The ILF Annual Conference Planning Committee is happy to announce 115 top-quality sessions for this year’s conference.

**Preconference** – Sessions will focus on Makerspace; Articulating Your Library’s Value to the Community; Evaluating Employees; The Distinctive Purpose of Libraries, RDA Cataloging and a (free) 2-Hour Workshop by Umbaugh & Associates.

**Wifi** – Free onsite. We will be using Sched for the mobile app again this year.

**Hotel Location** – Marriott East just off I-465 East near Shadeland and 21st Street. Attendees will be able to have lunch there and the Lincoln House restaurant is next door, as well as other lunch options nearby. CYPD and IPLA will have lunch options on Tuesday.

**Keynote speakers** are Lemony Snicket a/k/a Daniel Handler and Buffy Hamilton.

**Highlighted Speakers** – A great mix of speakers from out of state and Hoosier librarians will share their expertise on 115 sessions.

**Balanced Days with a Multitude of Topics** — With 13 sessions per hour for two days, you will find what you’re looking for given this wide range of topics!

**President’s Wine & Cheese Reception** (hosted by Follett) - Let’s celebrate the achievements of recently retired directors (more information to follow).

**Roundtables** – On Tuesday, Nov. 18, there will be a designated session time for associations and divisions to hold roundtables, network, and handle unit business.

**Exhibitors & Silent Auction** – More details to follow.

**Awards, Honors & Scholarship Banquet, Special Luncheons, YHBA Banquet** – Carrying on with the ILF tradition, these events showcase outstanding speakers and celebrate excellence in Indiana libraries.

**Registration** — will begin in August. Registration rates will be the same as last year.

**HELP!**

Our theme of Strengthening Connections provides an opportunity for you to share strong, clear photographs of hi-res that show staff interacting with the public inside and outside of the library. Please send to tdamis@ilfonline by June 25.

Thanks to all who submitted programs. We appreciate your thoughtful consideration. Some are being held for next year, and the rest we wanted to offer now. Topics include:

- collaborations, networking, evaluating employees
- tech services, emerging technologies
- engaging others with databases and research
- successful construction projects, redefining spaces
- e-book lending system, right-size collections
- preparing for a disaster
- work/life balance, the importance of laughter
- integrating technology into book clubs
- succession planning, board relations
- obtaining grants, writing for the web
- resource sharing, marketing, social outreach
- best resources for health and medical issues
- tween programming, Manga, Makerspace
- touch-screen technologies, 3D printing
- communication styles, retirement planning
- surviving challenging co-workers
- creating the 21st Century library, vertical files
- developing leadership potential
- working with troubled teens, literary festivals
- low-cost technologies, staff competencies
- building a diverse graphic novel collection
- digitizing newspapers, and much more.
Each fall at the ILF Annual Conference, the Awards & Honors Committee schedules an evening banquet to recognize individuals and libraries who have contributed to the excellence of Indiana libraries or school media centers in an extraordinary manner. The ILF is seeking nominations for these awards and needs your help.

The ILF has an abundance of talent among its members. The library community has many creative, dedicated and hard working individuals focused on serving our citizens throughout their lives. Seldom do these individuals get publicly recognized for the outstanding service that they provide. Now is an opportunity to recognize them and to say, “job well done.”

These awards, with the exception of the Lifetime Achievement Award, honor and recognize contributions that are ongoing or have been completed in the past year. For most of the awards nominees must have been members of the Indiana Library Federation for the year in which they are nominated except where noted in the criteria for each award. There are a few awards that may be given to non-ILF members.

In all there are more than 25 different awards that are available to be awarded to ILF members. Not all awards are given each year. There is a detailed description of each award and the necessary criteria for that award on the ILF website under programs/awards. Nominations that do not meet the criteria of a given award will not be considered.

Take a few minutes to think about who should be recognized for volunteer services to the ILF or for excellence in their libraries. We also want to honor individuals in the library community for their contribution to the profession of librarianship. This may be a person but it could also be a library that has demonstrated outstanding programming, marketing and/or collaboration activities.

The deadline for submission of nominations is June 30. Nominators should take care to note the criteria for the particular award. For details about each award, please see the ILF website at https://ilfonline.site-ym.com/?page=awards

Thank you in advance for taking the time to make nominations for these awards and for recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of the library community.

Sincerely,

Beverly Gard, 2015 ILF President

Legislative Update

State Board of Accounts: Effective July 1, 2015, this bill increases the fee for taxing units for State Board of Accounts audits from $45 per day to $175 per day. The bill specifies that the fee for state colleges and universities is the direct and indirect cost of an examination (now $83 per hour) and permits a state college or university to have its examination performed by an independent certified public accounting firm. It provides that fees collected for audits are to be deposited in the State Board of Accounts Trust and Agency Fund and makes the fund a dedicated fund that can be used to cover expenses of doing audits.

Fiscal Body Review: As has become an annual legislative issue for ILF, the mandatory fiscal body review requirement reappeared in HB 1388 this session. As drafted, it required a public library that is governed by an appointed board to obtain, from the appropriate county, city, or town fiscal body, binding approval of the public library’s budget and tax levies. Under current law, this binding approval is required only if the public library’s budget increases by more than the assessed value growth quotient. ILF was successful in having this harmful language removed from the bill.
May District Conference Wrap-Up

ILF started off May with the District 5/7 Conference at the New Harmony Inn and Convention Center. The 64 attendees enjoyed a wonderful day of learning including a keynote presentation on the history of the Evansville area by Evansville Museum curator, Tom Lonnberg. Breakout session topics included: STEM on a budget, collection management, creating and leading an excellent team, bridging the generation gap in the workplace and more.

On May 12, the District 1 Conference was held at the Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City. Executive Director of ALA Keith Michael Fiels gave an informative presentation on “The Ever Changing Roles of Libraries.” There were also 16 breakout sessions for the 100 attendees to choose from, including: Incorporating Indiana State Standards into Classroom Visits, How to Run an Effective Meeting, Roving Reference, Web-Scale Discovery Tools, Copyright and Copy Wrongs, Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award, and many more!

ILF ended the district conferences with the District 4 Conference which was held at the Carmel Clay Public Library on May 15. The 79 attendees were entertained by two keynote speakers, Lori Borgman and Dick Wolfisie, who had the entire audience laughing. Among the 12 breakout sessions, were, apps for the library, The Great American Songbook Collection, Instagram in the academic library, literature for children, inbound marketing and more.

Student Memberships: ILF and ALA Joint Memberships

Recently, Indiana joined 34 states a/k/a “chapters” at ALA to allow students to join one Chapter and ALA for one low price of $38 through August 31, 2015. Student membership is a special discounted membership available for students engaged in a program of study or certification in MLS/MLIS, NCATE, or LTA programs for no more than five total years of eligibility. This special dues rate is designed to help students access the benefits, networking, and career resources that come with membership. Student Members, whether full- or part-time, are also given the best rates for conference registration, often at discounts as high as 75 percent off. Student Members are eligible to serve on committees, run for office, and participate actively in the work of the association.

2015 Collaborative Summer Reading Program

Librarians across Indiana are gearing up for the 2015 Collaborative Summer Reading Program (http://www.cslpreads.org/). Is your library planning something different? Do you have a special SRP party or festival planned? What are some of the great activities you have planned throughout the summer? ILF wants to know! Send your stories to Tisa Davis at tdavis@ilfonline.org.

For more great ideas, the Indiana State Library has many programs centered around this year’s “Every Hero has a Story” theme. For more information contact Angela Dubinger at adubinger@library.in.gov.
CYPD Conference
August 23-24, 2015

Indianapolis Marriott East
7202 East 21st Street, Indianapolis, IN 46219

Registration Rates: **Member** - $180/ **Non-Member** - $270/ **Students** - $150

Please click here to register.

**Sunday Keynote Speaker - Jay Asher**

Except for six months in Wyoming, Jay lived his entire life in California. It was during those six months that he came up with the idea for *Thirteen Reasons Why*. Jay has worked at an independent bookstore, a chain bookstore, an outlet bookstore, and two public libraries. Before those jobs, he worked at a shoe store, a trophy shop, and an airline. His very first writing award earned him a free fruit smoothie every day for a year. Jay has won a lot of awards since then, but that one tasted the best!

**Monday Keynote Speaker - Sylvia Martinez**

Sylvia works in schools around the world to bring the power of authentic learning into classrooms, particularly in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) subjects. Sylvia speaks, writes, and advocates for student-centered, project-based learning, gender equity in technology, computer programming, and life-long learning. For the past ten years, Sylvia was President of Generation YES, a non-profit with a mission of empowering young people to improve their schools and communities with modern technology. Previous to Generation YES, Sylvia was in charge of product development at several software publishers, designing and creating video games and educational software. Sylvia also had a career in aerospace engineering as a senior scientist on the GPS navigational satellite system research and development. She holds a masters in educational technology and a bachelors in electrical engineering.

**ILF Scholarship and Award Nomination Applications Due June 30 to the ILF Office**

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, 2015.**

**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 2014. 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).
Indiana Librarians Advocate for Library Funding at National Library Legislative Day

Terry Rheinheimer (Middlebury Public Library Director), Robin Crumrin (Dean of Library Services, Indiana State University), Gigi Shook (Center Grove School Librarian), Lissa Krull (Nappanee Public Library Director) and Kathy Hicks-Brooks (Ben Davis High School Librarian) met with members of Congress from May 4–5, 2015, to discuss key library issues during the American Library Association’s 41st Annual National Library Legislative Day in Washington, D.C.

The Indiana library advocates joined several hundred librarians and library supporters to support federal funding for our nation’s libraries.

Former Senator Byron Dorgan (D-ND) jumpstarted the event by discussing the importance of constituent advocacy at an opening briefing. Additional speakers included ALA President Courtney Young; John Carlo Bertot, co-director of the University of Maryland’s Information Policy & Access Center (iPAC); and Patrice McDermott, director of Openthegovernment.org.

During legislative meetings, supporters discussed the need to level-fund the Library Services and Technology Act, continue funding for the school library initiative Innovative Approaches to Literacy and reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Library supporters who could not attend the Washington meetings connected virtually with legislators via phone calls, emails and social media platforms.

“National Library Legislative Day advocates are true ‘nation builders,’ and we are appreciative of their commitment to supporting the country’s builders, innovators and dreamers,” said Courtney Young, president of the American Library Association.

Archived Webinars

The ILF is always seeking ways to add value to your personal membership. Last year’s top 12 webinars were archived and the ILF purchased a bundle for your benefit. They are only $10 each (worth one LEU each) and can be purchased via the ILF’s online store.

You can check one or more out from the ILF online store. After paying the $10/each fee, you will automatically be sent the link. Please allow 24-30 hours notice to receive the link to your e-mail address. After you’ve viewed the webinar, e-mail askus@ilfonline.org with the date and title of the webinar you watched and request the LEU certificate.

The titles are:

- Seven Steps to Solving Problems at Work
- Managing Workplace Conflicts as if Your Job Depends on it
- Taking the First Steps to Being a Respected Manager or Supervisor
- Customer Service for Challenged Libraries
- Emotional Customer Service
- Handling Customer Complaints Without Taking Things Personally
- 17+ Ways to Nurture Your Patron Relationships
- Implementing the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People into Your Work and Life
- Handling Angry Customers with Tact and Skill
- What You Don’t Know About Body Language
- Establishing Your Library’s Footprint in Your Community
- Nasty Negatives and Peacekeeping Positives ~ Simple Ways to Communicate More Effectively

For descriptions on each of these great webinars go to: https://ilfonline.site-ym.com/?page=webinars
What ILF Means to Me

By Rachel Wheeler, Wells Library, Indiana University Bloomington

In the summer of 2010, I only had two classes left before my May 2011 graduation. I was working on an MLS degree at the Indiana University Bloomington campus, but I was having difficulty juggling work, family, classes, and my volunteer responsibilities and was just tired—we’ve all been there, right? I remember chatting with a colleague; she was wonderful at offering encouragement, and she suggested I apply for the Indiana Library Federation’s student scholarship.

So I did. And I won! I remember getting the e-mail notifying me that I was one of the winners and I screamed and jumped out of my chair to execute a very embarrassing dance. In the Cataloging Department, we usually don’t scream and dance, so I’m sure it made an impression.

Receiving the ILF scholarship really motivated me during those final few months of classes. I remember attending the awards banquet in November 2010 and being overwhelmed by the encouragement and kindness of the attendees and ILF staff. Since then I have volunteered with ILF on the Technical Services Division and am now their co-chair. I have met some remarkable colleagues while serving on this division and value their insight, encouragement, and comradery.

ILF made -and continues to make- a huge difference in my life. Thanks!

edCampIndy
Friday, June 12
Raymond Park Middle School

If you were to describe the ideal professional development for librarians and educators, would it be:

- free
- topics chosen by the participants
- led by library practitioners
- acceptable to switch sessions if you can’t relate
- over in one day
- popular sessions repeated if necessary
- complete with lightning-quick “smack down”
- complete with door prizes
- did we say free?

The fourth annual edCampIndy will take place at Raymond Park Middle School (MSD Warren Township) on Friday, June 12. The schedule for June 12 will include registration at 8:30, building the board at 9:00, two sessions, lunch on your own, two more sessions, followed by a smackdown complete with door prizes.

A key part of edCamp is “building the board.” At the beginning of the day, participants collaborate to offer or request topics. Sessions are not necessarily presentations, but often have a leader who facilitates a rich discussion. Topics may be as specific as “how to use kahoot” or as general as “what are the pros and cons of a 1:1 classroom” or “What are you reading now?” There may be sessions for all middle school math teachers, or ELA teachers, or any other configuration. Attendees may request sessions on what they would like to learn! It is not uncommon for small, more intimate conversations to occur as follow-ups. (“Could somebody show me what Twitter is all about? I don’t get it.”) There are often sessions on technology, but any topic is fair game. Some districts have even redesigned their own professional development to incorporate some of edCamp’s strengths.

Registration is open at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/edcampindy-tickets-16505801296. There you can find other edCamps and more information on the edCamp wiki. If you would like to volunteer to help, or have questions, feel free to contact Susie Highley, shighley@warren.k12.in.us.
Hancock County Public Library Uses Creative Measures to Increase Circulation

Last year, the Hancock County Public Library set and achieved a goal of one million items circulated for the year. In order to achieve this, administration and staff worked together, focusing on improving communication and sharing ideas to introduce and adapt to quickly changing times and technology.

Employees pitched in ideas such as, bundling DVDs with popcorn and promoting it as a “cheap date,” organizing a Madden Football video game tournament, and obtaining discounts for patrons at local businesses when they produced their library cards in order to encourage community members to apply for a library card.

This year as part of their Summer Reading Program, the library is working with the Greenfield-Central High School to coordinate a Guinness World Record attempt to get 1,000 people to balance a book on their heads at the same time. The world record attempt will be conducted on May 30 at the high school’s football stadium. It is open to the public and all participants are being asked to bring their own book, which will be donated to charity at the end of the event.

Library assistant Sara Cloyd says being able to see inventive ideas come to fruition is just one more reason she loves working for the Hancock County Public Library.

Pendleton Library Delivers More than Just Books

When people need resources, one of the first places they search for help is the library. At the Pendleton Community Library, patrons can get more than just assistance finding resources, they can actually receive assistance from the library! Every Thursday, library staff loads up a trailer filled with books, food, and nonperishable items such as soap and shampoo and drive to different locations to bring help to members of the community.

Library Director Lynn Hobbs said the project started with the library community garden. The library would grow produce and then give it away to a local food pantry. Lynn said they soon discovered the food pantry wasn’t able to keep up with the amount of food the library grew. Thus, the Read N’ Feed trailer, a mobile food pantry, was created.

The Read N’ Feed program is available to anyone who provides their name and address. The Read N’ Feed trailer visits three locations in Madison County. Visitors are welcome to take books, magazines, and CDs as well as 10 food items. The reception has been really good and the library serves about 40 families per week, with summer being the busiest time.

*Picture provided by The Herald Bulletin.

ILF Membership Renewal

The ILF office values your membership! Your annual dues support the ILF office, advocacy work, conference and 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@ilfonline.org.
**New Library Directors**

**Beau Cunyngham** is the new director of the Lebanon Public Library. He graduated with a degree in social studies education from Indiana University in 2002 and then obtained his MLS from IUPUI. Beau has been at the Tipton Public Library since graduating in 2002 as first a reference librarian and then assistant director.

**Jordan Orwig**, the new Sullivan County Public Library director, is a lifelong resident of Sullivan, Indiana. He graduated from Indiana University in 2008 with a BA in English Liberal Arts and received his MLS from Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis in 2014. He worked as the general manager of the Sullivan Daily Times newspaper for several years before recently accepting the directorship of the Sullivan County Public Library system. He lives in rural Sullivan County with his wife, two cats, and a black lab.

Hartford City Public Library has a new director. **Michele Ogle** grew up in Montpelier, IN, and graduated from Blackford High School and Ball State University before pursuing an MLS from Indiana University, which she obtained in 2005. From there she went to work at the beautiful Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, MD, for two years before deciding to move south. For over five years she was part of an amazing team at the Gaston County Public Library in Gastonia, NC. In 2015 the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity arose to return home to Blackford County, IN, and serve as library director at the well-loved Hartford City Public Library.

**Director of Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library Retires**

**Marcia Learned Au**, CEO-Director of the Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library and the ILF Past President, will retire July 17 after 20 years at the helm of the library system. Her career spans 45 years in libraries in four states. Marcia joined the EVPL in 1989 as assistant director and assumed her current position in late 1995. Under her leadership, the EVPL embarked on a 10-year building plan which included the new Central Library, the construction of two new branch libraries and the renovation and upgrade of five others. The Library system has implemented numerous technology initiatives and amassed several awards during her tenure. Notable honors include seven consecutive Library Journal Star Library ratings, HAPLR’s Top Ten American Library designation, and several Leadership Evansville awards.

In addition, EVPL’s Central Library received both the American Society of Interior Design award and the prestigious Golden Trowel Award. Likewise, the Oaklyn Branch Library won the American Institute of Architects Indiana Honor Award and the Green Roofs for Healthy Cities Award of Excellence.

On a personal level, Governor Mitch Daniels bestowed to her the prestigious Distinguished Hoosier Award, she was awarded the Library Advocate of the Year by the Indiana Library Federation and recognized by Leadership Evansville for public library services in the Evansville community.

**Publications & Presentations**

The Spring/Summer issue of the Indiana Libraries journal is now in publication process. We expect to send it out through e-mail in the next couple of weeks.

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@iuuk.edu.
A group of professionals who work in many aspects of finance have organized a non-profit called “Community Outreach for Financial Education” (COFFE) with the intent to deliver meaningful, effective and informative financial education classes to communities. In short, their mission is to create financial literacy with all people regardless of age, gender or social status.

Members of COFFE offer free educational classes on over a dozen topics such as getting out of debt, understanding financial products, reverse mortgages, basic investment strategies, how to maximize your social security benefits, and making sound financial choices at various stages in life.

Since approximately 75% of Americans live paycheck to paycheck, failure to budget carefully can result in financial hardship. Even those who are “doing OK” find that they need more information and assistance from financial pros working in the field. This faith-based organization will not sell products or services.

Think about contacting them for programming for a future library program. Your attendees will thank you.

The Indiana chapter of COFFE is based in Greenfield and will make every effort to respond to presentation requests at your library. Feel free to contact Josh Bach at info@coffeUSA.org and visit the website at www.coffeUSA.org
## Calendar

### June 2015
- **2**
  - Articles due for July issue of *Focus.*
  - Legislative Mtg., 2 p.m., ILF office complex, Indianapolis
- **9**
  - Annual Conf. Planning Mtg. 12:30 p.m., ILF office complex
  - ILF Board Mtg., 2 p.m.
  - ILF office complex
- **25-30**
  - ALA Annual Conference
  - San Francisco, CA
- **30**
  - ILF Scholarship/Award nominee applications due

### July 2015
- **2**
  - Articles due for August issue of *Focus.*
- **22**
  - IPLA Mtg., 1 p.m.

### August 2015
- **2**
  - Articles due for September issue of *Focus.*
- **11**
  - ILF Board Mtg., 12:30 p.m.
  - ILF office complex
- **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

### October 2015
- **2**
  - Articles due for Nov/Dec issue of *Focus.*
- **6**
  - ?Fall Forum/Legislative Mtg.
- **13**
  - ILF Board Mtg., 12:30 p.m.
  - ILF office complex

### November 2015
- **16-18**
  - ILF Annual Conference
  - Marriott East, Indianapolis