Prepping for 2019 Library Day at the Statehouse
Coming to the Indiana State Library and the Indiana Statehouse

• Arrive at ISL no later than 9am. Most appointments start 10 or 10:30.
• Dress is business or business casual with comfortable shoes
• No weapons, including knives (will go through security)
• Bring a tote bag for your things (we will provide one if not)
• Business card
• Cell phone
• Invite to event?
• Story of impact of INSPIRE or Internet Connectivity funds
• Library Directors – Specific information how HB1343 may impact you
• If your library has branded thank you cards, bring a few to write while you are waiting.
• SMILE and flexibility for the day

PARKING OPTIONS
• [https://www.downtownindy.org/get-around-downtown/park/](https://www.downtownindy.org/get-around-downtown/park/)
• Circle Center Mall (World Wonders Garage at Illinois and Maryland).
• Indiana History Center (New York and West Streets)
• Court Street Garage – directly across from statehouse but most expensive.

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Welcome to the Your Statehouse

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In your packet

1. Info for you
   • Statehouse Map
   • Legislator bio(s)
   • ILF Policy Priority Document
   • Feedback sheet
   • Staff / Bose cell phone numbers
   • Schedule of appointments

2. Info to share with legislator (as applic)
   • One-pager with focus on state budget priorities
   • Sticky Notes to leave as a gift
   • Only as needed
     • Full policy priority
     • Map of library service areas

   ILF Staffed Table will have:
   Supplemental Information
   • Legislative Directory – PLEASE RETURN TO ILF
   • HB1343 Handout
   • LIRF explained

   After your meeting
   • Send a thank you
   • Turn in your feedback sheet
Your Statehouse

The “Long Session” January – April, odd years
Biennial budget (HB1001)
July 2019–June 2021, $38 Billion
The “Short Session” – Jan. – March, even years

Supermajorities in both chambers
House 67 R – 33 D
Senate 40 R – 10 D

YOUR RELATIONSHIPS ARE CRITICAL!

www.in.gov/legislative
Key Messages:
Practice your elevator speech
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<td>Value of libraries</td>
<td>Education – after-school; research; self-directed reading; project-based learning Literacy – parent groups and child care support for early literacy; info literacy; adult basic learners Workforce development – job search and applications; career testing; resources Community – for all; hub for activities; classes; activities; quality of place.</td>
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<td>Changing Future-oriented</td>
<td>Libraries are changing to meet the needs of the community for the future (more internet, more digital resources, interactive hub for community, <em>quality of place</em>). Roles in e-government, e-books, e-cards, <em>broadband access</em>, etc. Everyone has a search tool in pocket, but need help understanding the information or the tool.</td>
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<td>Specific ask or Information</td>
<td>Budget items – internet connectivity for libraries and schools; INSPIRE, Indiana’s Virtual Library – <em>Thanks to House. Keep in Senate version of Budget.</em> School librarians are licensed teachers who qualified for school librarian certification. Other special – broadband; criminal background checks; tax structure; property tax structure.</td>
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<td>Invite follow up</td>
<td>We would love to see you at our _____ event/activity. Bring your children/grandchildren to our ____. I (or Lucinda) will send you additional information about your question.</td>
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Second half of session – Check the Advocacy Updates

- Bill Lists
  - **HB1001, the state budget** – INSPIRE and Internet Connectivity are in House budget;
    House: *Thank you for including.* Senate: *Please keep amounts in through the Senate.*
  - **HB1343, Public Libraries** – *We appreciate improvements made through amendments in the House and we still have concerns. Let me explain possible impact in our community.*
    - **HB1052, Local Income Tax** – This bill relates to HB1343. Libraries, on average, receive 23% of their operating revenue from Local Income Tax. This bill decouples LIT from taking the max levy, which will enable certain libraries to reduce their levy without reducing their LIT.
  - **SB64, Criminal Background Checks** – *We support the safety of children. Most libraries require background checks on employees who work directly with children. This bill requires more than what is required for school employees and volunteers. We are working with bill sponsors to make it more similar to schools.*
  - **HB1214, Construction Managers as Constructor**
  - **HB1427, DLGF Matters**
  - **SB623, Property Tax Matters (“dark stores”)**
  - **Many other bills** – *See bill list – several about teacher pay, school safety, property and local income tax, etc.*
Sample flow to a meeting

**If do not know / have a relationship**

- Ask a question – *Tell me about your library experience.*
- Find a connection (bio, professional, values, activities)
- Share 1-2 key library messages
  - HB1001 – INSPIRE and Internet
  - HB1343 – Possible impact
- Invite follow-up with your library or school or community initiative
- Thank you.

**If already know / have a relationship**

- Thanks for taking the time to meet today.
- Strengthen relationship
  - Reinforce; appreciate; advocacy messages
  - *I want to be a resource for you.*
- Share 1-2 key messages
- Invite specific follow-up
- Thank you
After the meeting, snap a good photo.
When you are waiting or after you go home
While you wait or when you go home

While you wait

• Tweet a photo of your colleague – use #LibraryStatehouseDay and tag @ilfonline and your legislator’s Twitter handle
• Address your thank you cards
• Sit in on a committee hearing or watch session at 1:30 from the Gallery

When you go home

• Tell your story (what do you do best?)
• Maintain and strengthen relationships
• Build local champions
Thank you!