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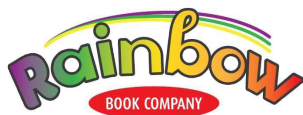
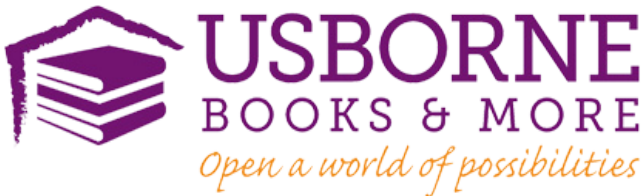


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## 12:30PM - Registration/Break with Exhibitors

Room: Atrium

## 1:30PM - General Session: E is for Everyone

### 2:15PM - 3:45PM - Breakout Session I

#### 90 Minute Sessions

##### CS First: Computer Science Clubs for All

Hands-On Lab! Anyone can teach computer science with CS First! Used by teachers, parents and librarians across the country to increase student access and exposure to computer science, CS First introduces students to core computer science concepts. Come learn how to get started with this program in your libraries and schools.

**Presenter:** Sherry Gick, Five Star Technology Solutions

**Room:** Forsyth

##### Value of Storytime

Researchers from the University of Kentucky School of Information Science, in collaboration with the Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives, the Indiana State Library, and the State Library of Ohio, conducted a multi-state study to investigate the value of public library storytimes for school readiness and community needs. This session will describe the design and purpose as well as share some preliminary results of this Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) funded project.

**Presenters:** Maria Cahill, University of Kentucky and Beth Yates, Indiana State Library

**Room:** Carmel 1-2

##### Implicit Bias

Implicit bias predicts and determines decisions and actions; it determines how we positively or negatively respond to the people we interact with on a daily basis. It is important to recognize that we all have biases; this is how we process and organize information, how we make sense of the world around us. This presentation will explore what implicit bias is, how it differs from overt bias and how to recognize it in yourself.

**Presenters:** Esther Mead and Natalie Spriggs, Peace Learning Center

**Room:** Carmel 3-4

##### Intellectual Freedom: Up Close and Personal

Intellectual freedom might seem like a dry topic, until you experience an emotionally-charged dispute about it. Then, it's far from dry—it's actually exciting. In this interactive session, we'll break into small groups and explore a variety of real-life challenges contributed from library staff around the state. We will be exploring various types of intellectual freedom interactions. This will be an interactive session.

**Presenters:** Jenny Kobiela-Mondor, Eckhart Public Library and Kelsey McLane, Goshen College

**Room:** Carmel 5-6

## 3:45PM - 4:15PM - Break with Exhibitors

## 4:15PM - 5:05PM

### Breakout Session II

##### Adulthood 101: Adulthood Doesn't Have to be Hard

We all at one time in our lives have said "adulthood is so hard" or "I wish they would have taught me this in school."

After surveying the schools in their community, Jennings County teachers agreed that students needed to learn some life skills. Join our speakers as they tell you about how they started an Adulthood 101 program at their local high school and got members in the community involved.

**Presenters:** Amanda Kingswell, Jennings County Public Library and Melessa Wiesehan, Purdue Extension Jennings County

**Room:** Carmel 1-2

##### Imagine Your Story: CSLP 2020

Join Beth Yates, the Indiana State Library's Children's Consultant, as she shares the theme, artwork, and program ideas from the Collaborative Summer Library Program's 2020 "Imagine Your Story" theme, which centers around fairy tales, mythology, and fantasy. Please come prepared to share your program ideas at this interactive session!

**Presenter:** Beth Yates, Indiana State Library

**Room:** Carmel 3-4

##### The Magick of Self-Care

This is an experiential workshop designed to enlighten the participant on the importance and benefits received from self care. Discussions will revolve around reducing stress, finding more balance, and being more productive. Some of the goals for this workshop are to help identify what self care means on a personal level, what it means to care for yourself, how to identify triggers indicating the need of caring for yourself and how to make this a regular practice in your life.

**Presenter:** Esther Mead, Magickal Peace

**Room:** Carmel 5-6

##### How to Tell Your Story

If you are not telling your story, who will? Tell your library's story, share the amazing work you do and services you offer, and advocate for libraries (school, public, or academic) through social media. Get ideas on easy ways to get started with time saving tricks, resources, topic ideas, examples and more! Be ready to create some posts with new and familiar tools. Advocate and share your awesome!

**Presenter:** JoyAnn Boudreau, Hamilton Southeastern Intermediate/Junior High

**Room:** Forsyth

##### 5:15PM - 7:15PM - Showcasing Edu-tainers

Looking for new educational experiences for your programming? This lightning round will showcase a sample of the ways they connect learning objectives through STEM, magic, music, animals and more. Performers/edu-tainers include Absolute Science, Perry Warren Magic, Hedgehog Hannah, Professor Steve, Mr. Daniel Jamboree and Big Bang Bubbles.

## 7:45PM Afterhours Trivia & Games - Atrium





**8AM - 9AM**  
**Registration/Break with Exhibitors**  
**Room:** Atrium

**9AM - 9:50AM**  
**Breakout Session III**

### **Diverse Book Talks**

Looking for the best books of 2019, and beyond? Join our panelists as they discuss diverse book and author options to add to your library.

**Panelists:** Sandra Mitchell, author and Shirley Mullin, Kids Ink Children's Books

**Room:** Carmel 3

### **You Code Like a Girl**

Learn how easy it is to get your own Girls Who Code Club started! Clubs are FREE after-school programs where 3rd-12th grade girls join our sisterhood of supportive peers and role models while using computer science to impact their community. We provide the curricula, materials, lesson guides, ongoing support, and grant funding--all you need to do is find a volunteer (no coding experience necessary) excited about inspiring the next generation of computer scientists!

**Presenter:** Hannah Simon Goldman, Girls Who Code

**Room:** Forsyth

### **Working with Homeschool Programs**

Wondering how to create a relevant and impactful program for this unique group of patrons? Join us as we discuss some scheduling tips and programming challenges and solutions for homeschoolers. Learn how Hamilton East Public Library has met the needs of their homeschooling community with STEAM clubs. A short STEAM activity will be provided if time allows.

**Presenter:** Julie Armstrong, Hamilton East Public Library

**Room:** Carmel 1-2

### **Social Emotional Early Learning Foundations & Guidance**

Looking for ways to support the social emotional development of young learners? This session will dispel myths about social emotional learning, explore the Indiana Early Learning Foundations, and share newly released resources. We will take a deeper dive into the recommended strategies to support young children's development as well as family engagement, and special populations and discuss programmatic considerations for libraries.

**Presenters:** Krystal Robinson and Sarah Parks-Reese, IN Department of Education

**Room:** Carmel 5-6

### **10AM - 10:50AM - Facilitated Topic Discussion**

Join one of these collaborative discussions, and bring your tips and questions to share with your peers.

### **Engage & Promote Early Learning**

Join this conversation around how to facilitate early literacy programs and keeping participants (young and old) engaged. Your peers will discuss ideas around how to keep parents involved, how to reinforce positive behaviors in children, and how to promote hands-on play.

**Facilitator:** Danielle Marsh, Tipton County Public Library

**Room:** Carmel 1-2

### **Help the Planet: Greening Your Library**

Looking for ways to promote a more environmentally and future friendly library and cut costs in your library? Join your peers in discussing the easier ways to go green (storytimes!) and the more time consuming changes (eliminating plastic bags.)

**Facilitator:** Suzanne Walker, Indiana State Library

**Room:** Forsyth

### **Advocating for Teens in the Library**

"Hey you! Yeah, you...that librarian that actually enjoys working with teens. We have a situation. Can you go handle it?" How many times have you heard something like that before? Or maybe you wish you would hear that instead of hearing co-workers grumble about the teens in the library. Teens are a valuable asset to our libraries but we've all seen staff complain about them. Our teens often need an advocate in the library and that advocate is you.

**Facilitator:** Robbi Caldwell, Brownsburg Public Library

**Room:** Carmel 5-6

### **Working Together: School/Library Partnerships**

Does your public library have a great working relationship with your neighboring schools? Or are you in the opposite situation? Join libraries in both positions to talk about the successes you can work to recreate at your own library, and possible solutions to challenges you've been facing.

**Facilitator:** Casey O'Leary, Indianapolis Public Schools

**Room:** Carmel 3

### **10:50AM - 11:30AM - Break with Exhibitors**

**Room:** Atrium

### **11:25AM - 12:15PM - Breakout Session IV**

### **Celebrate. Serve. Collaborate: Strategies for Creating a Welcoming Environment at Your Library**

Libraries around the country are on the frontlines of America's demographic shift. As community demographics change, libraries are adapting their approaches and services in order to create more welcoming environments for immigrant and refugee communities. This session will explore strategies for creating a more welcoming, inclusive library. How can we leverage institutional and community resources to meet organizational goals and best serve the public?

**Presenter:** Jessica Moore, Indianapolis Public Library

**Room:** Carmel 1-2

### **Collaborating with Community Partners to Strengthen Your Programming**

Expand your reach by working with outside professionals to encourage and strengthen your programming. Brownsburg Public Library and Crouching Tigers present what works best in these partnerships and how to make the beneficial for both parties and create a strong and lasting relationship that benefits your patrons!

**Presenters:** Kristen Zogbi, Crouching Tigers and Amie Scott, Brownsburg Public Library

**Room:** Carmel 3

### **Proactive Strategies for our Youngest Learners with Disabilities**

The increase in autism has an impact on nearly everyone in the community and educational systems. In this session, attendees will learn how to utilize the principles of Applied Behavioral Analysis to create environments conducive to participating and learning.

**Presenters:** Kari Sheward and Kelly Goudreau, Applied Behavior Center

**Room:** Carmel 5-6

### **Tech Centered Learning for Youth**

One way to connect with youth is to engage them in fun activities that help build relationships and keep them engaged. Jen Hoffman and Jeannette Lehr have been creating unique technology-centered experiences for youth at Monroe County Public Library for the past three years. Jen and Jeannette will discuss some of their programs and share ideas on how you can employ some of these tech tools with your youth. Everyone will gain some practical insight on how to use technology to build connections. The presentation will be followed by a hands-on activity that you can master right there at the workshop and take home with you.

**Presenters:** Jen Hoffman and Jeannette Lehr, Monroe County Public Library

**Room:** Forsyth



**12:30PM - 2PM  
Lunch/Keynote  
Zachariah OHora  
Room:** Carmel 3-4

Zachariah OHora is the illustrator of the *New York Times* best selling book *Wolfie the Bunny*. He is the author and

illustrator of a number of award-winning books including the Parent Trap for cats epic *Niblet & Ralph* that was featured on The Today Show. He lives in Narberth, PA with his wife and two sons. Visit him online at [zohora.com](http://zohora.com) or on IG @Fuzzy-town.

### **2PM - 2:45PM - Zachariah OHora & Sandra Mitchell Signing/Break with Exhibitors**

**Room:** Atrium

### **2:45PM - 3:35PM - Breakout Session V**

#### **Analog Programming in a Digital Age**

Current programming trends focus a lot on technology. It is important to remember however, that non-technological programming is important and serves a purpose in teen learning as well. Many of the skills teens learn through non-digital programming such as crafting and other interactive programs transfer into use with digital programming and also gets them out from behind their myriad of screens and interacting socially with others.

**Presenter:** Kirsten Weaver, Indianapolis Public Library

**Room:** Carmel 1-2

#### **Let's Play in the Library: What it is (and often isn't)**

Come and learn what play looks like and how we can help children develop in multiple domains by offering different kinds of opportunities to play, the benefits of play, and how to implement play in libraries.

**Presenters:** Marra Honeywell and Jen McKinney, Allen County Public Library

**Room:** Carmel 5-6

#### **Tech Resources for Awesome Careers**

TRAC (Tech Resources for Awesome Careers) uses technology to provide job-specific STEM activities to excite and educate middle school students about career-readiness. Developed from the need to narrow the skills gap in the emerging work force, TRAC is a partnership that includes the Bedford Public Library, the North Lawrence Community School Corporation, and local employers such as General Motors and NSWC Crane. Nathan Watson, the creator of TRAC, will share how the program was developed, its evaluation and outcomes, its role in Bedford Public Library's Strategic Plan, the importance of industry and education partnerships, and how technology such as VR, drones, and more are used to teach students work skills and how to be engaged in career planning.

**Presenter:** Nathan Watson, Bedford Public Library

**Room:** Forsyth

#### **Where's My Cape? Part II**

You were a hard-working youth librarian. Now, you're a youth manager moving at the speed of light. Experienced or just starting out, everyone needs a support network. Join this management panel for tips and tricks about time management, coping with staffing dynamics, and handling change. Sessions are always better with audience participation, so bring your questions.

**Panelists:** Emily Ellis, Greenwood Public Library; Lynn Thomas, New Castle-Henry County Public Library; Shanna Hurd, Muncie Public Library

**Room:** Carmel 3-4



For the past seven years, **Julie Armstrong** has tirelessly and creatively served the youth communities of the Hamilton East Public Library through service and programming. With a decade of personal experience as a home-schooling parent, she brings a unique perspective, robust understanding, and relevant goals to her home-school enrichment programs.

Her love of STEAM programming comes from true dedication to encouraging and nurturing the natural curiosity found in children as they explore the world. Julie has discovered methods for success using creativity, education, and a sense of wonder that will be welcomed in any library setting.

**JoyAnn Boudreau** is a teacher librarian at a 5-8 building in Fishers, Indiana. She strives to move everything towards equity and inclusivity, encourage and support literacy, lead and model technology integration, and help her students and staff however she can. She is a perpetual learner, bookworm, and maker. She is also a Flipgrid Ambassador and GridGuide, Apple Teacher, and Microsoft Innovative Educator. But her favorite thing of all (besides her two young kids) are stories.

**Maria Cahill** is an associate professor at the University of Kentucky with a joint appointment in the School of Information Science and Educational Leadership Studies. Her research focuses on the literacy development of children and adolescents within the context of library services and programming.

**Emily Ellis** began her career as the first dedicated Teen Librarian at the Greenwood Public Library in 2007. She spent the next 5 years building a vibrant, busy teen program before being promoted to Head of Reference and Teen Services in 2012. Emily is now the Assistant Director (2016). Along with her previous duties, she now also helps plan building-wide initiatives and staff development, manages marketing and outreach, and supervises technology needs. Despite her new job title, Emily still has a passion for serving teens and wishes she could spend more time in TeenHQ.

**Sherry Gick** is a Director of Innovative Learning for Five Star Technology Solutions. A Google for Education Certified Trainer, she leads professional learning for librarians, teachers & administrators across the state of Indiana & beyond on leadership, GSuite for Education, STEM and effective technology integration. A former teacher-librarian, she is passionate about libraries, technology, reading and connecting.

**Hannah Simon Goldman** is a Regional Partnership Coordinator at Girls Who Code. Born and raised in Cincinnati, she has worked with non-profits like Women Writing for (a) Change, and graduated from Denison University with a BA. in Women's and Gender Studies. She likes to frequent the Blue Ash Public Library, where an art project she helped make as a teen still hangs on the wall.

As Clinical Director, **Kelly Goudreau** oversees programming and clinical staff at Applied Behavior Center (ABC) for Autism's Greenwood, Indianapolis North, and Richmond locations. Kelly is also a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). Kelly received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Evansville and her Master's degree in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) from Ball State. She started with ABC in 2009 as a therapist and has grown professionally with this company. As a BCBA, Kelly combines the behavioral aspects of ABA with various techniques to help achieve the greatest outcome for our kids.

**Jen Hoffman** has been working with youth at Monroe County Public Library for four years and has been exploring ways to improve engagement with teens through technology and maker activities throughout her time there. Jen's background is with Special Audiences (like Jail and Bookmobile) and Teen Services and has a unique perspective working with diverse audiences.

**Marra Honeywell** is the Youth Services Manager at the Allen County Public Library (ACPL). At the ACPL, she is committed to rethinking spaces and programming to provide unique creative spaces for families to play and learn together. She has worked as a children's librarian since 2006, and has previously worked with a variety of youth serving nonprofits focusing on youth voice and advocacy. She likes dance parties, glitter glue, the sound of block towers being knocked down, and listening to parents and caregivers read aloud to the children they love.

**Shanna Hurd** is the Youth Services Supervisor at the Maring-Hunt Library. She has been working in youth services since 2008 and been a supervisor since 2015. Shanna received her MLS from Indiana University in Bloomington, with a focus on public and youth services. As a child, she felt that libraries were magical places, and she hopes that by being a librarian she can share that feeling with the families that she serves.

**Amanda Kingswell** is the Teen Services Librarian at the Jennings County Public Library. She has been in this job for six years and loves every minute of it. She serves on the YHBA, Eliot Rosewater, and Youth Services Division Committees. Amanda is currently studying to earn her degree in Library Science. When she is not busy with work or school, Amanda enjoys spending time with her husband of seven years and their three year-old son.

**Jenny Kobiela-Mondor** is the Assistant Director at Eckhart Public Library in Auburn, Indiana. She's passionate about intellectual freedom, education, serving the public, and building the best romance collection the public library world has ever seen. She has a bachelor's degree in Journalism & History and a certificate in Jewish Studies from IU Bloomington, and an MLS from IUPUI.

**Jeannette Lehr** has been working with youth at Monroe County Public Library for four years and has been, with Jen Hoffman, exploring ways to improve engagement with teens through technology and maker activities throughout her time there. Jeannette's background is in Media Studies and Media Production and she has experience working with different age groups to produce various kinds of creative media. Jen and Jeannette are constantly looking for ways to better connect with the ever-elusive teen audience and are always experimenting with different programs and technologies.



**Jen McKinney** is Assistant Manager and Children's Librarian at the Tecumseh Branch of the Allen County Public Library. She has served the needs of youth in libraries, community centers, daycares, schools, a large aging bookmobile, and beyond since 1999. She sees the extraordinary in ordinary, everyday experiences and interactions with kids and their families. She's passionate about facilitating welcoming, safe spaces for kids and their grownups to learn from each other through play.

**Kelsey McLane** has worked with teens and children in multiple library settings, and is now employed as a librarian at Goshen College. Kelsey is a fierce advocate for Intellectual Freedom, and enjoys the challenge of spreading the word about all facets of IF in libraries and schools! During her non-library time, Kelsey enjoys spending time with her family, attempting to keep her house plants alive, and playing board games! Need a book suggestions for kiddos? She can help with that!

**Esther Mead** is currently a full time student working towards her teaching license! She teaches Restorative Practices & Circles to teachers and students in schools, facilitates Implicit Bias workshops, works as a substitute teacher, runs a nonprofit, and is a momma to three kids! She is passionate about everything she does including youth driven projects and personal growth work. Esther has spoken internationally about manifesting through meditation and the importance of mindfulness.

**Sandra Mitchell** is the author of *Shadowed Summer*, *The Vespertine*, *The Spring Sweet*, *The Elementals*, and *Mistwalker*. She's also the editor of the YA anthology *Defy the Dark*. Writing as Jessa Holbrook, she published her first romantic contemporary YA, *While You're Away*. Her first YA novel, *Wild* writing as Alex Mallory, came out in 2014. In 2019, her newest novel, *All the Things we do in the Dark* will be published by HarperTeen. Coming in 2020 will be *Camp Murderface*, co-authored with Josh Berk.

**Jessica Moore** serves as the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer with The Indianapolis Public Library. She is responsible for developing and implementing immigrant and refugee initiatives for the library system and staying abreast of changing demographics in central Indiana to cater organizational initiatives. She previously worked in ESL and bilingual programs for a large public school district in Indiana and assisted in the resettlement of refugees through a local resettlement agency. She received her BA in Spanish from DePauw University and an MA in International Relations – focused on immigration and refugee resettlement from University of Indianapolis.

**Shirley Mullin** has been a bookseller for 33 years following creation of the Riley Family Library, an adjunct teacher and librarian at IUPUI, a school librarian and kindergartenteacher. She has degrees in Elementary Education and a M.A. in Librarianship plus additional random classes like History of the Child, and Women's Studies!

**Sarah Parks-Reese** began her career in Early Childhood Education as a preschool teacher, then was promoted to Center Trainer, then Center Assistant, and finally Center Director. She was a Center Director for 14 years before assuming the role of Director of Curriculum and Instruction for 10 non-profit early care and education centers. Sarah supported directors in this position for three years, helping them improve the quality of their center programming, further develop over 200 of their teaching staff, aiding in their quest of national accreditation, Paths to Quality and much more. During this time she also achieved her Master's Degree in Education. In March of 2018 Sarah began work at the Indiana Department of Education as the Pre-K Expansion Specialist. In her role there, she works primarily with schools around Indiana to help expand or develop pre-k programs to expand the state pre-k pilot On My Way Pre-k statewide. In addition she serves as an Adjunct Faculty teaching Early Childhood Education courses online at Indiana Wesleyan.

**Krystal Robinson** is the current Early Learning Specialist at the Indiana Department of Education. With over 13 years' experience working with children and families and in early education field support for a range of settings, she brings a unique perspective to training and development. Krystal holds a Master's Degree in Leadership Development with a concentration in Early Childhood Program Administration and has presented at local, regional, and national level conferences.

**Amie Scott** developed her love of reading at a young age and walking up the steps of her hometown Carnegie library felt like such a magical experience that it inspired her to become a librarian. She's worked in public libraries the past 16 years, with 14 of those at Brownsburg Public Library. She is the Assistant Director there and has served as an instructor at IUPUI for a collection development course and has led several webinars as well. On a personal note, she is a newlywed (last May) and combined she and her husband have five (5) children - all girls! She loves to cook and is a volunteer DJ on Saturday mornings at WRYZ.org/98.9 FM.

As Clinical Director, **Kari Sheward** oversees programming and clinical staff at Applied Behavior Center for Autism's Early Childhood Center and Carmel, Indianapolis West, and Terre Haute locations. Kari is also a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. She has an undergraduate degree in Psychology from Ball State University and a Masters of Science degree in Psychology with a specialization in Applied Behavior Analysis from Kaplan University. She has achieved her Board Certification and has worked as a BCBA serving children of all ages.

**Natalie Spriggs** has spent the last 12 years in the non-profit sector directing youth programming. She has her degrees in Early Childhood Education and Child Development. She holds certifications in Civic Reflection and Dialogue and Mental Health First Aid.

**Lynn Thomas** has been the children's library manager at the New Castle-Henry County Public Library for the last four years. Lynn came to New Castle from Illinois and received her MLIS from Louisiana State University.



**Nathan Watson** is the Director of Operations at Bedford Public Library (BPL). At BPL, his passion is getting teens fired up about career-readiness. He has worked with community partners, politicians, business owners, and educators to develop programs that teach students how to be engaged and competitive in a future job market. This work in his community earned him the Bedford 4 Under 40 award. Nathan is a

member of the 2018 cohort of the Indiana Library Leadership Academy, a member of the Indiana State Library's Professional Development Committee and looks forward to a bright future at Bedford Public Library.

**Kirsten Weaver** has been working in libraries for 17 years and working and advocating for teen services for eight of those. She is passionate about connecting teens with literature and teaching useable skills through fun programming. She feels a strong responsibility to represent minority populations in professional settings. Kirsten began as the Teen Programming Specialist at IndyPL in January of 2016 after spending five years as the teen services librarian at the Frankfort Community Public Library. She now spends her time planning system-wide teen programming for Indianapolis Public Library.

**Melessa Wiesehan** is a 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator with Purdue Extension Jennings County. She has held this position for five years. Melessa manages the Jennings County 4-H program which includes year-round educational opportunities that incorporate civic engagement and leadership, healthy living and science (STEM). She is also responsible for adult volunteer development and plans and oversees 4-H events at the Jennings County Fair. Melessa has a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education in Speech, Communications and Theater and a Master's Degree in Library Science. Melessa was a children's and young adult librarian and manager for 15 years prior to working for Purdue University. Melessa also stays busy at home helping her husband and their two teenage children on their family farm.

**Beth Yates** is the Children's Services Consultant in the Professional Development Office of the Indiana State Library (ISL). She has been at ISL since 2015. Prior to working at ISL, she was a Children's librarian for 12 years at the Johnson County Public Library - White River Branch in Greenwood, IN, serving as Children's Services Manager for eight of those years. She has been Indiana's representative at the CSLP Annual Meeting for four years, and is currently serving a term as an At-Large Board Member for the organization.

**Kristen Zogbi** has been with Crouching Tigers since 2011, first as an instructor and then as a program director for the Indianapolis market. Kristen's passion and enthusiasm for building the self esteem and confidence in her students has carried into her role as a program director.



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- Institutional members support the core services of ILF. Staff and trustees of Institutional members may attend virtual conferences for free and regional conferences at the member rate.

**Awards** – Nominate a person, library or organization for their library excellence. Nominations accepted Jan.–June; awarded in Nov.

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**Advocacy** – ILF is THE organization that advocates and lobbies for libraries in Indiana. Subscribe to Advocacy Updates. Children/Teen Librarians are welcome to attend Legislative Fall Forum and Statehouse Day.

**Virtual Exchanges via online meeting**– Join from your computer or telephone for a short learning session and discussion with peers.

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### Typical Calendar of ILF Events Mark your calendar!

**Youth Services Conference** - THE conference for librarians and staff in children, teen and youth services. Mark your 2020 calendar for August 16-17, 2020 @ Plainfield Embassy Suites.

**Legislative Fall Forum** - Provides training and plans strategy for the next legislative session – Oct. 3 @ Anderson Public Library.

**Annual Conference** – THE premier conference for Indiana librarians, library staff, and supporters of all library types

- 2019 – Nov. 4-5 @ Indianapolis Marriott East and
- 2020 – Nov. 16-18 @ Grand Wayne in Fort Wayne.

**Library Day at the Statehouse** - Feb. 2020.

**Regional Conferences** – One-day professional development held in libraries throughout the state April-May; content for library staff.