



## Legislative and Policy Priorities 2018

### The Indiana Library Federation...

#### ACTIVELY ADVOCATES for...

- Initiatives that provide additional broadband coverage to increase access, affordability and speed/capacity for residents and communities, including schools and libraries.
- Lifelong learning initiatives to increase literacy, educational attainment and workforce development.
- Support for school libraries and certified librarians in state-funded K-12 education.

#### SUPPORTS

- Updating the definition of *library services* in the Indiana Code to reflect how libraries are responsive to changing needs in communities.
- Ensuring library service for all Indiana residents.
- Increased flexibility for schools and local units of government to move funds *within* their local government agency or school district to improve support for libraries.
- Merger of the IN Historical Bureau into the Indiana State Library

#### WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR language and proposals related to the following:

- Library funding.
- Efforts to re-organize local government.
- Changes to employment and retirement programs that affect library staff, including Indiana Public Retirement System programs (INPRS).

#### WILL CONTINUE TO BUILD SUPPORT FOR STATE BUDGET PRIORITIES

- Funding for internet connectivity for libraries and schools in State budget
- Funding for INSPIRE in State budget

*Adopted by the Indiana Library Federation Board of Directors, 12/14/2017, from recommendation from the ILF Legislative Committee.*

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Note the full 2018 Policy Priority document for sharing with legislators and influencers will be available January 10, 2018.

#### Our approach to advocacy

- Indiana Library Federation is a statewide nonprofit association that is dedicated to advancing library services for the benefit of Indiana residents.
- Indiana Library Federation is nonpartisan and reflects the core values of the library field, including lifelong learning, freedom of ideas and civil discourse.