Open ILF Board Positions

The nominating committee announces the following openings for a two-year term: Secretary and one At-Large Member on the ILF Board of Directors. The latter should come with the support of a division. Due to the fact that a CYPD member is currently serving on the ILF board, that same division may not nominate another member until next year.

The ILF board meets every other month, usually on a Tuesday or Thursday at the ILF office park in Indianapolis and focuses on the policies and administrative work of the organization. We will begin using videoconferencing equipment in late summer which will have several benefits -- one of which will be to involve more members from around the state.

By mid-summer, the nominating committee needs to know of all interested potential candidates. Those interested will be asked to verbally agree to serving and to the time commitment. A formal letter to each candidate will follow. In early fall, the committee will establish the final nominee list and present the ballot to the Board of Director for approval. The “Focus” will carry an article about the election and biographical information about the candidates.

If you are interested in either position, please contact sakers@ilfonline.org for a job description. Regarding the at-large position, contact your Division chairperson to discuss gaining support from the division. For more information, contact sakers@ilfonline.org.

Welcome New ILF Conference Manager, Michelle Foley

Michelle Foley is the new Conference Manager for ILF. She excited about working with everyone and is thankful for this wonderful opportunity! She has worked in the nonprofit industry for over 11 years and has extensive experience in planning events with a focus on medium to large scale conventions.

Michelle has been married to her husband Bryan for 13 years and they have two beautiful girls, Madison and Rylee. Michelle enjoys spending time with her family, hiking, watching movies, reading, and enjoys plays, musicals, and attending concerts. She also has a love for photography. She enjoys shooting styled sessions that involve a planned theme. Madison and Rylee are usually her subjects, but appreciate it when someone else is in front of the camera. If you have any questions for Michelle, you may contact her at michelle@ilfonline.org.

“Strengthening Connections: Your Key to Success”

2015 ILF Annual Conference, Nov. 16-18

This year’s theme is connecting with others and that is accomplished in a variety of ways. In addition to learning about forging bonds, developing collaborative projects, and strengthening connections, attendees will have unique opportunities to learn, discuss, network, and share. We’ve outdone ourselves with this year’s pre-conference choices which include evaluating employee behavior, using data and metrics to demonstrate leadership and express worth, an intensive Makerspace workshop, articulating your library’s value to the business community, the library’s distinctive purpose, a great RDA preconference and more.

Popular author Lemony Snicket (Daniel Handler) is the Tuesday keynote speaker, and Buffy Hamilton is the Wednesday keynote speaker (more information about the keynotes can be found on page 3). With 115 sessions, the annual conference planning team is certain that you will be able to develop the perfect agenda for professional development. We’re still in the planning stages for a complimentary President’s Reception on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 5:30 hosted by Follett, and we hope to recognize many library directors who’ve recently retired.

This is a smattering of topics that will entice you to visit www.ilfonline.org and check out the preliminary program!

• Succession planning, digital access cards, writing for the web, taking circulation beyond the desk, using key components to express you library’s worth to local leadership, leadership development, balance work and life demands, great tools for problem solving
• 3D printing, emerging technologies, construction projects, right-size your collection, transforming the library into a digital wonderland, the small branch library building, new directors, tech services, digitizing collections
• Makerspace, strengthening connections with faculty, graphic novels, social media, career advancement, improving visibility, communication styles, net neutrality, using library cadets, preparing for disaster, building your own e-Book lending system, inbound marketing, linked data
• Pew research, LSTA grants, new managers, networking, mentoring, working with children with disabilities, teen programming, amping up relationships between schools and public libraries, retirement planning, changes in the workplace, engaging students in the school library, leadership in school, connecting students and classes to databases

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After a long winter and an equally long legislative session, I hope all of you are having a wonderful, productive summer.

Our legislative advocates, the Legislative Committee and Susan Akers deserve a big thank you for the work they did to make sure that “no harm was done,” funding for connectivity was increased, and funding for INSPIRE was preserved. A special thank you goes to Indiana State Library Director Jake Spear for his advocacy for libraries.

We also want to recognize and thank the library directors that will be retiring this year. Unfortunately, we will be losing years of institutional knowledge for ILF. These are individuals who have served in leadership roles on both the ILF Board and on the Legislative Committee at various times in their professional careers. We wish all of you a wonderful retirement and thank you for all you have done for Indiana’s libraries!

With the loss of all of this talent, we are seeking more of you to step up and become leaders in our ILF efforts. There are many ways to contribute. As we begin to think about leadership for the next few years please consider getting involved. For a volunteer form go to: https://ilfonline.site-ym.com/?page=personalmembership. Current ILF leaders and the staff will be glad to talk with those interested in leadership opportunities.

The Legislative Committee has begun a strategic planning process that will hopefully result in further educating ILF members in working with their legislators and becoming stronger advocates for Indiana’s libraries. We are working on a new format for the Legislative Conference on Oct. 6 that will be fun, educational and will teach us new and more effective ways to be legislative advocates. Save the date for the morning of Oct. 6 and watch for more information later in this summer on the ILF website.

The strength of ILF is our members and those that choose to volunteer to help with our many initiatives. ILF needs you and we look forward to increasing the number of our volunteer leaders.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

Beverly Gard, 2015 ILF President

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**What ILF Means to Me**

*By Jennifer Selinsky, Charlestown Clark County Public Library*

ILF is a wonderful organization, am very proud to be a member. I joined Indiana Library Federation in 2009, and I have partaken of the many services available for those who are members. Since I have become a member of this organization, I have been informed of many events and pieces of news which affect our state libraries. In 2013, I had an article published in Indiana Libraries. I was very proud to have my article published in such a prestigious and widely-circulated magazine. Needless to say, ILF made that achievement possible!

I have attended five district conferences, one statewide conference, and one PLA conference. I am not a member of PLA, and I was very glad that I had the opportunity to attend the conference in Indianapolis. ILF is a very beneficial organization, and I am very proud to be a member. I hope to continue enjoying all the services and benefits which ILF provides, as I renew my membership year after year!
About the 2015 Keynote Speakers (ILF Annual Conference)

Daniel Handler is also the author of the several novels, the latest being “We are Pirates.” The Basic Eight, Watch Your Mouth, Adverbs, and, with Maira Kalman, Why We Broke Up; he also worked with Kalman on the book Girls Standing on Lawns and Hurry Up and Wait (May 2015). As Lemony Snicket, he has written the best-selling series All The Wrong Questions as well as A Series of Unfortunate Events, which has sold more than 60 million copies, was the basis of a feature film starring Jim Carrey and Meryl Streep, with Jude Law as Lemony Snicket, and is being developed for television. Snicket is also the creator of several picture books.

His criticism has appeared in The New York Times, Newsday, The San Francisco Chronicle, and The Believer, where he has a column exploring the Nobel Prize in Literature titled “What the Swedes Read.” He recently wrote the inaugural dispatch for a new monthly feature for the Wall Street Journal.

Handler works extensively in music, serving as the adjunct accordionist for the music group The Magnetic Fields and collaborating with composer Nathaniel Stookey on a piece commissioned and recorded by the San Francisco Symphony, entitled “The Composer Is Dead,” which has been performed all over the world and is now a book with CD. He is currently at work on a commission from the Royal Shakespeare Company on a stage musical in collaboration with songwriter Stephin Merritt. He is a graduate of Wesleyan University, and lives in his native San Francisco with his wife and son.

Buffy Hamilton is currently a school librarian at Norcross High Gwinnett County, Georgia. Prior to that, she was the Learning Strategist for the Cleveland Public Library in Ohio and a high school librarian and teacher at The Unquiet Library in Canton, Georgia. She was recognized in 2011 as a “Mover and Shaker” by the Library Journal and has over 20 years of experience in library work. Her interests include critical literacy, participatory learning and culture, ethnographic studies, digital composition, personal learning environments, critical pedagogy, and social scholarship. Visit Buffy’s professional portfolio at http://www.buffyjhamilton.wordpress.com.

Division Chairs: Please Canvas Your Members Regarding an At-Large Position on ILF Board

WHAT: An opening for a two-year term for the position of At-Large Member on the ILF Board of Directors.

WHO: This nomination should come with the support of any division except CYPD (since there is already a CYPD member serving on the ILF board). The ideal candidate should have prior experience serving within an ILF unit.

WHEN & WHERE: The ILF board meets in Indianapolis every other month, usually on a Tuesday or Thursday. We will begin using videoconferencing equipment this late summer to involve more members statewide.

HOW: The nominating committee needs to know of possible candidates by late summer. If your division has a member or members who may be interested in the at-large position, please contact askus@ilfonline.org or see job description.
Upcoming ILF Events

The Library & Information Technology Division (LITD) Conference will be held on August 7 at Avon-Washington Township Public Library. The theme is: "A Brave New World." Registration rates are $45 for members and $67 for non-members. Hotel accommodations can be made at Fairfield Inn in Avon. Come discover the "new world" of information technology! For more information and to register go to: https://ilfonline.site-ym.com/?page=LITDconference.

A unique one-day conference being sponsored by IALA and the Reference Division will be held August 14. This conference will be held at the IUPUI Library in Indianapolis. The theme for this conference is "Legal Issues in Libraries." Attendees will learn about an array of legal and policy issues on access for the homeless, vendor contracts for digital content licenses, common legal topics in libraries and more. Registration rates are $40 for members and $60 for non-members. To register go to: https://ilfonline.site-ym.com/?page=ialareferenceconf.

The ever-popular Children and Young People's Division (CYPD) Conference will be held at the Marriott East, in Indianapolis on August 23-24. Conference rates are Full Conference - member $165 non-member $250, Sunday only - member $100 non-member $150 and Monday only - member $90 non-member $135. Conference sessions will cover STEM projects for teens, taking crafts to the next level, early literacy, connecting with students and books, grant writing, early childhood development, library programming, Tinker for children and teens, using music and movement in preschool programs, and more! For hotel rate, registration and more go to: https://ilfonline.site-ym.com/?page=cypdconference.

Next we have a special event just for our Friends groups! Our FOIL Conference will take place at the Vigo County Public Library in Terre Haute on September 18. Registration rates are $25 for members and $38 for non-members. This day promises to be full of learning, sharing, and enjoyment. Just fill out the registration form found here: https://ilfonline.site-ym.com/?page=foilconference or send in the form found on page 7.

Plans are also being made for the Small and Medium Size Libraries (SAMS) Conference which will be held at the Westfield-Washington Public Library on September 17-18. Accommodations can be made at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites in Carmel. Hotel rates for attendees are $124. To reserve a room call (317) 575-0000 and mention SAMS when you register. More information about this conference will be available soon at https://ilfonline.site-ym.com/?page=SAMSConference.

SAVE THE DATE: Arrangements are being made for Legislative Fall Forum on October 6 and the IPLA Conference on October 7 at Oak Hill Mansion in Carmel. For registration rates and more information go to www.ilfonline.org and click on "Events." This year’s Fall Forum is free for members! Plans are not finalized for either event at this time.

ILF Membership Renewal

The ILF office values your membership! Your annual dues support the ILF office, advocacy work, conference, continuing education activities and much more!

Those who renew are invited to go online and use their current user name and password. Those who don’t remember their password should be able to re-set it. If you have trouble, please call the ILF office (317-257-2040, ext. 106) and inquire with Megan Zantos. Those who are new members should use the link below then click “click here to register.” To access the membership form online, please visit www.ilfonline.org and select the “Membership” tab.

You can assist us by joining online at the following link: https://ilfonline.site-ym.com/login.aspx

You may either charge your membership with a credit card or choose the bill me option and we will send you an invoice. The financial processing gateway is a secure system which serves thousands of companies and handles millions of dollars safely and securely. If you absolutely do not wish to join online, you may print a PDF of the 2015 form from the ILF website, fax the membership form and credit card information to (317) 257-1389 or scan and e-mail to Megan (megan@ilfonline.org).
Indiana Library Federation Receives LSTA Grant

The Indiana Library Federation received an LSTA grant of $7,800 for the purchase of video-conferencing equipment. After installation and testing, members will be able to attend meetings virtually with the click of the keyboard. The 60” high definition screen will allow attendees to view everyone in the room and vice versa.

“We are grateful to the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Indiana State Library. We’ll be able to have meetings with members in the far corners of the state, saving them time and expense of travel,” said Susan Akers, ILF Executive Director. “Videoconferencing is better than having everyone looking down at their own laptops and notebooks during the meeting plus the audio will be top-of-the-line.”

The ILF expects for the equipment to be installed by late summer. At some point, the associations, divisions and committees will want to make use of the equipment when taking care of business.

This project is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, administered by the Indiana State Library.

ILF Mentoring Program

One of the member benefits at ILF is the mentoring program. Over a year’s time, mentors/mentees will meet a few times depending on their schedules and goals. A mentee usually has ideas that would help him/her to grow professionally, and the mentor would meet with the mentee and over time, a supportive professional relationship grows. The mentor encourages the mentee and provides guidance, where needed and if requested.

Mentors should have at least five years in the profession, be willing to commit time to the relationship, keep communication lines open and encourage the mentee in ways that will be identified during the course of the match. To begin the program, please go to https://ilfonline.site-ym.com/?page=Mentoringprogram to complete a short form. Follow-up information includes a mentoring program booklet and tip sheet which can also be found on the ILF website.

A liaison from the management division will contact the match periodically. If you would like more information or wish to learn more about the program, please contact Megan Zanto at megan@ilfonline.org and state whether you would like to be a mentor or a mentee.

At this time, we are searching for matches for the following:

Seeking a Mentor
• District 5 Public Library Director – Interested in Human Resources, Public Relations, and time management
• District 7 Public Library Director—Interested in Indiana library community, networking, and statewide involvement

Becoming a Mentor
• District 1 Academic Librarian – Strengths include reference, instruction, and web services in an academic library
• District 2 Public Librarian – Strengths include supervision, working with the public, administration, planning, visioning, and technology systems administration
• District 3 Public Library Director – Strengths include finance, hiring, and being involved in all areas of the library
• District 4 Public Library Director – Strengths include management, reference, and public librarianship
• District 4 Public Library Branch Manager – Strengths include time management, scheduling, and patron service
• District 6 Retired School Media Specialist – Strengths include media specialist and cataloging
• District 8 School Library Media Specialist – Strengths include school library administration, technology, programming, cooperative projects with teachers, and book selection for readers
• District 8 Academic Librarian – Strengths include digital librarianship
ILF Joins ALA for Joint Student Membership Program

Almost 40 Chapters (library associations) partner with ALA to offer the joint student membership program, allowing students to join one Chapter and ALA for one low price, and Indiana recently joined the ALA for this joint student membership. Dues are $38, now through August 31, 2015. It is anticipated this dues amount will be unchanged through August 31, 2016.

The program was initiated to broaden ALA’s outreach and recruitment to library school students. ALA recognizes that the best way to grow and strengthen its outreach is through personal memberships that encourage concurrent involvement in Chapter and ALA activities. (Because this program is designed to encourage new memberships, eligibility is limited to those who have never belonged to either association.) For more information and a downloadable brochure go to http://www.ala.org/groups/joint-membership-program.

Direct ALA Lobbying, Grassroots Advocacy and Coalition Efforts Help Push Congress to Pass Landmark Reforms of “Library” and Other Provisions of PATRIOT Act

Less than a mere five weeks after its introduction in the House, but after years of foundational effort, the USA FREEDOM Act was signed into law by President Obama on June 2. The bill, the first major reform of the nation’s surveillance laws since 2001, finally ends the NSA’s use of Section 215 of the PATRIOT Act (the “library provision”) to collect telephone call and other “business records” (like library patron data) in bulk. Among other reforms, it also for the first time enables meaningful challenge and judicial review of the “gag orders” often accompanying National Security Letters like the ones challenged by the “Connecticut Four.” ALA grassroots and other lobbying played a significant and congressionally acknowledged role in this historic result. Librarians were especially active in the critical final hours preceding the Senate’s votes producing over 2,200 emails to Congress in less than eight hours in response to a “last push” alert sent by the Washington Office. The bill’s reforms become effective in early December.

David Dickey Continuing Education Award

David Dickey Continuing Education Award Honors and recognizes individuals who are new to the academic library profession seeking support for continuing his or her education. Two awards of up $250 may be awarded each year to attend a professional conference or obtain additional training. Indiana Library Federation membership is required. Previous recipients of the award may reapply.

Minimum Criteria for Consideration: Received his or her library degree no more than five (5) years ago; Must be working in a professional capacity; Documentation and supporting information should describe the continuing education experience sought and its potential benefits to the recipient and institution; provide a budget for this experience, including all other sources of financial support (either committed or pending). Send information to sakers@ilfonline.org by Sept. 1.
Friends of Indiana Libraries

A division of the Indiana Library Federation

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$25 for members and $38 for non-members

Schedule:

9:15 a.m. - Registration
10 a.m. - Welcome by Kristi Howe, Vigo County Library Director
10:15 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. - Business Meeting
10:40 a.m. - 11:40 a.m. - Presentation: Happy Bicentennial, Indiana!
11:40 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. - Presentation: Gingerbread House Program
12:20 p.m. - 1:20 p.m. – Lunch
1:20 p.m. - 2:20 p.m. – Presentation: Making the Most from Book Sale Items
2:20 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. - Presentation: Digital Friends
3:15 p.m. - Adjourn

Thank you for registering. We appreciate your support!

Please make your check payable to ILF and return it to:

Friends of Indiana Libraries
c/o Indiana Library Federation
941 E. 86th St., #260
Indianapolis, IN  46240

Name:  _____________________________________       Library: ________________________________
Your address:  __________________________________________________________________________
Best way to reach you:    Phone:  ________________________   What time(s)? ______________________
Email: _____________________________________________     Vegetarian? _______________________
If your library is a FOIL Member, then individual fee is $25 to attend:   ____________  YES   _________NO
If your library is not a FOIL Member, then individual fee is $38 to attend.

Paying by ___________ CHECK  ___________ CHARGE CARD  ___________ BILL ME
If charge, number is: _________________________________________________   Expires: _____________
3-digit code on back: _________________________ These forms are shredded by the ILF office.

THANK YOU!
News, Updates, and Announcements

Carmel Clay Director Retires
Wendy Phillips retired June 30 after 35 years with the Carmel Clay Public Library. She became director in 2000. During her tenure with the library, she held management positions in Circulation, Computer Technology and Technical Services, becoming assistant director in 1992. She started her professional career at the Chicago Public Library after receiving her MLS degree from Rosary College (now Dominican University) in River Forest, Ill. Among Wendy’s many accomplishments, the biggest was her role in moving the Carmel Library to its current location in 1999. The library tripled in size and staff doubled at the time. Wendy said that the best part of her time with the library was the community relationships she was able to build. She will certainly be missed by all!

Purdue Librarian Awarded Fellowship
Jamillah R. Gabriel, Purdue University Black Cultural Center librarian, has been selected as a recipient of the IMLS-RBS (Rare Book School) Fellowship for Early Career Librarians. Jamillah is one of 20 recipients in the first cohort of fellows selected from more than 110 applicants.

Debra Futa Named Director of the St. Joseph County Public Library
The St. Joseph County Library Board has named Debra Futa to be the next director of the St. Joseph County Public Library. Debra will succeed Donald J. Napoli as director on July 1, 2015.

Debra Futa began her career at SJCPL in 1979, as a work-study student and over time advanced in the organization earning a MLS degree from Indiana University in 1983. During the course of her 36-year history at SJCPL, Debra served as an assistant librarian at the Roger B. Francis Branch, coordinator of the Bookmobile Program, head of the Computer Services Department (IT), and chief financial officer before starting in her current role as assistant library director.

THATCamp
The Scholarly Communication Committee of the Academic Libraries of Indiana (ALI) organization is pleased to invite you to participate in their first THATCamp on Friday, July 24th at the Ruth Lilly Medical Library in Indianapolis. Registration, parking, and food are provided by ALI, so this event is free of charge for all attendees. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm! We strongly encourage librarians, graduate students, archivists, technologists, and anyone interested in learning or talking about the changing landscape of scholarly communications in the humanities or other disciplines. Attendance is limited, so please register as soon as possible. To register for THATCamp go to: http://indiana2015.thatcamp.org/register/

THATCamp stands for “The Humanities and Technology Camp.” THATCamps are “unconferences,” which means that specific sessions will be determined on the day of the camp and will be based on the interests of the attendees. You can propose sessions prior to the day of the event, and you are welcome to bring your ideas for sessions on the day of the camp as well.

Publications & Presentations
If you have a recent publication or presentation you would like to share with the ILF membership please send information to Diane J. Bever, editor of Focus on Indiana Libraries, dbever@iuk.edu.

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NEW! Just for our ILF members, we’re excited to announce our new Member Rewards program. Join today and save on THOUSANDS of items from big brands like AMC Theatres, Dell, Macy’s and more. To join, log in and click on the Member Rewards link from your profile menu.
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CALENDAR

July 2015

2  Articles due for August issue of Focus.
7  Legislative Mtg., 2 p.m.
   ILF Office Complex
22  IPLA Mtg., 1 p.m.

August 2015

2  Articles due for September issue of Focus.
7  LITD Conference, Avon-Washing-
   ton Public Library, Avon
11  ILF Board Mtg., 12:30 p.m. ILF office
   complex
   Annual Conf. Planning Mtg., 2:30
   p.m., ILF Office Complex
14  IALA/Reference Conference, IUPUI,
   Indianapolis
23-24  CYPD Conference, Marriott East,
   Indianapolis

September 2015

2  Articles due for October issue of Focus.
8  Legislative Mtg., 10:30 a.m.
   ILF office complex, Indianapolis
23  IPLA Mtg., 1 p.m.
   ILF office complex
17-18  SAMS Conference, location TBD
18  FOIL Conference, Vigo County
   Public Library, Terre Haute

October 2015

2  Articles due for Nov/Dec issue of Focus.
6  Fall Forum, Oak Hill Mansion,
   Carmel
   ILF Board Mtg., 12:30 p.m. ILF
   Office Complex
   Annual Conference Mtg., ILF
   Office Complex (time TBD)
7  IPLA Conference, Oak Hill
   Mansion, Carmel

November 2015

16-18  ILF Annual Conference
   Marriott East, Indianapolis