Membership Services to Implement New User-Friendly System in June

The ILF has chosen YourMembership.com as its new membership database system. We expect a seamless transition for our 1,030+ members by the end of June. All members will need to go into the new system and re-set their password this summer (more information to follow via e-mail). The generic “password1” will be set initially for each member, but when we launch the new system you’ll receive a link to go to the new site and choose your own password. At that time, please make relevant changes, such as contact information, to your account. Prizes will be given via an e-lottery system for those who change over to the new system earliest!

One of the main benefits is that you’ll no longer need two passwords for ILF activities. The former system could not accommodate the annual conference and required members to log in separately to register for annual conference. That will no longer be the case, and we’ll see a cost-savings there in addition to member benefits which include:

- Blogs
- Calendars & Events
- Career Center
- Forums
- Membership idea box
- Membership directory
- News & press
- Members only section for archived newsletters

The new system eventually will also host the ILF website which will provide a savings to the ILF operating budget. We’ll continue to accept charge card, purchase orders and checks. We will send information to you in a couple of weeks.

Legislative Update

By Jason Hatton, ILF Legislative Committee Co-Chair

The Indiana General Assembly adjourned on April 27th, and I for one was glad to see the final gavel fall. As always it proved to be a challenging time. However, I can’t emphasize enough how wonderful it was to see you communicating with your legislators. Without these efforts we would have seen a different final result.

I am happy to say that we successfully pushed back on many efforts to force public library budgets to face a binding fiscal body review. These efforts consumed most of your legislative committee’s time and energy this session and we are looking for ways to mitigate that for next year.

We were not as successful in obtaining more dollars for INSPIRE and connectivity. The final numbers were $2,764,500/biennium for INSPIRE and $825,000/year for connectivity, which is down slightly from the 2011 budget. We also will be looking for ways to make those arguments stronger for the 2015 budget.

Public libraries will be studied this summer by the State Tax and Financing Policy Committee. We do not know many details yet, but rest assured that we will be ready to testify when the time comes. In the mean time, the summer and fall months provide a great opportunity for you to get to know your local legislators better and remind them what it is that makes your library so valuable to the community.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at jhatton@barth.lib.in.us if you have any questions!
Four Indiana librarians formed the State’s delegation at Washington, D.C. for National Library Legislative Day, May 7-8. I had the pleasure of being a member of that delegation along with Dennis LeLoup, ILF past-president, Terry Rheinheimer, ALA Councilor, and Yvonne Oliger, past Federal Network Coordinator. We met with legislative assistants/directors for seven of the nine Indiana Representatives and both Indiana Senators. We had several chance meetings along the way. Terry had a keen eye for spotting our elected officials on the street or in the office building hallways. Your Indiana delegation jumped at those opportunities to speak directly with Sen. Joe Donnelly, Sen. Dan Coats, Rep. Luke Messer and Rep. Marlin Stutzman. A few key points of the day included:

- Fund the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) at $184.7 million for FY 2013
- Ensure that library programs and activities are adequately included as part of an overall strategy to improve literacy in S. 758, the LEARN Act.
- Include effective school library programs in reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)
- Support of the E-rate and for reforms that will bring it in line with growing demand
- Support for the recent Supreme Court 6-3 majority decision of Kirtsaeng v. Wiley case which holds that the “first sale” doctrine applies to goods (including books) no matter where they are manufactured

Our two days on Capitol Hill were exhausting, exciting, and affirming. Three hundred seventy-five individuals from around the country met with legislators in D.C. during the American Library Association’s (ALA) 39th Annual Legislative Day. Over 1,400 e-mails and phone calls to legislators from library supporters and employees were documented, sent by those who couldn’t travel to D.C. The delegation and our points were generally well received. Watch for more in upcoming issues of Focus on our trip to D.C.

Many thanks to the support of the Indiana Library Federation, to Susan Akers and the ILF team in preparing packets for the legislators and for putting out a call and collecting letters for those packets from libraries around the state, to the Indiana State Library for supplying information on the distribution of LSTA funds to Indiana’s libraries, and to all of you who supplied us with real stories to illustrate the concerns of Indiana libraries. Check out the ALA’s website, http://www.al.org/advocacy/advleg/nlld, to learn more about National Library Legislative Day and the issues we addressed.

Sincerely,

Robin Crumrin
Taking the “Blah” out of Strategic Planning

By Susan Akers, ILF Executive Director

The words “strategic planning” often emit groans or a sense of dread from participants, but when the steps are understood and embraced, the strategic plan offers a guide to help support the organization’s activities for the future and allows the administration to clearly view the plan as a roadmap which supports the library’s mission.

Dr. Douglas Nelson, a 16-year trustee member of the Anderson Public Library, once said, “Strategic planning is an organized process for defining goals, strategy and the general direction of an organization on the basis of a detailed understanding of its internal and external circumstances.” The plan then serves as the basis for most major and minor decisions influencing the future of the library.

A strategic plan attempts to answer the following questions:

a. How does the governing body of the library picture its success?
b. How does the organization move in an efficient and effective manner toward the achievement of its goals?
c. How should the board and director structure the budget and the administrative staff of the library?
d. How does it maintain a clear sense of accountability to its constituency?
e. What strategy does it implement to achieve its goals?
f. What are the major threats and opportunities facing this library in the short and long terms? The short term is defined as up to one year and the long term, three to five years.

During a recent webinar on strategic planning that was offered at a discount to ILF members, presenter Ned Park included considerations to guide the process.

- Determine who your competitors are in terms of attracting visitors and funding.
- What are the strengths of your library?
- What are the shortcomings?
- How is the library keeping up with trends?
- Who is the library not serving and why?
- Who are the potential users?
- How many do you currently serve? Do you have enough resources to serve them?
- If you grow, do you have enough resources to serve more?
- Who serves the same population?
- What does the competition do better than you? What do you do better than the competition?
- What are the trends for your population’s needs?
- Where do you need to grow? Does the market support your direction for growth?
- Where/what needs to be eliminated?
- Does your budget fit your plan?

Mr. Park, the People Connect Institute presenter, encouraged directors to assess what is being learned during each step and evaluate the plan as time goes by.

Remember to assess external opportunities such as use of space, outreach to the community, demographic data of the community, economic description of community, relations with served and unserved populations in that area, relations with the governmental bodies in the area, what service the library offers which is not offered anywhere else. It is important to do a SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats). Some of the questions above relate specifically to a good SWOT analysis.

Once identifiable steps are created with measurable objectives, decide who on staff (and board) will be doing what and in what timeframe. For more information on strategic planning consultants, contact Susan Akers, executive director, at sakers@ilfonline.org or by phone at 317-257-2040, ext. 101.
Awards, Honors and Scholarships

Each fall at the Indiana Library Federation Annual Conference, the Indiana library community recognizes ILF personal, institutional, trustee members, and others, who have contributed to the excellence of Indiana libraries or media centers in an extraordinary manner. Except for the Lifetime Achievement Award, these awards honor and recognize contributions that are ongoing or have been completed in the past year. Except where noted, nominees must be members of the Indiana Library Federation for the year in which they are nominated.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to acknowledge excellence in Indiana libraries as well as in the profession of librarianship. The ILF Awards, Honors & Scholarship Committee seeks nominations by **June 30, 2013** for awards to be given at the next Indiana Library Federation Annual Conference (October 21-23).

Nominators should take care to note the minimal criteria for the particular award under consideration. It is essential that the application cover letter and supporting documentation concretely demonstrates the particular contributions of the individual or institution related to the award. To help determine eligibility, the committee requests that applications for awards to an individual include a professional resume or curriculum vita of the nominee when possible.

In addition to providing the required supporting documentation, nominees may wish to include up to three additional sets of materials, such as letters of support from the community, in-house publications, statistics, publicity materials, etc. When appropriate, nominees may choose to include multimedia or refer to a relevant website.

Some guidelines have changed this year, so be sure to check the nomination guidelines. For more information and nomination form, please visit [http://www.ilfonline.org/programs-awards/awards/](http://www.ilfonline.org/programs-awards/awards/). If you are currently enrolled in an ALA-accredited program of graduate study and plan to enter the library profession, you may want to apply for one of the ILF memorial fund scholarships. Eleven scholarships were awarded in 2012. The amount varies, but has recently ranged from $500 to $1,200. The **deadline is June 30**. For more information and to apply, please visit: [http://www.ilfonline.org/programs-awards/scholarships/](http://www.ilfonline.org/programs-awards/scholarships/).
CYPD Conference - *Leading the Charge*

**August 25-26, 2013**  
**Marriott East - Indianapolis**

Are you ready for the CYPD Conference? Well, mark your calendars now. The conference will be at the Marriott East in Indianapolis, IN on August 25-26th.

This year’s CYPD Conference theme is “Leading the Charge.” Featured speakers will be Anna Dewdney, Barry Lyga, David Lubar, and John Shumacher. Also present this year will be a variety of high quality sessions, exhibitors, dinners, networking opportunities, and much more.

Look for a link to an **exciting video** to get you pumped up and ready to **lead the charge** coming to the **Events page of ILF website** the first week of June, and registration for the conference will open by the third week of June! Contact the ILF office at askus@ilfonline.org for more information on conference pricing, sessions, and events.

---

**ILF Membership Update**

The mission of the ILF is to promote all libraries in Indiana and to foster the professional growth of its members. Because it is important to create a strong sense of unity with the library community, members have the opportunity to become organized advocates for Indiana Libraries.

During 2013 the Federation has grown approximately 123 personal members. Take advantage of the many benefits of membership such as:

- continuing education/networking
- leadership development
- legislative advocacy
- public awareness mentoring program
- education support
- *Focus on Indiana Libraries* newsletter
- *Indiana Libraries*, scholarly journal, Hertz Car Rental discounts and more!

The ILF office values your membership! Your annual dues support the ILF office, advocacy work, conference and continuing education activities and much more. **Membership renewal begins October 1.**

---

**WANTED: ILF Members for Service on the ILF Board**

The following open positions’ terms will begin January 1, 2014. Meetings are every other month beginning in January. The executive committee are officers who work closely with the executive director on budgeting, policies, personnel, and other issues. Opening positions for the upcoming year include vice president/president-elect (trustee), secretary (2 year term), and one at-large position (2 year term).

For more information about these positions, go to: [http://www.ilfonline.org/executiveboardjobdescription](http://www.ilfonline.org/executiveboardjobdescription). Questions? Contact nominating committee chair Dennis LeLoup at dileloup@avon-schools.org.
AISLE NEWS

AASL –Affiliate Assembly-Region 3 Meeting

By Kathy Hicks-Brooks

Region 3 had its annual meeting in Indianapolis on Saturday April 27, 2013 at the Baymont Inn and Suites. There were representatives there from Illinois, Ohio, Missouri, Wisconsin and Michigan. Leslie Sutherlin and I represented Indiana. We also had two call-ins from Minnesota and Iowa and they were able to participate via Google Hangout.

In the meeting we discussed concerns and commendations that would be sent to the affiliate assembly at ALA Chicago. Two Indiana organizations are being considered for commendations: The Indianapolis Pacers and The Gary Literacy Coalition. When the affiliate assembly comes together in June, all fifty states will bring any concerns and commendations from their states and we will vote on whether to send them to the executive committee for approval.

Region 3 also had the opportunity to visit the Motor Speedway and/or the Indianapolis Museum of Art on Friday. The Baymont Inn and Suites provided shuttle service to both locations. There will be a more detailed report after the affiliate assembly in Chicago.

Hoosier Family of Readers Summer Reading Promotion

Susie Highley and Leslie Sutherlin pose with Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) State Superintendent Glenda Ritz. Susie has been serving with Ms. Ritz on the Literacy Development Committee. The committees first reading promotion kicked off May 10. It is a summer reading promotion called Hoosier Family of Readers.

For more information, go to: http://www.doe.in.gov/improvement/hoosier-family-readers

To view a video with Ms. Ritz on the Hoosier Family of Reader promotion, go to: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hzJi6yRqcnY.

May District Conference Wrap-Up

The following district conferences were held in May and we are indebted to the outstanding volunteers and conference chairs who made these events such a huge success.

May 7 - District 1 (Michigan City) – 18 sessions were offered to some 130 attendees. Sessions included intellectual freedom, Pinterest, challenging patron issues, grant writing, customer service, K-12 curriculum for library instruction, webpage design and more. Only half of the attendees completed the online evaluation, but of those attendees chose above average and excellent for the quality of the conference.

May 10 - District 4 (Plainfield) – 84 people attended choices of 14 sessions which included a budget workshop for trustees and directors, a session on apps for the library, using video to promote the library, RDA cataloging, shaping library spaces for the future, an update from the Indiana Librarians Leadership Academy, teen and children’s programming sessions and an advocacy primer by Amy Mangold of Evansville which was based on PLA’s Turning the Page training. Keynote speaker Marie Albertson was a delight with humor and stories from her adventurous life as a librarian and traveler.

May 17 - District 5/7 (Terre Haute) – Keynote speaker Zachary Benedict discussed the library as “a third place,” while break-out sessions included those on otaku manga, digital archiving, developing a book club for all ages, rare books cataloging, best practices in licensing/negotiation and more. The 85 attendees also had choices such as what’s new in YA fiction, trends for the academic library, health-related databases and more.
Colorado Association of Libraries wins ALA President's Award for Advocacy,
Sponsored by United for Libraries

The Colorado Association of Libraries is the recipient of the 2013 ALA President’s Award for Advocacy, sponsored by United for Libraries. The Colorado Association of Libraries (CAL) won for its 2012 campaign “Literacy Through Libraries: A Dollar Does It.” The campaign was to restore state funding for libraries; although a funding mechanism in the state budget had existed since 2001, the line item had gone unfunded for years due to budget constraints. This left Colorado as one of only a few states with no direct support of libraries.

CAL requested one dollar per capita for a total of $5.2 million statewide. The legislative committee that designed the request felt that it was unlikely the full amount would be received, but the goal was to receive any funding possible, and re-establish libraries as a priority in the state budget. The campaign information with the theme was distributed statewide to library directors, trustees, friends and foundations. CAL heard from supporters across the state who stepped up on behalf of libraries, and was notified that the joint budget committee approved a motion to include $2 million to fund the State Grants to Libraries Act for only the second time in 10 years.

“We are gratified that our legislators responded to the targeted message and campaign carried on by so many library advocates in Colorado,” said Robin Gard of the CAL Legislative Committee. “We have made every effort to establish on-going relationships with state lawmakers through sharing the library’s role in helping Coloradans succeed.”

For a complete summary of the campaign, visit www.ala.org/united/grants_awards/advocacy.

Redesigning the Public Library Building

A new report by the Primary Research Group looks closely at how public libraries in the United States and Canada are altering their space use and development plans; the study looks at new libraries and at the alterations and alteration plans of existing libraries with data broken out by size of service area, library budget, for library systems and stand alone libraries and other criteria. The 170-page study gives detailed spending data on capital spending plans, and plans for redevelopment of children and teen areas, patron access areas, special purpose rooms, technology centers, overall patron seating and access to workstations and broadband, as well as data on plans for parking, landscaping, roof and floor development, staff only areas and many other considerations in public library space use and redesign.

Just a few of the many findings of this 170+ page report are that:

- Improving handicapped or elderly access is considered very important to the next library redesign by 42.65% of survey participants, including 65.22% of participants in libraries with an annual budget of less than $250,000.

- In 23.53% of libraries in the sample the use of digitization technologies has led to a reduction in the space used to house print collections.

- Over the past three years, the cleaning, maintenance and scotch-guarding of carpeting has cost libraries in the sample a mean of $11,146.

- Less than 6% of libraries in the United States have decreased audio-visual collection space over the past three years.

- Patron seating space will increase in 52.94% of libraries in the sample over the next three years, with a third of these libraries increasing space by 10% or more.

- In order to reduce energy consumption, 37.7% of libraries in the sample have altered the target in-building temperature.

The data in the study is based on a sample of 70+ public libraries in the United States and Canada and data is broken out by size of library service area, by library budget, for single building and library systems.

The ILF has the full report if you’d like to have more information, please contact Susan Akers at sakers@ilfonline.org.

Sources:
• Primary Research Group. Redesigning the Public Library Building. N.Y.: Primary Research Group, March 6, 2013. ISBN: 978-1574402285
• Table of Contents - http://www.primaryresearch.com/uploaded/admin_reports/report_index/20130305_133832Redesigning the_Public_Library_Building_%5BTOC%5D.pdf
Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Celebrated at Culver-Union Township Public Library

By Laura Jones, Reference/Adult Services Librarian, Culver-Union Township Public Library

During the month of May 2013, Culver-Union Township Public Library in Culver, Indiana celebrated Asian Pacific American Heritage Month with an eye-catching, multimedia display completed by Reference/Adult Services clerk, Esmeralda Rodgers. Esmeie, as she is known by patrons and staff, is from the Philippines, and as such, she brings to the library a rich understanding of Asian Pacific American heritage and culture.

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, commonly referred to as APA Heritage Month, is a national celebration which was established in 1977 after origination in a congressional bill. APA was designated as a month-long celebration in May of 1990 by President George H. W. Bush. The month of May was intended to commemorate immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and also for the anniversary of the transcontinental railroad, completed on May 10, 1869. Chinese immigrants made up the majority of workers laying the tracks for the transcontinental railroad. To commemorate APA Heritage Month, communities celebrate with festivals, government-sponsored activities, and educational activities for students of all ages. The theme for Asian Pacific American Heritage Month 2013 was “Leadership to Meet the Challenge of a Changing World.”

Esmeie’s APA Heritage Month display was located at the main entrance to the Culver-Union Township Public Library (CUTPL), and included books, DVD’s, and CD’s all available for checkout by patrons. Next to the materials table, there was a board with information cards about many famous individuals of Asian Pacific American heritage, such as fashion designer Vera Wang, novelist/poet Ha Jin, and cellist Yo-Yo Ma. To complete the display, Esmeie researched well-known individuals of Asian Pacific American heritage in order to provide a wide range of talented individuals for patrons to read and learn more about as they entered the library. The display included writers, artists, political figures, athletes, musicians, actors/actresses, and even astronauts. It is our hope that Esmeie’s APA Heritage Month display successfully promoted CUTPL’s intention to foster our patrons’ understanding of and appreciation for the contributions of many different peoples to the richness of our American culture.

Indy Library Welcomes German Librarian in Sister City Staff Exchange

As part of the 25th anniversary of the Sister City relationship between Indianapolis and Cologne, Germany, a library representative from the Cologne Public Library began a two-week visit to Indianapolis to share her professional experiences and learn of best library practices at The Indianapolis Public Library at the beginning of May.

Cordula Noetzelmann, head librarian of the 11 branches of the Cologne Public Library, was welcomed during official ceremonies at Central Library on May 1 attended by Indy Library staff and representatives of the Mayor’s Office of International and Cultural Affairs and the Indianapolis-Cologne Sister City Committee.

Noetzelmann’s visit will complete an exchange of library staff that began in August 2012 with the two-week visit to the Cologne Public Library by the Manager of the College Avenue Branch of The Indianapolis Public Library, Nicole James. The exchange allows for conversations of shared problems, comparisons of library policies and presentations on various library topics. It is valued as a way to obtain real insights into other approaches to organize, fund and provide services, as well as deepen an appreciation for diversity.

In addition to observing Indy Library facilities and meeting with staff, the German library ambassador will visit a number of Indianapolis landmarks, including the Eiteljorg Museum, the Indianapolis Museum of Art, the Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library, the Indiana State Library, Connor Prairie and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

The City of Indianapolis’s relationship with Cologne, Germany was established in 1988 as the second of eight international Sister Cities intended to strengthen partnerships and create opportunities that make Indianapolis a globally-recognized, inclusive city. Other Sister Cities include Taipei, Taiwan; Monza, Italy; Piran, Slovenia; Campinas, Brazil; Northamptonshire County, United Kingdom; Hyderabad, India; and Hangzhou, China.

In 2012, the Indianapolis and Hangzhou public libraries completed the first library staff exchange. To learn more about the City’s Sister City relationship with Cologne, Germany, visit www.indianapolis-cologne.org.
LinkedIn for Librarians with Kim Dority (ALA Editions Workshop)
A 2-part Online Workshop: Thursdays, July 11 and 18 at 2:30 p.m. Eastern
Please note: sessions are not available for individual purchase.

LinkedIn can be a powerful resource for librarians, both as a tool for career development and as a resource to assist library users. In this two-part workshop, library career expert Kim Dority will show you exactly how LinkedIn works, from building a profile to connecting with colleagues and engaging in discussion. You’ll then learn how to turn your knowledge outward, as Kim demonstrates how to use LinkedIn as a tool not only for your own benefit but for the users of your library as well.

Topics include:

Part 1: LinkedIn for Professional Development
• How to create a strong, professional LinkedIn profile
• Understand the LinkedIn tools and options that can be used to address various aspects of professional development, including:
  • Monitoring emerging library trends and technologies
  • Staying current with Library and Information Science (LIS) thought leaders
  • Identifying topic experts who are willing to share their expertise
  • Sharing your own expertise via LinkedIn, and contributing back to the professional development of other LIS practitioners

Part 2: LinkedIn for Patrons
• Helping Job-Hunters Explore Careers,
• Identify Employers, and Make Connections
• Understanding how LinkedIn can be used to help job-hunters with research
• Interview preparation

About the Instructor
Kim Dority is the founder and president of Dority & Associates, an information strategy and content development company focusing on research, writing, editing, information process design, and publishing. She has worked in academia, publishing, telecommunications, and the library fields, in for-profit and nonprofit settings, and for both established companies and start-ups. She is an adjunct faculty member for the University of Denver MLIS program, where she created and teaches a course on alternative career paths for LIS students and practitioners. She is the author of dozens of articles and several books on library and information science career topics.

To register or for more information, please go to: http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=10043.

PCI Webinars in June

Contact askus@ilfonline.org for the full description and the promotion code to receive up to $20 off for ILF members. Most of the sessions offer LEU credits. Register at http://pciwebinars.com/live-webinars/

• Thursday, June 6th at 2:00 pm: Get Over Your Self! Improving Your Library’s Online Presence with Laura Solomon
• Tuesday, June 11th at 10:30 am: Virtual Learning for Your Library Users
• Thursday, June 13th at 2:00 pm: Customer Service Recovery: What to Do When We Fail Our Customers
• Tuesday, June 18th at 10:30 am: The Nonverbal Pitfalls and Perks of the Interviewing Process
• Thursday, June 20th at 2:00 pm: Do-It-Yourself Public Relations
• Tuesday, June 25th at 10:30 am: Get Focused, Work Less, Accomplish More, Have More Fun
• Thursday, June 27th at 2:00 pm: Taking the First Steps to Being a Respected Manager or Supervisor with Ned Parks
News, Updates and Announcements

Retiring Director Leaves Mark on Library

On April 30, Hancock County Public Library (HCPL) Director Dianne Osborne retired. Diane a teacher, took on a job at the Greenfield library’s circulation desk 23 years ago and soon realized she wanted to learn more about libraries. She later obtained a master’s degree in library science and eventually became assistant director under Susan Waggoner. Waggoner showed her the ropes and groomed her to take over the library’s leadership in 2000, even hand-writing tiny notes on annual budgets to help Osborne prepare.

Since Dianne became director, the HCPL has circulated 8.2 million items, answered more than 257,000 reference questions and offered 31,523 programs to half a million people. Along with the Greenfield library becoming countywide, under her leadership the library undertook two major construction projects, including the main branch at 900 W. McKenzie Road. The library also successfully conducted a $600,000 capital campaign.

During a retirement party to thank Osborne for her 23-year career at Hancock County Public Library, Mayor Dick Pasco said, “It’s really something hard to measure, but I think the citizens of Greenfield will reap the rewards from her with the benefits of the library for years to come.” Pasco honored Dianne with a certificate of appreciation, and Sen. Mike Crider and Rep. Bob Cherry presented her with the Distinguished Hoosier award, signed by Gov. Mike Pence.

Library board members donated to the endowment fund in Osborne’s name, and books were donated to the genealogy collection from the Friends of the Library and flowers every summer will remind patrons of Dianne, because a rose of Sharon tree was planted in her honor on the front lawn.

Walton-Tipton Township Public Library Director to Retire

Gordon Southern, director of the Walton-Tipton Township Public Library, is retiring. He plans to turn over his duties in several area volunteer organizations to other members and move to Ohio with his wife to be near grandchildren.

Director of the Walton-Tipton Township Public Library since 2005 and leader in both the Walton Main Street Organization and the Walton Lions Club, Gordon announced his retirement to the library board May 14 and will officially work his last day June 30.

Lake County Public Library Recognizes Readers

The Lake County Public Library Foundation recognized first place winners of the annual Read-a-Thon at Avalon Manor in Merrillville on Wednesday, May 8. Foundation members: Michael McIntyre, Marti Ross, Dian Reyome, Charlotte Malone-Williams, and Charman Shields-Williamson pose with the winners and their trophies to promote reading. Children participate by seeking sponsors, then reading as many books as possible during the six-week read-a-thon. Once the money has been collected, schools receive one-third of the total raised by their students for their library. This year, 1,273 children participated and over $21,000 was given to the schools. Trophies were given to all students who raised money and gift cards from book stores were given to students in first through eighth place.

Theodore Roosevelt Historical Interpreter

Looking for a great program for your library? Gib Young is a Theodore Roosevelt historical interpreter – circa 1915 and has appeared as the retired 26th President all over the country. He stated that 2013 marks the centennial of the beginning of the retirement years for Theodore Roosevelt, but a retirement for ‘TR’ was a whirlwind. He never stopped his call for American conservation and preservation. He supported the Boy Scouts and the American Historical Society. He always endorsed the virtues and the blessings of hard work for Americans. Would your library like to have a quality visit by Gib Young as former President Roosevelt? If so, contact Mr. Young at 2004 Hunters Ridge Drive, Huntington, Indiana 46750 or by phone: 260-356-1000 day or 260-356-7643 evening.
Thank You! to Indiana Library Federation members for encouraging students to apply for a MLS or MIS degree!

Indiana Libraries, the open access professional journal published by the Indiana Library Federation, is available at:

http://www.indianalibrariesjournal.org/

Upcoming issues of Indiana Libraries are:
Censorship issue
Regular issue

Follow the path to your future.

School of Library and Information Science
Indiana University
Bloomington & Indianapolis
www.slis.iu.edu

IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Library Technical Assistant Program
Your source for LEUs & Library Science Education

Offering courses towards two certification programs, Indiana State Library certification for public library professionals, levels 4-6 (courses with single asterisk), and ALA-APA Library Support Staff Certification (LSSC), and an LTA Associate of Science degree.

Spring Course Offerings
LIBR 101: Intro to Libraries & Library Services
LIBR 102: Intro to Reference Sources & Services*
LIBR 103: Intro to Library Access Services
LIBR 104: Intro to Library Technical Services
LIBR 105: Library Technology
LIBR 201: Cataloging & Classification*
LIBR 202: Electronic Resources & Online Searching
LIBR 203: Library Services for Children*
LIBR 204: Library Media Center Ops & Services
LIBR 208: Selection of Materials & Coll’n Development in Public Libraries*

Summer Course Offerings
LIBR 101: Intro to Libraries & Library Services
LIBR 103: Intro to Library Access Services

Fall Course Offerings
LIBR 101: Intro to Libraries & Library Services
LIBR 102: Intro to Reference Sources & Services*
LIBR 103: Intro to Library Access Services
LIBR 104: Intro to Library Technical Services
LIBR 105: Library Technology
LIBR 201: Cataloging & Classification*
LIBR 202: Electronic Resources & Online Searching
LIBR 203: Library Services for Children*
LIBR 207: Supervision & Management in Public Libraries*

Regestration for spring semester begings July 1

Want to transfer and earn a bachelor's degree? Ivy Tech’s LTA degree transfers to the bachelor program in General Studies at IUPUI and other colleges. Whether your goal is to earn LEUs, acquire a new skill or to earn an associate degree, Ivy Tech Community College is here to help you. Get started today at ivytech.edu/librarytechnicalassistant or by e-mail at smannan@ivytech.edu.
## CALENDAR

### June 2013

- **2**  
  Articles due for the July issue of *Focus*
- **27 - July 2**  
  ALA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL

### July 2013

- **2**  
  Articles due for the August issue of *Focus*
- **9**  
  Legislative Mtg., 10 a.m.
- **21-24**  
  American Association of Law Libraries Conference, Boston
- **25**  
  ILF Board Mtg., 2 p.m.

### August 2013

- **2**  
  Articles due for the September issue of *Focus*
- **9**  
  Reference Division Conference, Anderson University Professional Development Center, Anderson
- **25-26**  
  CYPD Conference, Marriott East, Indianapolis

### September 2013

- **1-30**  
  Library Card Sign-Up Month
- **2**  
  Articles due for the October issue of *Focus*
- **19-20**  
  SAMS Conference, Pendleton PL
- **22-28**  
  Banned Books Week

### October 2013

- **2**  
  Articles due for the Nov/Dec issue of *Focus*
- **13-19**  
  Teen Reed Week
- **20-26**  
  National Friends of Libraries Week
- **21**  
  Insurance Breakfast and Fall Forum, IPLA Conference during pre-conference

### Save the Date

- **Reference Division Conference** - August 6 - Anderson University Professional Development Center, Anderson, exit 222
- **CYPD Conference** - August 25-26 - Marriott East, Indianapolis
- **SAMS Conference** - September 19-20 - Pendleton Public Library
- **2013 ILF Annual Conference** - October 21-23, Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis
- **Fall Forum & Insurance Breakfast** - October 21, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis