

Are you registered yet?

The 2016 Annual Conference is just around the corner and this is a year you don't want to miss! The Annual Conference Committee and ILF staff are busy working hard to make this year's conference both informative and engaging.

We are excited that James Patterson will be joining us on Wednesday, Nov. 9 as our Keynote Speaker! Mr. Patterson will sign books immediately after his presentation. However, there is a limit to one book per attendee. We will also have pre-signed copies on sale at the Kids Ink booth.



On Thursday, Nov. 10 Past ALA President Barbara Stripling will be joining us as the Keynote. Barbara will also be presenting "Nuturing the Leader in You" in Veterans Hall 4 at 11:30 a.m.

Interested in learning about a new technology? We will be offering a **Digital Playground** this year for attendees to stop by and get hands-on experience with various types of technology. The Digital Playground will be located in Salon 1.

We will also be setting up a **Conversation Lounge** both Wednesday and Thursday for networking, discussions, and for those just needing a break during the day. This will be located in Veterans Hall 1/2.

Through the [ILF Sched App](#) you can create your own schedule, see who else will be attending this year, get up to the minute schedule changes, find out what vendors will be there, connect with ILF social media, and more!

Please go to the [ILF website](#) for more information on registration rates, lodging, and to register.

Update on the ILF Work Plan 2016



The ILF staff and volunteers are making progress on the [ILF Work Plan](#) that was approved by the Board of Directors on 8/11/16. Many thanks to ILF members who have joined our calls to shape two areas of the plan (highlights below):

1) Professional Development and Conferencing - Annual, Specialty and District conference planners have adopted principles for planning professional development opportunities through ILF. Over 154 ILF members provided input through a survey in August and September. Planners are developing a framework for 2017-2018 conferences and into the future. Planners are working to balance member preferences, registration costs and principles of benefits to members, quality of content, a sustainable business model and partnerships with other organizations that provide training opportunities.

2) Communications – ILF is implementing changes to improve internal and external communications. Recent updates include: contract with Lora Olive Creative, a refreshed logo, a pilot test of e-news, website changes, social media enhancements and more.

We will report our progress on the Work Plan in the [Members Documents](#) area of the website. Thank you to the many who have shared their aspirations, opinions on surveys and feedback on draft plans.

President's Column



Month by month in a school library: August brings library orientation, freshmen realizing all of the great things that we have in the library, and seniors showing that they aren't too cool to read. September is usually about instruction. Teachers start giving projects and the library is busy helping students with them. But October is one of my favorite times of the year, not only because we have a nice, long Fall Break, but also because I love Teen Read Week®. I feel like it's the time of year when I can really start showcasing all of the books and really cool things that we have going on in the library.

Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) has done a great job of putting together a large variety of materials (<http://teenreadweek.ning.com/>) for you to utilize to celebrate this week (October 9-15). From holding school or community-wide events for teens to bringing in guest authors, the possibilities are endless. If a large event is too much for you to take on, try something small. At my library we hand out popcorn to anyone who checks out or returns a book on a specific day. We get a lot of people coming in because the smell of popcorn permeates the whole school and we have a great time!

October 16-22 will begin the celebration for National Friends of Libraries week. United for Libraries is the division of the American Library Association that represents library trustees, advocates, Friends groups, and library foundations. Their website (http://www.ala.org/united/events_conferences/folweek) has webcasts that may be helpful to this group of advocates for libraries. What a great way to celebrate the people who support libraries and to let them know how much that help and support is appreciated.

There is a lot to celebrate in October (and that also means we are one step closer to the ILF Annual Conference). Enjoy!

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Goodbye to Susan Smith

ILF said goodbye to Finance Manager Susan Smith on October 6. Susan has accepted another position at the Indiana Blind Children's Foundation and will continue to balance her work with her other love of performance. Look for Susan in *Beauty and The Beast* later this year through Booth Tarkington Civic Theater.



EDITOR'S NOTE

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ILF Advocacy Update

Legislative Fall Forum

Over seventy members gathered on October 5 to shape the Legislative Agenda for 2016-2017. Each year, ILF members gather to discuss important issues to Indiana's libraries. The 2017 session of the Indiana General Assembly includes the writing of the State's two-year budget. The new year will also bring many new policymakers to the Statehouse, as Hoosiers will elect a new governor, new lieutenant governor, new attorney general, at least eighteen new legislators and potentially a new superintendent of public instruction.

Legislative Committee co-chairs Bill Wiebenga and Jos Holman and executive director Lucinda Nord laid the foundation for how and why we work in advocacy. Edra Waterman presented findings from a subcommittee on changes to Local Income Tax, upon which 214 of 237 public libraries rely for some level of funding. Contracted advocates Carolyn Elliott and Matt Long shared the outlook for 2017 with upcoming elections. Courtney Schaafsma of the IN Department of Local Government and Finance (DLGF) outlined a number of report features and answered questions. Indiana Representative Sharon Negele (R, HD 13) shared her personal story and her priority for increasing broadband access in the next session. She outlined the state budget development process.



Jos Holman



Scott Tracey, Bill Wiebenga, and David Peter

During the afternoon, attendees were engaged in an interactive session to identify consensus areas around principles, priorities and strategies for 2017. Two of the highest priorities will likely include support for INSPIRE and Connectivity in the budget and support for school libraries in the State's implementation of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A detailed priority agenda will be released soon. ILF members will work to develop and strengthen relationships with current and new policymakers.

Update on ESSA



Michelle Houser

Many ILF members have advocated for inclusion of effective school library programs in the state's plan to implement the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The Indiana Department of Education continues [input sessions through Oct. 12](#) and intends to release the draft plan by January.

ILF hosted a workshop where the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) presented a workshop to 15 school librarians on Sept. 24. Districts may be able to use grant funds to support students through school libraries and technology and to utilize the school librarian to provide cost-effective professional development and technology integration for fellow teachers throughout the district.

[AASL](#) provided their recommended talking points. School librarians...

- and effective school library programs impact student achievement, digital literacy skills and school climate/culture (Title 1).
- share their learning with other professionals when they attend conferences and work shops, applying the benefits of new techniques, strategies and technologies to the entire district (Title II, Part A).
- are uniquely suited to lead the effort in applying for competitive grants because of their expertise and access to strong professional learning networks (Title II, Part B, Subpart 1).
- increase access to personalized, rigorous learning experiences supported by technology, allowing equitable resources for all students (Title IV, Part A).

Watch the ILF website for regular updates and materials. ILF is working on materials that may be shared with parents, students and other champions for libraries.



Ben Davis 9th graders

Board Elections

The Indiana Library Federation holds its annual election in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. All current members are encouraged to [submit their vote](#).

New nominations to the ILF Board include:

Vice President/President Elect - Edra Waterman has been an Indiana library professional since graduating with her MLS from IU in 1997. A passionate advocate for high-quality library service, she has spent her public library career working to create exceptional experiences for community members as well as for library staff. Edra believes that libraries play a foundational role in the quality of life of every community, and that respect and understanding are critical to creating thriving environments of discovery, innovation, and excellence. A regular presenter (and attendee!) at library conferences, she has been involved with the Indiana Public Library Association board since 2008, and is the 2016 Board President. Edra is currently Director of Hamilton East Public Library serving the communities of Noblesville and Fishers.

Assistant Treasurer - Kevin Petsche is currently Head of Acquisitions at IUPUI. As part of that position, he manages all of the electronic resources, including e-journals, e-books and online databases. He is also responsible for the licensing of electronic resources. Kevin has been a longtime board member of the Indiana Online Users Group (IOLUG) and currently serves as the group's treasurer. He is also a member of the Academic Libraries of Indiana (ALI) Resource Advisory Group as well as a member of the Library Fund Steering Committee for the Indianapolis Foundation. For several years, he played a leading role in the ILF Technical Services Division. He has been Treasurer for ILF since January 2015.

Member at Large - Latrice Booker is the Coordinator of Library Instruction at Indiana University Northwest. She earned an MLS from Indiana University in Indianapolis in 2006 and MBA from Indiana University Northwest in 2012. She is very active in library associations, including serving as an American Library Association Councilor-at-Large, past co-chair of the ACRL Scholarships Committee, member for the ACRL Diversity Committee and past chair and secretary for the ILF District 1 Planning Committee. She was a 2009 Emerging Leader. Her research interests include the correlation between information overload and information selection, personalized learning for information literacy and satisfying information behaviors within higher education.



OCTOBER 16-22, 2016

Friends of Libraries groups have their very own national week of celebration! United for Libraries will coordinate the 11th annual National Friends of Libraries Week Oct. 16-22, 2016. The celebration offers an opportunity to celebrate Friends. Use the time to creatively promote your group in the community, to raise awareness, and to promote membership.

Teen Read Week™ is a national adolescent literacy initiative created by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA). It began in 1998 and is held annually in October the same week as Columbus Day. Its purpose is to encourage teens to be regular readers and library users.



OCTOBER 9-15, 2016

This year's event features a multi-lingual "Read for the fun of it!" theme. Library staff and educators are encouraged to use this theme to highlight all of the resources and services available to the nation's youth who speak a language other than English at home.

Seeking Volunteers for Annual Conference - Are you our next volunteer?

Volunteers are needed for the ILF 2016 Annual Conference. With an expected high attendance, we will need friendly faces to help welcome and engage members and newcomers.

We are looking for two types of volunteers:

- 1) conference attendees who can provide 1-2 hours while in attendance and
- 2) full-day volunteers (at least 6 hours) to fill in wherever needed as requested by staff. (These volunteers are not registered for the conference but will have access to the Exhibit Hall.)

All volunteers will be required to participate in an orientation conference call on Wed, Nov. 2, 10 am ET, as we review roles, responsibilities and "what is new" for the 2016 Annual Conference.

[Complete this form to volunteer.](#)

NEW ILF CONTEST FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE - DEADLINE OCT. 14

Do you have a great idea to increase community engagement in your library? Propose it in our first "3x3 Contest." What is a 3x3 (3-by-3)? Three selected finalists will be allowed 3 slides and 3 minutes to make a proposal of an innovative or collaborative project to increase community engagement. Attendees will vote on the spot using their mobile devices (or paper ballots). The winner will be granted funds (up to \$1,000) by ILF to implement their strategy by mid-2017.

Why community engagement? Keynote speaker Shanika Heyward will be speaking on community engagement at the IPLA Luncheon at the ILF Annual Conference, November 9. This activity is a way to support a member's library in community engagement innovations. Note that ALL types of libraries are eligible to participate, as all types of libraries need to be engaging their communities.

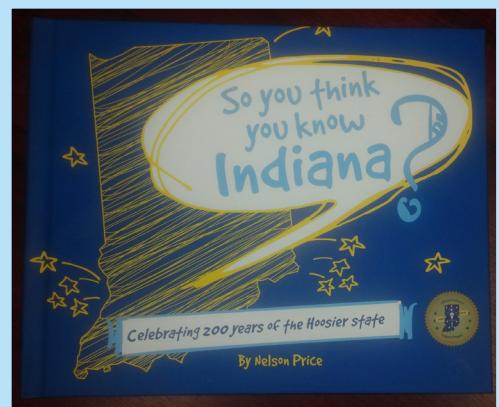
How to propose a project – Review criteria and then complete and submit the application no later than 10/14/16. Email Tisa for a MS Word version of the application.

Questions? Contact Lucinda Nord at ILF, exec@ilfonline.org, or 317-257-2040, a member of the Awards and

Attn: Public and School Libraries

Book Delivery

The Indiana Newspaper in Education Foundation book, *So you think you know Indiana? Celebrating 200 years of the Hoosier state* by Nelson Price has been published and is now being separated for shipment. Elementary schools around the state should have received a letter stating that the books would soon be delivered. Shipments will be sent out on October 13 through InfoExpress. In order to save on cost of shipping, most of these books will be shipped to the local public libraries for the schools to pick up. The books will be shipped in bags or boxes and labeled by school to assist with distribution. Thank you to all the public libraries for assisting with this task!



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