indiana General Assembly
2. Update participants about specific ILF Policy Priorities
3. Discuss next steps



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Indiana General Assembly 2018 Session Overview

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2018 Session Overview – in the media

901 bills were introduced; 202 passed.

Passed

- Sunday Sales of Alcohol
- Funding for Schools (\$25M this school year and \$75M next year)
- Professional Licenses for those with DACA status (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals)
- Workforce Development Reorganization “Light”
- CBD Oil legalization
- Opioid crisis and expanded treatment

Did not pass

- Muncie and Gary schools financial management
- Driverless/autonomous vehicles
- School safety
- Many tax bills
- Gun bills

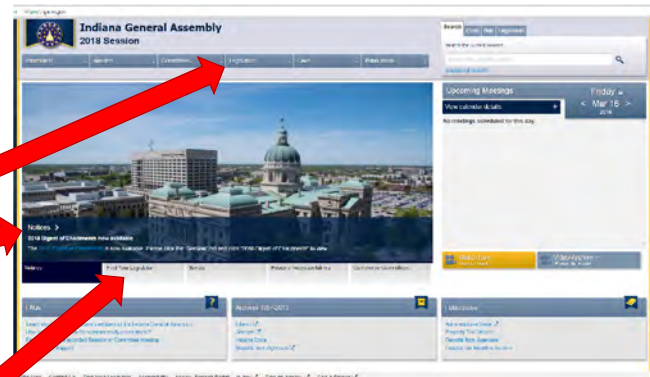
At least **20 legislators** not running for re-election. We need to develop new relationships. Sen. Pres. Pro Tem Long will retire.

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For More Information about 2018 Session

- www.in.gov/legislative
- Legislation Introduced – Search by Subject, Legislator or Bill Number
- 2018 Digest of Enactments – list of bills enacted
<https://iga.in.gov/documents/6d34f3fb>
- Find Your Legislator



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ILF Policy Priorities 2018

ILF actively advocates

- Expanded Broadband initiatives
- Lifelong learning initiatives
- School Libraries and Certified Librarians in K-12

Monitors, Supports and Acts as needed on...

- Merger of the IN Historical Bureau into the Indiana State Library
- Updating the definition of *library services* in the Indiana
- Ensuring library service for all Indiana residents.
- Increased flexibility to move funds *within* unit to support libraries
- Library funding.
- Efforts to re-organize local government.
- Changes to employment and retirement programs that affect library staff

WILL CONTINUE TO BUILD SUPPORT FOR STATE BUDGET PRIORITIES

- Increased funding for internet connectivity for libraries and schools in State budget
- Stable funding for INSPIRE in State budget

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Read Explanatory Docs, Bose Reports and Bill Lists

OPEN TO ALL – Advocacy Update
MEMBERS ONLY – Bose Report, Legislative Committee and Board minutes

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Library Day at the Statehouse February 20

ILF Outcomes for this year

- **Member education** – help members become more comfortable with in-person advocacy
- **Library awareness** – Indy PL and Vigo Co PL set up technology to allow legislative assistants, legislators and other lobbyists to try; Legislators, Attorney General Curtis Hill and Supreme Court Chief Justice visited
- **Legislator relationships and asks** – While there was no budget ask (until 2019) or single priority for 2018, we worked to strengthen the relationship and discuss issues depending upon legislators' interests and committee roles (i.e. tax policy, workforce development reorganization, ISL-IHB merger, etc.).



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ILF Priority Bills

- **HB1412, ISL-IHB merger, library code updates and archives location** - passed and signed by the governor
- **HB1002 and SB50, Workforce Reorganization** – passed
- **HB1005, Township Merger** – died 2/5; a version of this WILL be back
- **HB1065, Broadband incentives** - passed



Monitoring/Supporting Other Bills:

- Monitoring certain bills affecting **tax policy (see bill list), school issues, teacher evaluations, local government issues, higher education issues, etc.**
- **SB172, computer science curriculum**
- Many **tax bills died**, including **HB1104 (included provision for Goshen Library)** and **HB1316**, a large tax bill that included a provision to clarify how certain **items sold by Libraries and Friends groups are tax exempt** – This bill died in the final hour.
- While ILF did not advocate directly on certain bills (sex education and student journalism), the ILF Advocacy Committee discussed how/whether these belong on our list because of our support for **Intellectual Freedom**.



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Libraries and Workforce Development

- Changes to workforce training
- Changes leadership structure from SWIC, State Workforce Innovation Council, to new 17-member appointed group; for Ivy Tech boards; etc.
- Governor's and Legislators' goal for next session is to reorganize and streamline all workforce development programs—more employer-focused

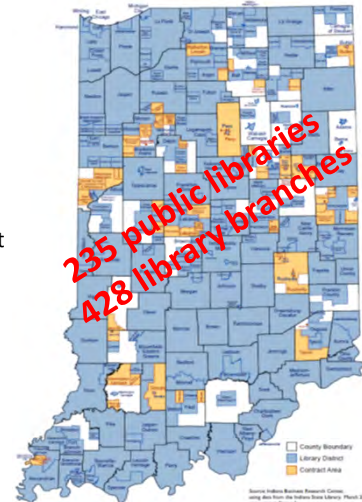
ILF's goal: elevate libraries' roles in education and workforce development

- Collaborations – school-academic-public library collaborations; library-employer collaborations; etc.
- Adult Literacy/Education—services and local access
 - Indiana Adult Literacy Study (2017)
 - Partners – Skills2Compete Coalition, IN Dept of Workforce Development (DWD), IN Association of Adult and Continuing Education (IAACE) and others

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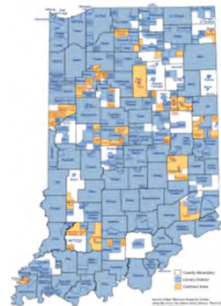
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See Feb. 8 issue of
ILF Advocacy Update for
HB1005 Explained in Detail

<http://www.stats.indiana.edu/maptools/townships.asp>

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HB1005, Township Merger bill

- Developed by the Indiana Township Association proactively in collaboration with IN Chamber and other stakeholders
- Outlined process for 300+ least populated of 1005 townships to merge over 5 year period

Public Libraries and Relationships to Townships

- 56 counties are fully served by public library districts
- 36 counties where some residents are not in district
- Alternative access has been provided through a special card, collaboration, service agreement or contract, sometimes with a township.
- HB1005 focused on Township Governance and Services, *not library district boundaries or library revenues.*
 - "A Library District is a library district."
 - Unserved townships and/or contracts with townships *might have been affected* by HB1005.



Questions on any other bills – library-related or not?



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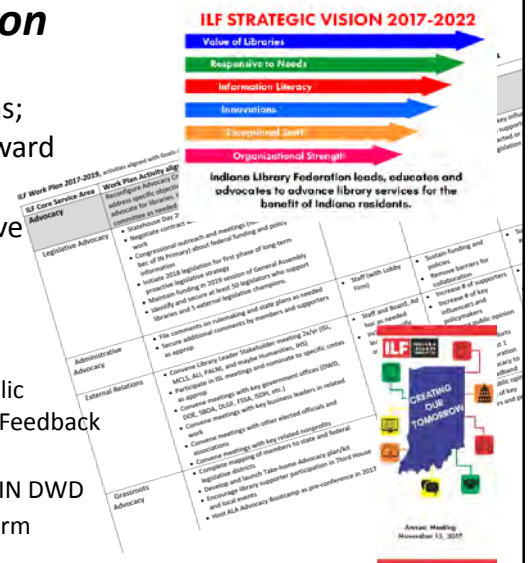
ILF Advocacy and our Strategic Vision

- **Advocacy Goals** – convert Supporters to Champions; statewide communications; proactive advocacy toward long-term goals
- **Work Plan activities** – Legislative and Administrative Advocacy, External Relations, Grassroots

Sample steps already taken

- Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD)– public libraries hosted 17 Workforce Innovation Network Employer Feedback Sessions in 2017
- *Indiana Adult Literacy Report* issued 12/2017 - contract with IN DWD
- 2017 Fall Forum session with discussion of short- and long-term strategies
- School Library Census

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School Library Census

ILF Goals:

- Good data as foundational –quantifiable and qualitative data about staffing and features of School Libraries
- **Outreach** – School librarians and staff may not know ILF/AISLE
- **Professional Development** – Support non-certified and non-MLS “librarians” and library staff (paraprofessionals, assistants)
- **Communications** – Dispel myths; elevate effective school libraries with certified school librarians
- **Advocacy** – Every Hoosier student deserves access to high quality school library services

Our next steps :

- * preview sessions with ILF leaders
- * development of report analysis and findings
- * preview of the written report with key stakeholders
- * publishing the report
- * using data and findings for ILF outreach, professional development, communications and advocacy

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Indiana School Districts



<https://ilfonline.site-ym.com/page/SchoolLibrary>



Need a few more volunteers

ILF and Public Library Directors

ILF objectives

- Strengthen engagement of Public Library Directors
- Demonstrate value for Institutional Memberships
- Strengthen advocacy with internal and external audiences
- Facilitate strategies toward long-term sustainability of quality library services for all Hoosiers

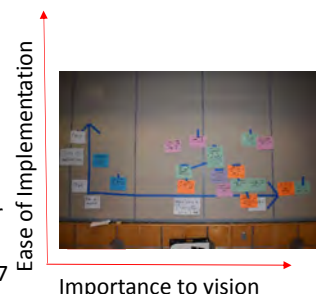
2018 Activities related to Public Library Directors

- Director-only meetings at Regional Conferences (open to non-members)
- Member-only, director-only calls/meetings to discuss long-term sustainability ideas
- IPLA Pre-Conference at Annual Conference, Monday, Nov. 12, with breakout meeting for directors only

Review *ILF Strategic Vision 2017-2022, Work Plan and Member Update* on outcomes in 2017

We welcome your feedback and other ideas.

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Your Call to Action

- Stay informed
- Help with School Libraries
- Tell your story
- Attend Local Legislative Wrap-up Meetings
- Attend Regional Conferences, including director only meetings
- Meet the Candidates in the spring and summer (Election Year tips will be shared soon; also use the *ILF Advocacy Guide*)
- Respond with ILF info for federal advocacy
- Attend Fall Forum
- Participate in IPLA Pre-Conference session (tentatively on long-term sustainability and other topics)



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Feedback?

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