This year’s 2014 ILF Annual Conference will be held in a new location and (drum roll, please) the registration fee will decrease a bit; there won’t be parking fees nor expensive hotel rates! The ILF annual conference planning committee is happy to announce more than 130 top-quality sessions which will be detailed in an upcoming online preliminary program. Just when we thought nothing could top last year, the 2014 conference promises to be a must-attend event. Here is what you need to know:

**How Much:** Due to the new location, we were able to reduce the attendee rates from last year. Look for registration to open at the end of June!

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**Diverse Sessions:**

**Pre-Conference** – November 17:
A wide variety of sessions will be offered at an additional registration price ranging from being a business of character, how to implement change, debt issuance and tax rates in the tax cap world, RDA in the local history and genealogy space, the Digital Public Library of America, and many more. This year has some of the best pre-conference sessions ever!

**Conference Sessions** – November 18-19:
With over 135 sessions from which to choose!

**Featured Speakers** – Trevor Dawes (President of ACRL), Andrew Sanderbeck from the People Connect Institute; author Mike Mullin; Sylvia Watson (attorney for the Indiana State Library); Mary Russell; Lauren Burnett; Nancy Dowd; Mindy McGinnis, Samantha Chada and many more from around the country will be joining us to present several topics of high interest. These will be “must see” sessions.

Check the preliminary program online at the middle of June to see the breadth and quality of this year’s sessions! We could not be more proud.

**Returning This Year:**

- WiFi for all attendees!
- Conference app sponsored by Boopsie!
- Roundtables for associations and divisions on November 18!
- Balanced days for all associations and divisions!
- 80+ exhibitors from a variety of industries serving a variety of your needs!
Celebrating ALA’s 40th National Library Legislative Day on the Hill

In early May, a contingent of four Hoosier librarians and one intrepid public library board member traveled to Washington D.C. to participate in American Library Association’s (ALA’s) 40th Annual National Library Legislative Day activities. ILF has supported participation in this event for many years, but this was my first official visit to D.C. to advocate for libraries in person.

Having worked on library legislative issues at the state level for years, advocating for libraries was not a new concept for me, but advocacy at the Federal legislative level, especially on The Hill, was a much bigger challenge and the stakes much higher.

By way of explanation, National Library Legislative Day is not just one day dedicated to Congressional office visits, it’s preceded by a day and a half of training giving participants the tools and tactics to develop a message and talking points for the topics of current national concern for libraries. In addition to asking legislators to affirm support for libraries this year there were eight talking points for federal legislation: federal funding (i.e. LSTA), early learning initiatives, e-Rate, net neutrality, open access, privacy and surveillance, school libraries, and workforce investment.

Since Congressional offices are very busy and we were on a tight schedule we had about 15 minutes to lay out the issues, personalize them with stories about Indiana library experiences, and ask for support.

This year’s ILF team, Terry Rheinheimer, ALA Councilor/ILF Federal Legislative Coordinator and the trip’s organizer, Robin Crumrin, IALA representative/ILF past president, Gigi Shook, AISLE representative, Nancy Valentine, Gary Public Library board member, and I, made for a strong geographically diverse team. Thankfully Terry and Robin were Legislative Day veterans and expertly led our group around, down, and through the corridors and tunnels of the House and Senate buildings to the offices of Indiana’s Congressional representatives.

In advance of our visit, Terry made appointments with legislative assistants in each office to ensure we had their undivided attention to make our case for libraries. We were well prepared with our talking points and packets of information, which included letters from libraries who had received federal dollars for projects in the past year. It was an exhausting but very positive experience; one we hope will benefit libraries across Indiana and the nation.

Sincerely,

Marcia Au
CEO/Director
Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library
A New Page for Libraries
By Beverly Gard, ILF Board Vice President and Chairperson for 2014 Annual Conference Planning Committee

What will be in that page, tomorrow and next year? Fifteen years ago would you have thought that in 2014 you would be reading magazines and books on an electronic device small enough to carry in a pocket? Would you have thought that all those items would be a part of your library collection?

Join us for the ILF Annual Conference and we’ll look into the future. What does the electronic age mean for our libraries? In the past decade, public library use has increased almost 33% nationwide. Will this trend continue and how do we rethink how we configure our libraries to meet the needs of a changing world.

Our two keynote speakers are outstanding. Dr. Siva Vaidhyanathan, a cultural historian and media scholar, teaches at the University of Virginia. He is the author of *The Googlization of Everything and Why We Should Worry*. He has lauded librarians as “the custodians of our information and cultural commons.”

Sergio Dogliani is from Idea Stores in the United Kingdom. A past ALA and Wisconsin Public Library Association keynote speaker, he was highly praised for his presentations, he will share his view of opening Idea Stores as libraries and lots more.

Look for the preliminary program online this summer. There are sessions for every library employee from all types of libraries. Directors, trustees, new and experienced librarians and managers, and the whole scope of library employees and para-professionals will find sessions of interest to them.

Mark your calendars now and join us for an educational and fun experience!

2014 Annual Conference
Get to know Tuesday’s Keynote
**Dr. Siva Vaidhyanathan!**

Dr. Siva Vaidhyanathan is the Robertson Professor in Media Studies and department chair (Media Studies) at the University of Virginia.

Vaidhyanathan is a frequent contributor on media and cultural issues in various periodicals including the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *New York Times* magazine, *The Nation*, and *Salon.com*, as well as a frequent contributor to *National Public Radio* and to MSNBC.COM and has appeared in a segment of "The Daily Show" with Jon Stewart.

In March 2002, *Library Journal* cited Vaidhyanathan among its “Movers & Shakers” in the library field. In the feature story, Vaidhyanathan lauded librarians for being “on the front lines of copyright battles” and for being “the custodians of our information and cultural commons.” In November 2004, *The Chronicle of Higher Education* called Vaidhyanathan “one of academe’s best-known scholars of intellectual property and its role in contemporary culture.” He has testified as an expert before the U.S. Copyright Office on the Digital Millennium Copyright Act.

As author of *The Googlization of Everything and Why We Should Worry*, (University of California Press, 2011), he is noted for opposing the Google Books scanning project on copyright grounds. He has published the opinion that the project poses a danger for the doctrine of fair use, because the fair use claims are arguably so excessive that it may cause judicial limitation of that right.

2014 Annual Conference
Get to know Wednesday’s Keynote, Sergio Dogliani!

Sergio Dogliani moved from Italy to Great Britain in 1984. His experience in learning provision and his lifelong love of books and libraries led to his appointment as manager of the first Idea Store in 2002, and then to his current position in the Senior Management Team as deputy head of Idea Store.

The Idea Store project, created in Tower Hamlets, is an innovative concept that combines library, learning and information services through a network of new buildings that also include cafés, art galleries and community facilities. Sergio’s work regularly involves council directors, international architects and designers, policy makers, local and national politicians, and union leaders.

Sergio is much in demand on the international cultural circuit, having extensively travelled to Europe and the US. He is also one of the organizers of Collisioni, a major literary and musical festival in Barolo (Italy) now in its sixth year, which has attracted international guests such as Paul Auster, Don DeLillo, Salman Rushdie, Bob Dylan and Patti Smith, and an audience of 80,000.

Sergio lives in Hackney, East London, with his wife Emma (an opera singer) and three children Zaki (20), Isabella (16) and Rocco (11) - all Idea Store members.
**Awards, Honors, and Scholarships**

Now is the time to nominate that special person/persons or organization who exemplifies excellence in library service or programming. The Indiana Library Federation Annual Conference holds an annual banquet to recognize those individuals and libraries. Except where noted, nominees must be members of the Indiana Library Federation for the year in which they are nominated. Do you have someone in mind for Outstanding New Librarian? Outstanding School Librarian? Fantastic programming should be celebrated, or perhaps there is someone who should be recognized with the Lifetime Achievement Award?

Please start the process right now to help us recognize excellence in Indiana libraries. Visit [www.ilfonline.org](http://www.ilfonline.org) and select “Programs” for criteria and descriptions of awards. **Deadline: June 30, 2014.**

**Scholarships:**
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. Seven scholarships were awarded in 2013. 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/?scholarships](http://www.ilfonline.org/?scholarships).

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**Q & A on the ILF Mentoring Program**

**What is it?** Mentors are library professionals with at least five years in the profession and be willing to commit time to the relationship. The mentor helps the mentee set career goals, perhaps the pair identifies areas for growth and encourages the mentee in ways that will be identified during the course of the match. Each match is unique.

**Why does someone want a mentor?** The person being mentored has access to a successful role model for guidance and resource sharing. The mentor provides constructive feedback and helps the mentee look at options, if needed, for long-term career goals.

**Who is involved?** A mentor and mentee. A liaison will contact the match quarterly with a few simple questions to see how the match is going. The feedback to the liaison is confidential.

**How long does it last?** A “match” will meet a few times per year depending on their schedules and goals. The pair will decide how and when to meet and preferences for communication.

**What’s in it for me as an experienced librarian or director?** The mentor receives personal satisfaction due to his/her sharing experience and knowledge. The mentor is “giving back” to the profession. Mentors provide opportunities to model leadership and professionalism.

**How do I get started?** The ILF office has a one-page form that is designed to obtain information about the mentor’s strengths and the mentee’s needs. It is advisable to work within 90 minutes of each other, but not required. There is a short handbook to read so that each person can understand his/her role and match etiquette. For information, please contact askus@ilfonline.org.

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**Library Directors: Letters Regarding Possible Health Insurance Refund**

Over the next two weeks, public library directors will receive a USPS certified letter from ILF outlining plans to refund dollars to libraries who participated in the association’s health care program as institutional members in 1998. Many years ago, the ILF entered into a contract with Anthem for a fully insured group health policy effective February 1, 1998. In early 1999, ILF received a refund of premiums from Anthem that was deposited into an investment account. Through investment gains over the years, the amount of funds in the Refund Account has appreciated substantially.

Because there are no longer records at Anthem to show which libraries paid premiums in 1998 or what portion, if any, of the premiums were paid by employees, the ILF is contacting all library directors whose libraries were institutional members in 1998 to ask them to review their respective records and determine the following:

- if the library paid into the insurance program in 1998; and
- if so, how many of the library employees were covered.

Upon legal analysis and recommendation by attorneys who specialize in employee benefit and tax law, the ILF will upon receipt of appropriate documentation distribute the Refund Account (inclusive of the applicable earnings) pro-rata to those member libraries that participated in the Group Health Plan in 1998 by the end of the 2014 calendar year.
ILF District Conference Wrap-Up

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

The District 2 Conference was held on April 4 at the Frankfort Community Public Library in Frankfort. Seventeen sessions were offered to the 95 attendees. Sessions included: Marketing to Teens, Communicating Library Impact with Statistics and Stories, Bringing Unserved Areas in Your Library District and many more, plus two keynote speakers, Nancy Dowd and Jennifer Pearson. Nancy gave two presentations, Creating Stories to Boldly Go Where No Library Has Gone Before and Creating a Sophisticated Visual Merchandising Strategy. Jennifer gave the luncheon presentation, We Geek Community-Based Advocacy: Practical Ideas and Tips from the Folks Who Brought You Geek the Library.

The District 8 Conference was held at the beautiful Winchester Public Library on April 8. Forty-nine attendees enjoyed a day of breakout sessions including, Reaching Teens Through Technology, Services at the State Library, Pinterest and Libraries, Story Time with Puppets, a wonderful keynote presentation by Voices from the Graveyard author Sharon E. Smith and more.

There were 96 attendees in attendance at the District 3 Conference at the Huntington Public Library on April 10. Curt Witcher from Allen County Public Library gave the keynote presentation, “Re-think, Re-Boot, Re-Connect: It’s a New World.” There were also 21 breakout sessions. Breakout sessions included: The Trustee/Director Relationship, Building a Website for Your Library with WordPress, E-mail Privacy, Conflict Resolutions for Agitated Patrons and more.

District 1 Conference at Indiana University in South Bend was held on May 13. Over 100 attendees chose from 16 breakout sessions. Breakout sessions topics included workplace behavior, internet filtering, circulation policies, evaluations for school librarians, INSPIRE for K-12, brand management, apps for the youth department and more. Attendees also enjoyed an amazing keynote presentation by Dr. Stephen P. Hundley from IUPUI and a wonderful meal catered by Indiana University.

Website Changes and Updates

You may have noticed a couple of changes to the ILF website lately. One improvement is the addition of drop-down tabs at the top of each page. Now you will find a drop-down menu for each tab just by hovering over the tab. This addition allowed us to give the website a much cleaner look. There are also “more in this section” drop-down menus on most webpages. This feature allows users to go to other webpages associated with a certain webpage. Such as, “YHBA Resources” can be found on the drop-down menu at the top of the “YHBA” webpage.

Another change is the addition of the “Member Services” tab. This tab includes links to member registration, member login, member logout, and member search.

We have also added an image rotator on the right-hand side of the homepage. This image rotator provides a quick link to each of the ILF association webpages. Just click on the association logo to take you to the association page.

Some other new features are included under the “Site Features” tab. They contain an image gallery, community blogs, forums, groups, and latest news.

Please always send me your meeting information so we may add that to the calendar. We hope you will take advantage of some of the great, new features of the website. If you have any questions regarding the website, please contact Tisa Davis at tdavis@ilfonline.org.
ILF is fortunate to collaborate with People Connect Institute for our series of webinars. For June, the line-up of webinars is below (1 LEU credit each). Members who wish to receive the reduced rate are encouraged to e-mail askus@ilfonline.org for the promotional code and to follow up at that same e-mail to obtain their LEU certificate. Click on the links below for more information and to register.

As of June 1, all live and archived webinars will be $39 for ILF members. That is $20 off the regular price. The group-viewing rate will increase to $119 but those libraries who are ILF members will get $20 off making the webinar for a group just $99. ILF receives $9 for individual webinar purchases, and these funds are used to offset technology costs.

Shhh! Do You Hear What I Hear?: A Webinar to Improve Your Listening Skills - Tues., June 3 from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Finding, Supervising, and Motivating Community Library Volunteers - Thurs., June 5 from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

iPads and Tablets in Children’s Programming: A How To - Tues., June 10 from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Cover to Cover: Redefining Books and Library Collections in Learning - Thurs., June 12 from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Rock, Paper, Scissors ~ Finding a Decision-Making System That Works for You - Tues., June 17 from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Solo Librarianship - Thurs., June 19 from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Take the Lead and Others Just May Follow - Tues., June 24 from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Overcoming the Fear of Feedback: Giving and Receiving - Thurs., June 26 from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

myON is back!

myON reader is free once again this summer for students K-8 to read e-Books, and there are now even more books! myON is a complete literacy solution that reinvents student reading. It provides access to thousands of award-winning digital books, and recommends content to readers at their interest and at their level. Students become immersed in reading titles targeted specifically for them. myON has features like spoken word audio to model fluency, sentence highlighting and an embedded dictionary. myON takes literacy one step further, using embedded Lexile® reading assessments that educators can measure and forecast reading growth. For each student, myON metrics include time spent reading, number of books read, a reading growth trajectory, and much more.

myON also has resources and tools to help educators develop the full potential of myON Reader. As part of the myON subscription, each educator has access to the myON professional development site dedicated to providing additional educational resources to include: curriculum resources, quick reference guides, lesson plans, project-based learning templates, planning tools (i.e. Family Literacy Night templates, etc.), and more.

To access myON, go to: http://www.myon.com/login/. Once there, enter Hoosier Family of Readers, Indiana Department of Education as your school. The username is read and the password is read. More information can be found at: http://www.doe.in.gov/hoosierreaders.
News, Updates, and Announcements

Three ILF Members Elected to ALA Positions
Three ILF members have been elected to serve in American Library Association (ALA) positions. Latrice Booker, Indiana University Northwest, was elected to serve as an ALA Councilor-at-Large. Cheryl Blevens, assistant reference instructor at Indiana University was elected to serve as secretary/archivist of the Distance Learning Section. Leslie Preddy, school library media specialist from MSD Perry Township was elected to serve as American Association of School Librarians (AASL) president. Congratulations to all!

Ophelia Georgiev Roop Hired as New Director for the East Chicago Public Library
After serving a dozen years as director of the San Bernardino Public Library in California, Ophelia Georgiev Roop decided it was time to come home. She began her new job as director of the East Chicago Public Library on March 31.

She earned her undergraduate degree in Russian language and Slavic studies and her graduate degree in library and information science, both from Indiana University. Prior to her work in California, Ophelia was a reference librarian and then an administrator in the Indianapolis library system. She later became director of the Herron School of Art Library, which is a branch library of the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis Library.

One of Ophelia’s goals is for the East Chicago Public Library to eventually provide computer classes. “Lots of older people who have grandchildren want to learn how to Skype so they can see their grandkids,” she said. “Other people want to know how to buy things on the Internet.” Ms. Roop replaces Charles Moore, who served as interim director of the East Chicago Public Library for three years.

Lawrenceburg Public Library District Director Retires
After 29 years of serving the community, Sally Stegner has retired from the Lawrenceburg Public Library. Sally devoted her professional career to serving patrons through the public library system. With 38 years total library service, Sally’s remarkable career included time as a community college librarian to children’s librarian to assistant director to director. Her accomplishments in the community and within the library district are numerous. She was instrumental in the building of the 1999 building of the North Dearborn Branch library along with initiating and completing the 2007 renovation and expansion of the Lawrenceburg Public Library.

Born to Read
Susan and Jeff Akers are oohing and ahhing over their first grandchild. Sullivan Lane Gray was born April 9 in Porter County, 7 lb. 13 oz and 21” long. He will be a patron of the Chesterton Library. Susan is executive director of the ILF.

New Products from YHBA
New YHBA products will be on the ILF website for a limited time. Products include a 16 oz. tumbler, a 17” laptop case, and new fabric bookmarks. Tumblers will be sold for $6.50 each, laptop cases are $25 each and fabric bookmarks are $3.50 a piece (postage not included). For more information and to order, go to www.ilfonline.org and click on “online store.” This is for a limited time ONLY so order today!
A Webinar for Everyone: Putting the User First
June 11, 2014, 2 p.m. Eastern
IUPUI, Indianapolis

Indiana Academic Library Association (IALA) is presenting a free, 90 minute Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) webinar on June 11 at the IUPUI University Library in room 1126 at 2 p.m. LEUs are being obtained for this webinar. Lunch will be provided at 12:30 p.m. with a tour of the library to follow. Attendees are welcome to come for lunch and the tour or only for the webinar. Parking is available in the visitor’s parking garage. Attendees will be given a pass to present to the attendant when they leave the garage.

Description: Just one simple idea can transform your library: put the user first. But as you likely already know, just because something's simple doesn't mean it's easy. User experience is everywhere. It’s reference, it’s your website, it’s every phone call you get, it’s your collections and it is definitely how many comfortable chairs you have and making the most of that prime window seating. But some of us have buildings with hard chairs and no windows, many of us have shrinking budgets, nearly everybody has experience with grumpies, whether a patron, a colleague, or (gulp) ourselves.

The good news is that even small changes can make big headway. Looking to transform your library and your services to be more responsive, effective and user-centered? Interested in revitalizing your own practice? This interactive webcast will give you food for thought by presenting hands-on strategies and practical suggestions you can apply today.

Learning Outcomes:
• Define user experience design within the context of public services librarianship in order to establish ground work for UX-based thinking and decision-making in professional practice.
• Discover concrete strategies for identifying, implementing, and evaluating user-driven changes in order to improve physical and virtual services.
• Identify resources for inspiration and further study in order to enable participants to continue their own personal UX journey.

Presenter(s): Courtney Greene McDonald, Head, Discovery and Research Services, Indiana University

Please RSVP to Willie Miller at wmmiller@iupui.edu.

Technical Requirements: ACRL Webcasts are held in an Elluminate virtual classroom. Speakers or a headset for listening to the presentation are required. You may ask questions through text-based chat or a microphone. You will be prompted to download a java-based application (Elluminate) before being able to enter the classroom. Elluminate works on both PC and Macintosh platforms. The minimum PC requirements are a Pentium II 266 Mhz with 64MB of memory and a sound card. The minimum Mac requirements are a G3 233 Mhz with 64MB of memory when using OS 9.0 - 9.2 or 128MB of memory when using OS X.
One of my favorite shows as a kid was Laverne and Shirley. This weekly half-hour television program following the antics of two blue-collar factory girls from Milwaukee provided endless enjoyment for me and my friends growing up.

Shirley’s sometime boyfriend, Carmine Ragusa, was a Golden Gloves champ (the Big Ragoo) who made his living beefcake-ing rich ladies around the dance floor. There’s a scene used in the opening credits of Carmine teaching Laverne and Shirley to dance. They are huddled together snapping their fingers and he twirls in from across the room, grabs their limbs, and makes them dance.

As a library leader, I often find myself in the odd position of cheerleader, soother-in-chief, and, like Carmine in a clip from Laverne and Shirley, tasked with teaching library staff to just let go and (metaphorically) dance already!

It’s hard to change a culture, and libraries often find themselves stuck in a rut based on past experience, complacency and fear. Like Laverne and Shirley, it’s easier to stay in the background snapping your fingers than it is to risk making a fool of yourself by trying to dance. Telling people to change is not at all as effective as rolling up your sleeves and participating in it. If you are asking folks to get out more, model that behavior by doing it yourself. If you want them to smile and greet patrons as they come in the door, be sure to smile and project a friendly manner to patrons and staff as you pass through the library. If you want to build a culture of yes, be sure to say yes when a staff member makes (what may seem to you) a crazy suggestion. When someone does make a mistake, find a way to make that a teachable moment rather than chopping off a hand.

Most of all, don’t fall into the trap of spending so much time focusing on what’s missing that you forget to appreciate, encourage, and nurture the pieces that are already in place. Not everyone knows what great library service looks like, and it's easier to build on already existing strengths than to point out every negative.

Are your circulation staff focused on collecting every penny owed so the library won't go under? Thank them for their diligence, but kindly point out that fines and fees are a small part of the budget, and wouldn't it be nicer to make it as easy as possible to pay fines without shame so folks who do owe fees are more likely to stop by and pay? Are reference staff glued to their chairs? Thank them for wanting to be present for customers, but demonstrate for them how many more people stop them and ask for help while they are walking back from showing someone the dog books. Have signs replaced conversations with patrons? Praise the sign makers for their genuine attempt to communicate, but offer talking points and explanations of policy for staff to take the fear out of potential confrontation. Better yet, take a hard look at policies that require signs and consider making it easier for your staff and patrons by eliminating them.

At the end of the day, we all want the library to be a place for exceptional experiences for the staff and the patrons. Making that happen requires leaders who aren't afraid not only to ask the hard questions, but to answer them.

Sometimes you just gotta twirl in and make ‘em dance.

Spotlight: ILF Board Member

Kevin Petsche is currently Head of Acquisitions at IUPUI. As part of that position, he manages all of the electronic resources, including e-journals, e-books and online databases. He is also responsible for the licensing of electronic resources.

Kevin has been a longtime board member of the Indiana Online Users Group (IOLUG) and currently serves as the group’s treasurer. He is also a member of the Academic Libraries of Indiana (ALI) Resource Advisory Group as well as a member of the Library Fund Steering Committee for the Indianapolis Foundation. For several years, he played a leading role in the ILF Technical Services Division. He has been Assistant Treasurer for ILF since January 2013.
The Early Days of the Indiana Library Association

By Susan Akers, ILF Executive Director

One hundred twenty-three years ago, Hoosier librarians wished to form an association to make libraries “…what they should be: valuable adjuncts to the school system and to serve as the people’s colleges throughout the state.”

The following excerpt is by Mary Eileen Ahern who was assistant librarian at the Indiana State Library:

On Dec. 30, 1891 a meeting was held to discuss ways and means for cooperation among the librarians of the state and to awaken a deeper interest in the libraries, and include among those who should be their best supporters. Although the meeting was not a large one, there was manifested a deep interest in the undertaking, and each one present expressed himself as feeling the need of some combination of effort and engaged to help any method of bringing it about. It was unanimously decided to organize an association and the following constitution was adopted.

In late November of 1892, members of a volunteer-run organization, the Library Association of Indiana, met with president E. B. Thomson (the librarian of Wabash College) and vice president Arthur Cunningham (the librarian of the State Normal School), and Mary E. Ahern. A constitution was adopted and a member fee was 50 cents per year was established.

The object of the association was to stimulate library interests in Indiana by means of addresses, articles in newspapers, circulation of printed matter, action of educational and other bodies likely to be interested and by other proper means at its disposal; and to secure from the legislature a revision of existing laws affecting libraries, with any needed new laws in regard to founding libraries.

The executive committee requested a complete list with brief stats of all Indiana libraries, a complete collection of all catalogues, bulletins and other printed matter issued by libraries; a complete list of librarians, trustees or committees in charge of each library.

In December of 1893, the third annual meeting was held with the officers providing a discussion on the purpose of the ILA and a discussion on the organization of libraries (speaker Calvin Moon of South Bend) and a session on catalogues and cataloguing by Miss Jessie Allan. At that conference, librarians, trustees and others interested in the library movement were invited. It was written:

“The profession of a librarian is growing in dignity and scope, and the efforts of a few who have earnestly tried to better the condition and interests of the many, deserve more sympathy and cooperation from the library people than has been shown heretofore. Let us work together for mutual benefit to ourselves and better service to our communities.”

The sessions for the day in 1894 included, “What books to have in public libraries,” “Hindrances to public library progress,” and “The history and condition of 10 libraries in Indiana,” “Difficulties in Library Administration” as presented by Belle Hanna of Greencastle. There was an election of officers, committee reports and other business, according to Eliza Browning, President.

In 1895, the back of the conference program promoted works by James Whitcomb Riley and the Bowen-Merrill Company which promoted popular new books by Indiana authors (“A Woman Reigns,” “Recollections of Lord Coleridge,” and “Conquest of the Country Northwest of the River Ohio”).

In 1896, the ILA was better structured and offered those interested in library legislative to meet Rutherford P. Hayes, secretary of the ALA, and Sen. James Garfield of Ohio “who broke the hold of politics on the State Library of Ohio.” The secretary of ILA added in the program:

“The amount of encouragement, enthusiasm and new ideas which librarians, assistants, trustees and others interested in the work will take home from this meeting will amply pay an expense of time or money by better work for the next year.”

The 1897 library conference included an address by Gov. James Mount and several breakout sessions. Bowen-Merrill Bookstore in Indianapolis promoted their company and stated that “books are the treasure houses where the jewels of all time are preserved and the doors are opened to all.”

At 1898’s conference, several books were being promoted by Bowen-Merrill at $1.25 each with several break-out sessions including, “Certain essentials of library equipment,” “The library in its relation to other educational forces (school, college, study clubs and church),” and the afternoon session focused on library legislation. The final session was entitled, “What we need and how to get it.”
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Indiana State University’s Cunningham Memorial Library Seeks Data Curation Librarian

Indiana State University’s Cunningham Memorial Library has one open 12-month, tenure track faculty position: Data Curation Librarian. This position provides technical leadership for the creation, management, preservation of/access to digital assets, scholarship. Manages, develops, migrates digital application systems, serves as webmaster for digital initiatives’ websites. Maintains/develops institutional repository for Indiana State University, manages Electronic Theses/Dissertations program; works closely with faculty, students, and College of Graduate & Professional Studies. Provides technical support for library/campus digital initiatives: Wabash Valley Visions & Voices Digital Memory Project, University Archive’s implementation of Archon, Art Department’s MDID based slide library, other digital projects. Actively engages in data wrangling, systems admin tasks in support of Library’s participation in MetaArchive Cooperative Preservation Network.

Candidates must be able to identify, adapt, implement digital repository technologies’ and interact effectively with library colleagues, Office of Information Technology professionals, teaching faculty, and students; technically leads migration of digital library collections from CONTENTdm to open source repository solution. Serves as webmaster for a collaborative regional digital repository; addresses digital preservation issues; liaises with Metadata Librarian. May travel to provide training, participate in evening and/or weekend special events. ISU librarians are expected to participate in university and library governance, engage in professional activities, including research and publication, to attain tenure and promotion. Position reports directly to Chair of Special Collections Department.

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## CALENDAR

### June 2014

- 2 Articles due for the July issue of *Focus.*
- 3 Legislative Mtg., 10 a.m. ILF office park
- 6 Great Lakes Resource Sharing Conference, Toledo, OH
- 13 edCampIndy Pike High School & Freshman Center, Indianapolis
- 25-25 ALA Annual Conference Las Vegas, NV
- 30 Awards, Honors & Scholarship applications due to ILF office

### July 2014

- 2 Articles due for the August issue of *Focus.*
- 17 ILF Board Mtg., 2 p.m.
- 23 IPLA Board Mtg. 1 p.m. IMCPL Service Center, Indianapolis

### August 2014

- 1 Reference Division Conference Bloomington, IN
- 1-2 Midwestern Roots 2014 Family History and Genealogy Conference Indianapolis Marriott East Hotel, Indianapolis, IN
- 2 Articles due for the September issue of *Focus.*
- 23-25 CYPD Conference Indianapolis Marriott East Hotel, Indianapolis, IN

### September 2014

- 2 Articles due for the October issue of *Focus.*
- 18 ILF Board Mtg., 2 p.m.
- 19 SAMS Conference Greensburg-Decatur Public Library

### October 2014

- 2 Articles due for the Nov/Dec. issue of *Focus.*
- 22 FOIL Conference, French Lick

### November 2014

- 17 ILF Pre-conference East Marriott, Indianapolis
- 18-19 ILF Annual Conference East Marriott, Indianapolis

### December 2014

- 2 Articles due for January issue of *Focus.*
- Legislative Meeting, 2 p.m. IMCPL Service Center, Indianapolis
- 3 Camp Leadership, Carmel-Clay P.L.