

## President's Column

By Robyn Young, 2016 ILF President



This has been quite an incredible year for the Indiana Library Federation and it is hard to believe that my time as your president is coming to a close. I started my presidency with the goal of working with all types of libraries to strengthen collaboration and rebuild relationships within the Federation. I know it has been a work-in-progress, but we hope that we have changed the mindset about how our members think about the Indiana Library Federation and what it can do for you.

- We began the year with Interim Executive Director Bev Martin examining the workings of the office and helping guide us through the process of selecting a new Executive Director. We could not have done it without her.
- Hiring Executive Director Lucinda Nord has been an eye-opening experience (and definitely a good one!). She has asked and will continue to ask, all members about where they see the future of libraries in Indiana and she focuses on how we can reach the goal of raising the status of libraries. I truly believe that she is exactly what this organization needs as the state of libraries is ever changing. She has the experience and the contacts to help us navigate a variety of situations.
- At our conference in November, I saw many conversations between people from all different types of libraries. It is just incredible how much we can learn from one another as the role of libraries is changing so dramatically.
- I'd like to thank the ILF Board, staff, and all members of ILF for your hard work and support throughout the year. You are the heart of ILF and your tireless efforts at putting together conferences, hosting meetings, or providing opportunities for collaboration are so appreciated.

However, our work is not done. As we begin the new year with Dr. David Peter as President, we look to a planning process to help us as a whole decide the vision of ILF. We will look at the structure and organization of ILF to streamline processes so that the organization is in compliance with non-profit standards. And, of course, we will continue to provide top-notch professional development through the course of the year.

I'm excited about the future of the Indiana Library Federation and of libraries and I can't wait to see what is going to happen next. It has been an honor to serve you and I truly appreciate all of the friends and colleagues that I have met on this journey.