Camp Leadership - Incoming Leadership Gain Knowledge and Christmas Spirit

On December 12, the Anderson Public Library welcomed 36 incoming district, division, association, and committee leaders for the 2013 Camp Leadership to gain insight into the processes, rules, and general information of ILF for their roles in the coming year.

With a theme of “The Twelve Days of ILF,” the attendees were split into three groups, the French Hens, the Calling Birds, and the Swans a-Swimming, and then circulated through presentations given by ILF staff.

Thanks to outgoing treasurer Jason Hatton who assisted in presenting on finance. Other sessions included Publications/Membership and Conference Planning. The sessions resulted in a lot of information being given to the incoming leadership, as well as great dialogue between ILF staff and the attendees. Throughout the day, attendees received tickets for asking great questions, giving valuable insight, being engaged in the presentations, wearing colorful neckties, and making the appropriate noises/motions for their group’s name. The winner of the day, with 13 tickets, was the 2013 CYPD Chair, Katie Mullins from Kendallville Public Library.

After a fantastic lunch catered by Larry Peck, about 20 attendees stayed for tours of the Anderson Public Library and the 1905 Andrew Carnegie building—located just a block away. The former home to the Anderson Public Library until 1987 is a beautiful Neo-classical structure on the National Register of Historic Places which includes extraordinary craftsmanship such as oak fireplaces, a stained glass rotunda, classic columns, marble stairway and countertops, and special lighting. The tours were a great way to end a beneficial and exciting day.

The ILF would like to thank everyone who attended the 2013 Camp Leadership. Any binder changes and presentation materials are available for any leader who could not attend. Please email shannon@ilfonline.org for more information.

“In the Public Trust” Manual

Stephen Boggs, Director of New Carlisle Public Library, brought it to our attention that the Indiana State Library had updates to the “In the Public Trust” manual. This is a very good manual. The following link has all of the chapters and a cover sheet denoting revisions and chapters under revision. Please feel free to download it:

Gift Ideas

The ILF office has new items for sale. The popular black socks with a colorful stack of books ($9) are made in the U.S.A. The white coffee mug with “green reader” has an attractive, modern graphic ($10) and is a great size mug (not too large). The note cards are also available for $1.50 each or a pack of five for $6.50. Contact sakers@ilfonline.org for orders.
As I take the gavel from Dennis Leloup, I want to publicly thank him for his effective leadership of the Indiana Library Federation. He set a high standard for library advocacy. I hope to meet that standard during my tenure as President of the Indiana Library Federation.

As you all well know, advocacy requires a daily commitment to promote the value of libraries. It doesn’t just happen with the ILF Legislative Committee and in the Indiana State Legislature. It occurs with every patron transaction, at every trustee board meeting, every library public event, every story time, every reference request, every day that we awaken energized and empowered to tackle the challenges ahead.

I am taking to heart Peter Bromberg’s advice during his keynote address at the 2012 ILF Conference. He raised the power of self-assessment through questions. He laid out a model for effective action modified from Steve and Jill Morris’ Leadership Simple.

Model for Effective Action

- What do you want?
- What actions have you taken?
- (Did you) Move in the right direction?
- What else can you do?
- What WILL you do?

Excerpted from FrameChanges (How to be Effective) by Peter Bromberg on Nov 14, 2012


I feel that in order to be an effective advocate one must take action. I have been involved for several years on the ILF Legislative Committee. I’ve taken part in ILF Legislative Day and have traveled to Capitol Hill in DC to speak to our Indiana representatives about the value of libraries. However, I know advocacy entails more than this. I’d like to hear your perspectives on the value of advocacy, what forms it can take, how you take effective action.

I look forward to our journey this next year.

Sincerely,

Robin Crumrin
(rcrumrin@iupui.edu)
2012 Annual Conference Poster Session

During the 2012 ILF Annual Conference, a poster presentation was organized with a panel awarding points for overall visual appeal, substance, originality of topic, and clear comprehensive narrative that is well supported. The entries were very impressive, and we thank the entrants for sharing their work and ideas with those at the conference.

The winning poster, Designing an Interactive Library Dashboard, summarized the steps and software that were used to construct a statistical dashboard for the Cunningham Memorial Library at Indiana State University. When Library Dean, Alberta Comer requested an online dashboard to represent the library’s vital statistics, Heather Rayl began researching various products to use for the project.

After researching several methods, Heather chose Highcharts JS, a jquery charting library. Its clean design, easy implementation, open API which allowed for customization, and ability to accepts arrays of dynamic data made it the best choice for the project. The result is a graphical display of the library’s annual statistics.

Heather said, “The graphical data makes it easier to understand trends at a glance, quicker to interpret and understand than a table of figures or narrative text, and is more eye catching and memorable than text.”

The next steps she would like to take with the project include aligning the data more closely with strategic planning goals and taking a closer look at design. The presentation was based on a presentation that was given at the Indiana Online Users Group Fall Program. To view the poster visit: https://sites.google.com/site/heathermaryl/presentations/poster-charts.

The runner-up was Laura MacLeod Mulligan and Adam J. Kuban, Ball State University. The topic was Screencasts and Standards: Connecting an Introductory Journalism-Research Course with Information Literacy. This project exercise integrated information-literacy standards articulated by the ACRL. Also, students’ screencasts augmented the existent University Libraries’ website (they are embedded in the journalism LibGuide) and offer students and scholars the option of learning via audio/visual tutorials. Thank you to all participants!

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Budget & Avis Rental Car Services

We are pleased to announce that Budget and Avis are now suppliers of rental car services for members of ILF.

For personal and/or business rentals when making a reservation, it is very important that you always ask for the best rate available by providing the Avis and Budget Discount numbers that were e-mailed to all members during the last week of November. You may also use the coupons found here.

Questions? Please contact askus@ilfonline.org or call Tisa Davis at 317-257-2040, ext. 104 if you did not receive the e-mail and would like to receive the Budget or Avis discount coupons.
Friends of Indiana Libraries (FOIL): A New ILF Division

On October 22, 2012, FOIL hosted a one-day conference and annual meeting with 60 attendees at the Tippecanoe County Public Library (TCPL) in Lafayette, Ind. The members voted unanimously to merge under the umbrella of the Indiana Library Federation.

Two sessions on technology were offered in addition to ILF’s own Michelle Clemons providing a session on building relationships with volunteers. Kathy Eickmann of the Friends of the New Albany-Floyd County Library discussed her library’s book sale history and success. The TCPL Friends provided a tour and discussed how they use online sales which accrue many thousands of dollars per year which is donated to the library for special programs and services.

Gard Honored for Work with Libraries

By Kitty Smock, HCPL’s Communication Manager

Indiana Sen. Beverly Gard’s legacy of service and dedication to Indiana’s libraries was recently honored in a packed room at the Indiana Public Library Association luncheon during the Indiana Library Federation’s annual conference in Indianapolis on Nov. 13.

Gard, who retired this fall, has continually championed libraries and library issues during her 24 years as a state lawmaker. Gard authored and supported numerous bills on behalf of libraries, most recently, Senate Bill 485, which allowed the Indiana State Library access to a new income stream by establishing a charitable foundation with fundraising capabilities.

The creation of ISL’s foundation makes the library eligible for new grants and sponsorships and allows additional private funding to supplement tax revenue.

The legislation is an economic boon for Indiana libraries. ISL coordinates shared resources across the state, including an online virtual library, book lending between libraries, special services for the visually impaired, book and manuscript preservation and collaborative summer reading programs.

“Beverly will be greatly missed as the voice of libraries in the Senate and was our ‘go to’ person for the ILF Legislative Committee,” said Dianne Osborne, director and CEO of Hancock County Public Library. Osborne has known Gard since before the senator began her library board tenure in 2002.

About three years prior, countywide library service didn’t exist. Some Hancock County residents living outside the two library districts paid annual fees but most were denied access. That changed when, with cooperation from House sponsors Bob Cherry and Scott Mellinger and County Commissioner Armin Apple, Gard authored Senate Bill 166, which replaced property tax revenues used for the library with revenues from the County Economic Development Tax. Gard’s innovative bill made Hancock County’s libraries the only two in Indiana not supported by property tax. It also enabled anyone living in Hancock County to get a free library card.

Gard’s library advocacy continues with her membership on HCPL’s board. She is currently helping revamp the library’s strategic plan for relevant and economic use of its resources in the future.
2013 LEGISLATIVE DAY

Who: The library community

What: 2013 Legislative Day

When: Jan. 15, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. (Registration begins at 10 a.m.) We’ll head to the Statehouse between 12:30 and 12:45 p.m.

Where: Begins at the Great Hall, Indiana State Library (2nd floor) followed by lunch

Why: This is a great time to let your elected officials know in advance that you’ll be at the Statehouse.

We’ll learn more about talking with legislators and encourage their support of the ILF’s legislative action agenda.

Cost: $15 per person with meal; $5 without meal

More: The House convenes at 1 p.m. and the Senate convenes at 1:30 p.m. We think the prime time to visit is 12:45 to 1:45 p.m.

Registration: go to www.ilfonline.org/main/events You may also print a PDF of the registration form on the events site and send it to the ILF or email it to michelle@ilfonline.org. The deadline for registration is January 9.

NOTE: We encourage you to notify your legislator in advance that you will be in town and he/she will be more likely to come off the floor or be available if they know there are constituents in the building.

Resizing Photos for Your Library’s Website

In addition to great content and ease of navigability, your website should contain interesting, professional-looking imagery and photography. In order for these images to look good and load quickly, they must be sized correctly. Here are some tips for resizing images correctly for your website.

Use the right software - Since most photos and images will tend to be high-resolution and typically scaled to be as large as possible, you will need to scale them down to fit on your website. Digital cameras and smart phones produce large images to make sure they turn out well if you want to print them. On the web, however, we need to reduce the size of these images.

Some favorite tools for resizing images include Pixelmator, Pic Resize, Snipshot, Dosize and Picasa. These online tools will give you an easy way to shrink your images down to the right size. If you would prefer to use software on your computer, you may already have what you need. Microsoft Office can resize your photos, too. Just use the Office Picture Manager application and you’re good to go. Mac Users: Preview can resize your images, too. Note: don’t rely on your CMS to resize images. Most content management systems will allow you to “resize” images directly within the web page but this typically does not actually resize the image file. It simply reduces the space allocated to the image on the web but the entire image still has to load.

Maintain aspect ratio - A common problem is failure to maintain aspect ratio. You’ll see this problem when you look at a photo and the person in it looks “squished” or distorted. Here is example of Katie’s photo that has been resized with improper and proper aspect ratio:

The photo on the left looks squished while the one on the right accurately shows her. This usually happens due to sizing an image on one axis while the other axis is not “linked” to it. To make sure you avoid this problem, make sure you resize images with both the X and Y axis linked together. This can often be accomplished by holding down the “Shift” key on your keyboard. It will, however, depend on the software you are using so you’ll want to look for this setting.

Other effects - Along with resizing, you’ll want to crop your images so they look better on your website. The tools listed above will also allow you to crop so you can remove background objects and leave just the person or subject that you want to display.

Conclusion - Even though most content management systems will allow you to do basic image editing and resizing within the system, it’s far better to resize and edit images before you upload them into a web page. This will ensure that they look good, load quickly, and are easy to manage.

The ILF thanks Michael Reynolds, Spinweb, for assistance on this article.
Resources for Disabled Patrons

By Leslie Sutherlin, AISLE President

January is always the kick-off to the awards season and during this time the powers that be announce the ALA big winners, reveal the Oscar nominations, and pass out the People’s Choice Award. It is as if the big to-do with the ball drop gets everyone in the mood to celebrate.

One area of library service I like to celebrate is assisting individuals with disabilities, so I have come up with my own Big Winner list of the best places in Indiana to find help for your patrons with disabilities.

1. Talking Books & Braille Library run out of the Indiana State Library. http://www.in.gov/library/tbbl.htm It is sad the number of visual or reading-disabled patrons I have encountered who are not aware of this great resource. Patrons who use this service do not just include patrons who have a seeing eye dog. Patrons who are legally blind can also get enrolled, as well as students whose disabilities can be confirmed by a doctor. Don’t forget about patrons who once could see but now cannot, due to macular degeneration, stroke, or physical issues. The state library can connect you with materials to promote this program.

2. Center for Disability Information and Referral. http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/index.php?pageId=34 This gold mine is located in Bloomington and can connect to any Indiana resident in person or through the mail. They have over 5,000 books, videos, and kits on various topics across multiple disabilities. The next time a parent or teacher searches for information to assist a newly diagnosed child, be sure to use this excellent FREE resource.

3. IN*SOURCE http://www.insource.org/index.htm This is the Indiana Resource Center for Families with Special Needs and its mission is to provide information and training to families and service providers of disabled individuals. They do not have a physical library to share but they have a lot of links to helpful information. When a library staff encounters a patron with a disability, this site and the contacts there can be helpful in educating the staff and providing solutions that will make the programs and facility more accessible.

4. PATINS Project http://patinsproject.com/ Another awesome Indiana resource that can be utilized by Indiana educational agencies is PATINS. They have several programs which use technology to bring more of the world to students with disabilities. They also loan equipment to schools for preview or trial periods. I recommend you sign up for their Rapid Fire Blog which highlights many of the sites great features in small doses.

Handicap ramps and doors have helped our disabled patrons get in the building, but these websites can make our library programs and services more meaningful. Whether you are trying to assist an autistic adult, a low vision child, or a frightened parent, you may be the first person to share these valuable tools with them. The people behind these programs certainly earn a blue ribbon in my book—and I hope they do in yours, too.

ALA Seeking Applications for “StoryCorps @ your Library” Grant

The ALA Public Programs Office, in partnership with StoryCorps, is accepting applications from public libraries and library systems interested in hosting “StoryCorps @ your library” programs. Funded by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to ALA, “StoryCorps @ your library” seeks to bring StoryCorps’ popular interview methods to libraries while developing a replicable model of oral history programming. Program guidelines and the online application are available at www.programminglibrarian.org/storycorps. The deadline for applications is January 18.

In February, 10 pilot sites will be selected to receive:

- A $2,500 stipend for project-related expenses;
- A toolkit of written and Web-based customizable program and promotional support materials;
- A StoryKit (a customized set of professional recording equipment) to use to record on-site interviews during the grant period and retain for future use after the close of the pilot project;
- A two-day in-person training by StoryCorps staff at the library site to orient volunteers and library staff to interview collection, digital recording techniques and archiving interviews in StoryCorps’ proprietary database.

Building on earlier planning work supported by IMLS, “StoryCorps @ your library,” will be piloted at 10 public libraries selected from across the country. Local libraries will retain copies of all interviews and preservation copies will also be deposited with the Library of Congress. For more information, visit www.programminglibrarian.org/storycorps. With questions, contact the ALA Public Programs Office at publicprograms@ala.org.
Food for Thought - A Great Book with a Special Price

Over the past three years the Indiana Humanities Council has traversed the state of Indiana listening to Hoosiers share their thoughts on the role of food in their lives. This project has culminated in a showcase piece Food for Thought: An Indiana Harvest. This book is a collection of 80+ stories of Indiana chefs, farmers, and entrepreneurs discussing the current food renaissance in our great state. Complete with colorful photographs, it is a perfect reference and narrative for people who love Indiana food or love reading and discussing local foods movements.

*Food for Thought: An Indiana Harvest* tells the story of Indiana’s food renaissance through the voices of more than 80 people who are creating this fresh and dynamic scene. You’ll meet Greg Gunthorp, whose grass-fed pork and poultry are served by some of the best chefs in the country, and Dani Tippmann, reviving the Native American food ways of her ancestors. There’s Lisa Sparks, who says she hates pie, but who keeps winning prizes for the best ones in America; and Jay Akridge at Purdue University who is training the next generation of farmers; Jesús Alvarez, the Mexican immigrant known as the Pierogi King of Whiting, Indiana; and Aster Bekele, who has turned an urban farm into a lifeline for kids in need.

IHC is offering wholesale pricing for all Hoosier public libraries, so the price is $12.97 and tax-exempt. All proceeds from this book will go towards funding humanities programs for the people of Indiana. Interested persons who wish to learn more or to purchase the book may contact:

Christina M. McDougall
Marketing and Sales
Food for Thought: An Indiana Harvest
Indiana Humanities
1-800-675-8897, ext. 117

Tax is 7% if purchased by an individual or corporation. Nonprofit organizations are tax-exempt. Registered retail merchants do not owe tax to Indiana Humanities when purchasing.

*If you’re a registered retail merchant or tax-exempt organization, please provide appropriate documentation.*

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Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library Announces a Refreshed Brand

The Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library (EVPL) recently unveiled a new brand mark, support imagery and tagline - *redefined.* This tagline represents a refreshed commitment to innovation and library excellence. The EVPL evaluated public perception, its mission statement and trends in library and business industries.

As a result of the review, new vision and mission statements were developed, along with guiding principles by which to operate. The development of the brand identity was the culmination of the project. The logo illustrates the never-ending cycle of lifelong learning, with colors that represent freshness, vibrance, and energy. The colorful flowing circular imagery was chosen to frame the “redefined” experience and the flourishing of ideas and discovery that begins at the EVPL. The catchy "redefined" theme line invites everyone to think of the library differently – evolving, cutting-edge, and responsive to customer expectations.

“Libraries are no longer simple repositories of books – although we have a lot of those, both on the shelf and on the virtual shelves. Libraries are platforms. We’re a platform for developing ideas, developing people, and developing our community,” said Director/CEO Marcia Au.
Bedford Public Library Uses Evergreen Tree for Three Months of Work

Every year Bedford Public Library sets an artificial evergreen tree to three months of work in their Adult Services Department. From the first of October through Veteran’s Day, the tree is the Our Heroes’ Tree that collects ornaments honoring U.S. military personnel past and present, then it morphs into The Giving Tree collecting new children’s hats, scarves, and gloves. This year the Giving Tree partnered with Hoosier Uplands Economic Development Corporation to collect Socks for Seniors as well. Hoosier Uplands takes care of the distribution of all donated items. This year 228 ornaments honored heroes, and articles of clothing collected totaled 220.

Westfield Washington Public Library’s LEGO Robotics Team Takes Second, Goes to State Tournament

The Westfield Washington Public Library’s LEGO Robotics team, The Mod Squad, qualified for the state tournament in December thanks to their success in the qualifying tournament in Kokomo on November 17. The team received an overall second place and won a first place trophy for First LEGO League Core Values.

Heyward Promoted to Branch Manager of East 38th Street Branch

Congratulations to Shanika Heyward from the Indianapolis Public Library! She has been promoted to manager of the East 38th Street Branch of the Indianapolis Public Library. She will begin her new position on January 12.

(send your news to tdavis@ilfonline.org)

2013 ILF Membership Renewal

Membership year began Oct. 1st!

Encourage your colleagues to join. Membership: http://www.ilfonline.org/main/ilf-membership/

Please follow the steps until you are asked to enter your e-mail. At this point to renew, enter the e-mail that you use for ILF membership contact. The password is: Password1 (you will need to type that in) if this is the first time logging in. Then you will be asked to change it to a password of your preference.

Contact ILF at 317-257-2040 if you have problems renewing or joining!

Save the Date

2013 District Conferences:
District 1: May 7 - Blue Chip Casino, Michigan City
District 2: April 26 - Crawfordsville Public Library
District 3: April 23 - TBD
District 4: May 10, Plainfield Guildford Public Library
District 5/7: TBD
District 6: April 5 - Jennings Co. P.L., North Vernon
District 8: April 9 - Muncie Center Twp. P.L.

2013 Annual Conference: October 21-23 - Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis

Mock Caldecott Election

Registration is now open to attend ACPL’s Mock Caldecott Election! What better way is there to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Caldecott Award than to participate in a Mock Program? We’d love to have you join us! Come and learn a little about the Caldecott Award and then join in our discussion of this year’s nominees, currently being posted on the ACPL Kid Blog. At the end of the program, we’ll vote for our 2013 Mock Caldecott Award winner. As a bonus, Indiana librarians will earn 4 LEUs for attending this program! What are you waiting for? Register now!

When: Saturday, January 12, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Where: Allen County Public Library -- Main Library Globe Room (at the entrance to the Children's Department)
Who: Adults interested in children's literature -- parents, teachers, librarians, anyone
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### January 2013
2  Articles due for the February issue of Focus
8  Legislative Committee Mtg., 10 a.m.
10  ILF Executive Board Mtg., 2 p.m.
9  Annual Conference Planning Committee Mtg., 2 p.m.
15  Legislative Day
25-29  ALA Midwinter Mtg.
    Seattle, WA

### February 2013
2  Articles due for the March issue of Focus
5  Legislative Committee Mtg., 2 p.m.

### March 2013
2  Articles due for the April issue of Focus
5  Legislative Committee Mtg., 10 a.m.
10  ILF Executive Board Mtg., 2 p.m.

### April 2013
2  Articles due for the May issue of Focus
5  Legislative Committee Mtg., 2 p.m.
8  District 6 Conference, Jennings Co. Public Library, North Vernon
9  District 8 Conference, Muncie Center Twp. Public Library
10-13  ACRL, Indianapolis
17-20  Midwest Archives Conference, Indianapolis
23-29  Money Smart Week
23  District 3 Conference, TBD
24  Copyright Conference
    Ball State University
26  District 2 Conference, Crawfordsville Public Library
27  Indiana Genealogical Society Conference, Monroe County Public Library, Bloomington

### May 2013
2  Articles due for the June issue of Focus
7  Legislative Committee Mtg., 10 a.m.
16  ILF Executive Board Mtg., 2 p.m.