On October 21-23, there were 700 attendees and 71 exhibitors who gathered at the Indiana Convention Center to celebrate libraries’ superheroes. ILF members accounted for 549 of the attendees; about one-fifth were school librarians, about 70 were academic librarians, and there were 23 trustees. This is one of the largest library association conferences in the country and the only conference geared toward the needs of school, academic, public library employees, and trustees.

We had excellent feedback on the choices of 135 sessions in the 2 ½ day period. Monday’s preconference sessions were on RDA cataloging, recordings and RDA, copyright, advocacy, Facebook marketing, and the emotionally intelligent leader.

Tuesday’s keynote speaker Scott Jones (CEO of ChaCha) provided a business perspective of information delivery services and reiterated the changing role and the important role of libraries in their communities. This speaker ignited some conversations on social media amongst the attendees.

During the well-attended IPLA luncheon, vice president elect and former senator Beverly Gard along with Rep. Kreg Battles spoke about the legislative process and the importance of libraries.

Author Mike Mullin was the lunch speaker for the CYPD luncheon, and he was delightful. The Awards, Honors & Scholarship banquet was held Tuesday night with about 80 guests. Cherry Williams from the Lilly Library spoke about their Kurt Vonnegut collection and his contribution to literature. During the banquet, more than 25 long-term members were recognized, along with 13 honorees and several scholarship recipients. See pictures from the awards banquet on page 3.

S.A. Bodeen (“The Compound”) was a recipient of the recent YHBA award. She spoke at the YHBA banquet while the other two authors sent videos (Marty Crisp and Wendy Mass) expressing thanks for their awards.

The ILF business meeting was held Tuesday morning. President Robin Crumrin recognized the outgoing board members Dennis LeLoup, Kelly Ehinger, Jim Cline, Nick Schenkel, Scott McFadden, Leslie Sutherlin, and Kate Conklin. We are indebted to them for their outstanding commitment and service. Incoming board members are Beverly Gard, secretary Kathy Burnette, and member-at-large Heather McNabb.

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I am sending kudos to the Indiana Library Federation team, conference planners, volunteers and our membership for putting together an outstanding conference in October. I trust the attendees found the conference to be a rewarding and affirming experience. In the midst of the whirlwind of planning and carrying out the 2013 conference, the ILF Board of Directors and Executive Committee have been hard at work on a new strategic plan. Additionally, the ILF Budget Committee has been resurrected. That Committee is working on reviewing investments, creating spending policies and providing good stewardship along with the ILF team of the Federation’s finances.

I hope as many of you as possible took a break from your everyday responsibilities as Everyday Superheroes in the Library to share ideas, be inspired and network with colleagues at the Indianapolis Convention Center. These opportunities provide enrichment and renewal for us all.

Sincerely,

Robin Crumrin

**New Membership Coordinator at ILF**

Please join us in welcoming Bridget Bonta to the ILF staff. Bridget will be assuming the role as Membership Coordinator. Please contact Bridget at bridget@ilfonline.org or 317-257-2040 ext. 106 for assistance with your membership.

**ILF Annual Conference Wrap-up**

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On Wednesday, State Superintendent Glenda Ritz (a former school librarian) engaged the audience with her vision for improvements needed in the state’s education system. Unbeknown to the audience, a local news station was outside of the 500 Ballroom attempting to gain entry into Ms. Ritz’s keynote address. The ILF conference manager, volunteers, convention center staff and a few member of the Ritz staff worked together to keep the news team out of the Ballroom so that her presentation would not be interrupted. A member of the Ritz staff did grant the news team a brief interview.

Authors at this year’s conference were Thom Wilder, William Kitchens, Neal Shusterman, Nancy Massey, Carol Ann Schweikart, Ashley Hope Perez, Carolyn Howard and John Pesta.

Based on feedback from last year’s evaluations, some additions and changes were made to this year’s conference. Some of those changes included having wifi, coat racks, a Tuesday morning snack, more coffee and a time for roundtables. The ILF staff and conference planning committee are committed to creating a conference experience that is memorable, while continually exploring ways to do things better.

If you attended the conference but did not turn in your evaluation form, go to https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KPHXSG8 and complete the evaluation (due no later than Nov. 15). We look forward to an outstanding conference in 2014.
Awards and Honors Banquet

During the 2013 annual conference, the Awards, Honors & Scholarship Banquet was held to honor long-term members (20+ years) and others who exemplified excellence in library service. Joan Mathews, Outstanding Trustee Award recipient, and Dr. Dirk Baer, Sena Kautz (Media Center Service) Merit Award recipient, were not able to attend. The following individuals were honored:

Sherry Gick - Outstanding New School Librarian
Janel Knierim - Outstanding School Librarian Award
Patricia VanArsdale - Outstanding New Librarian
Nathaniel Jones - Citizen’s Award
David Eisen - Federation Volunteer Award

Wells County Public Library - Sara Laughlin Marketing Award

Cindy Newton - Esther V. Burrin (School Media Project) Award
Colette Huxford - Peggy L. Pfeiffer Service Award
Jos N. Holman - Outstanding Librarian
Cheryl Blevens – Federation Leadership Award
Indianapolis Public Library - Programming Award

The students who were present receiving scholarship assistance were Tim McClelland of Plainfield, JoAnn Lamb of Indianapolis and Carrie Watson of Farmland. Susan Akers, executive director of ILF, wrote a tribute to recognize the contribution of ILF Board President Robin Crumrin. The keynote speaker Cherry Williams presented an informative discussion on Kurt Vonnegut and the collection at the Lilly Library. Cheryl Blevens, chair of the Awards, Honors & Scholarship committee, served as emcee for the evening. We are indebted to the individuals listed in this article for their dedication to outstanding library service. Look for an article in our December Focus on Indiana Libraries honoring our 20+ year members!

Award and Scholarship Honorees

[Images of award recipients]
ILF Revives Mentoring Program

This past fall, the mentoring and management divisions voted affirmatively to merge the mentoring division with the management division. During this time, the ILF mentoring program was revived and currently a few matches are being considered.

A “match” will meet a few times per year depending on schedules and goals. The pair will have a one year commitment, and the pair will decide how and when to meet and preferences for communication. Responsible mentoring is a structured, one-to-one relationship that focuses on the needs of the mentee and the strengths of mentor. Ideally, the match will foster a supportive professional relationship, encourage the individual and help him/her to develop a concrete vision for the future as well as provide guidance, if and when needed.

The ILF will build a resource page on the website devoted to the mentoring program. A liaison from the management advisory team will contact the match quarterly to inquire how the match is going and learn about progress toward the mentee’s goals. “The mentor’s involvement is a valued service to the library community,” said Susan Akers, executive director of the ILF. “Each match is unique as the mentee progresses on his or her career path.”

The mentoring program should also benefit the mentor by providing him/her with a chance to reflect on the mentor’s own skill sets; the mentor gains personal satisfaction in sharing experiences and “giving back” to the profession, and the mentors provide opportunities to model leadership and professionalism. Mentors should have at least five years in the profession, be willing to commit time to the relationship, help the mentee set goals, keep communication lines open and encourage the mentee in ways that will be identified during the course of the match.

Mentees gain by
- Having access to a professional mentor/successful role model for guidance and resource sharing
- Honest and constructive feedback
- Support and advice in defining career goals, strategies, and options
- Guidance on community service and volunteer activities
- Learning about increased opportunities for leadership

If you would like to learn more about the program, please contact askus@ilfonline.org and state whether you would like to be a mentor or a mentee. Paperwork will then be sent to you.

ALSC names more Great Websites for Kids

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association, has added more outstanding websites to Great Websites for Kids, its online resource containing hundreds of links to exceptional websites for children.

The newly added sites are:

- B.J. Pinchbeck's Homework Helper - [www.bjpinchbeck.com](http://www.bjpinchbeck.com)
- Common Core - State Standards Initiative - [www.corestandards.org](http://www.corestandards.org)
- Dav Pilkey's Extra Crunchy Website-O-Fun - [www.pilkey.com](http://www.pilkey.com)
- Engineer Girl - [www.engineergirl.org/](http://www.engineergirl.org/)
- Howtosmile.org - [www.howtosmile.org](http://www.howtosmile.org)
- Start with a Book - [www.startwithabook.org/](http://www.startwithabook.org/)
- Tween Tribune - [http://tweentribune.com](http://tweentribune.com)
- Tween Tribune en Español - [http://tweentribune.com/spanish](http://tweentribune.com/spanish)
- Wonderopolis - [http://wonderopolis.org](http://wonderopolis.org)

"Children in need of trusted online sources for reports or homework, parents and teachers looking for solid information about Common Core Standards, tweens after current news in Spanish OR English, budding scientists of any age---plus anyone who delights in amazing facts and rampant "Captain Underpants" style silliness will find it all just clicks away in this newest set of Great Websites," according to 2013 Great Websites for Kids Committee co-Chairs John E. Peters, Bronx, N.Y., and Kimberly Probert Grad, library information supervisor, Brooklyn (N.Y.) Public Library.

Great Websites for Kids (GWS) features links to websites of interest to children 14 years of age and younger, organized into diverse subject headings such as animals and dinosaurs; games and entertainment; history and science; art and music; and much more. There is also a special section with sites of interest to parents, caregivers and teachers. Each site entry includes a brief annotation and a grade-level rating.

Members of the ALSC GWS Committee review potential sites for inclusion and vote on the sites to be included. They also regularly check the entire site to ensure currency and re-evaluate sites when necessary. The complete listing of recommended great sites with annotations and selection criteria can be found at [http://greatsites.ala.org](http://greatsites.ala.org).
News, Updates and Announcements

Indiana Librarians Honored at 8th National Conference of African American Librarians

Indiana Librarians Jos Holman (Tippecanoe Public Library, County Librarian) and Marcia Smith-Woodard (Indiana State Library) were honored at the 8th National Conference of African American Librarians. Mr. Holman received the Distinguished Service to Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA) Award. Ms. Smith-Woodard received the BCALA Library Advocacy Award. Both are members of the Indiana Black Librarians Network-an affiliate of BCALA.

South Whitley Community Public Library Earns Jewel of the Community Award from Chamber

The 2013 Annual South Whitley Community Recognition Night honored South Whitley Community Public Library with the, Jewel of the Community Award. Renee Wozniak-Anderson, pictured with Chamber Executive Director Doug Brown, are shown at right.

Improvements to the ILF Website

In a typical month, the ILF website has about 6,000 visits with time spent lasting between two and three minutes. The next time you visit the ILF website (www.ilfonline.org) you may notice a few changes.*

A new feature is the ability to update your profile. Once you have logged into your account, a “My Profile” box will appear on the right-hand side of the page. From there, members can change or update their information, add a photo, network with other members, review past transactions, print receipts, save files and links on the account, and even send a message to other members!

Another change we are excited about is the ability for people to order Rosie & YHBA products from the website. Just click on the “Online Store” tab at the top of the website to place your orders. Some other great aspects of the new website is the ability to create groups, blogs, and forums. In order to be part of a group or to begin a blog or forum, you must be an ILF member. To set up a group, contact Tisa Davis at tDavis@ilfonline.org and she will get the effort started.

The “Career Center offers a place for members to post job openings or add their resumes. Check it out by clicking on the Career Center tab at the top of the website. This will also be where you can see positions available in the Indiana library community.

To see upcoming events, just click on the Community Calendar tab. Upcoming events and photos of past events will be there. It’s still easy and simple to register for ILF events under “Events,” but you may register for events from the Community Calendar, too. As time goes by, we will add more resources, such as an advocacy page and some information will be “For Members Only.”

We hope you will explore the website changes. The website management is now a service bundled with our new database management system, so ILF will see a savings. We are proud of the ILF website and hope you will continue to explore it and use it for a variety of resources… and there is more to come. For information about the new features, contact Tisa Davis at tDavis@ilfonline.org.

*If you haven’t logged into the new system to renew your 2014 membership yet, just use your regular email address and the default of password1 to go to your account and get started. Feel free to change your password after renewing.
Indiana Libraries Collaboration Garners Support from Lilly Endowment

Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment Inc. has awarded $225,000 to the Private Academic Library Network of Indiana (PALNI) for the Shared Print Collection Project, an initiative of PALNI and its partner organization Academic Libraries of Indiana (ALI) that will inventory the holdings of 34 of Indiana’s academic libraries to identify overlapping and unique resources.

“The information from the Shared Print Collection Project will aid PALNI and ALI in their mission to expand access to information and allow libraries in the consortium to reduce costs and manage their collections better,” said Kirsten Leonard, executive director of PALNI. “Lilly Endowment’s project funding will enable us to acquire the information we need to help strengthen Indiana’s libraries.”

The grant will enable PALNI and ALI to hire a nationally-known firm, Sustainable Collection Services (SCS, see http://sustainablecollections.com), with expertise in reviewing and evaluating library collections. The shared holdings of the participating libraries amount to nearly seven million volumes. The effort to streamline these collections has the potential to create a significant amount of space in a manner that will not disrupt the experience of library users. This will be one of the largest studies of its kind yet conducted.

"As more of the libraries’ content becomes digital, it is important that we look at print collections differently,” said David Lewis, president of ALI. “We need to ensure that copies are preserved and placed in secure environments, and we need to identify redundant copies that can be withdrawn so that the space they occupy can be used for more critical purposes. This project will accomplish both goals and also should lay a foundation for future collaboration among Indiana academic libraries.”

In addition to identifying redundancies, the study will identify rare books in the collections of participating libraries that deserve special attention. Libraries can then make sure these items are appropriately stored and preserved for the future. The study is also expected to provide new insights regarding how print book collections are used both in individual libraries and across the state. Libraries individually and collectively can use this data as they develop their collections and services going forward.

About Lilly Endowment Inc.
Lilly Endowment Inc. is an Indianapolis-based, private philanthropic foundation created in 1937 by three members of the Lilly family -- J.K. Lilly Sr. and sons J.K. Jr. and Eli -- through gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical business, Eli Lilly and Company. While those gifts remain the financial bedrock of the Endowment, the Endowment is a separate entity from the company, with a distinct governing board, staff and location. In keeping with the founders’ wishes, the Endowment supports the causes of community development, education and religion and maintains a special commitment to its hometown, Indianapolis, and home state, Indiana. More information can be found at www.lillyendowment.org.

About PALNI
The Private Academic Library Network of Indiana (PALNI) was founded in 1992 as one of the first state-wide automated resource sharing networks for private academic libraries and includes 23 private colleges, universities, and seminaries in Indiana. Initial funding for PALNI’s shared library automation system and network was provided through a 3-year, $4.9M grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. PALNI member libraries collaborate to enhance the teaching and learning missions of private higher education in Indiana by optimizing resources and services while strengthening leadership and professional development. For more information see http://www.palni.edu/.

About ALI
Academic Libraries of Indiana (ALI) is an organization representing all academic libraries in accredited non-profit institutions of higher education in Indiana. Included among the 72 ALI members are major research libraries, law and medical libraries, theological school libraries, and many undergraduate libraries. ALI was established in 2003 to: support economic development in Indiana; promote collaboration, innovation, preservation, and resource sharing; maintain resources for improving teaching, learning, research and service; and improve Indiana's information infrastructure. For more information see http://ali.bsu.edu/.
Library Receives Grant to Make Online Viewing of Knecht Cartoons Possible

The Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library (EVPL) has received a grant for $17,297 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services which administers the Library Services and Technology Act. Funds will be used to scan and digitize 3,675 original drawings of Karl Kae Knecht’s editorial cartoons, making them widely available for viewing, as well as preserving them in digital format.

This digitization project is a collaborative effort between the EVPL; the Evansville Museum of Arts, History, and Science; and the University of Evansville Libraries. Through this project, the 275 original Knecht cartoons at the Evansville Museum and 3,400 at UE Libraries will be scanned and offered for public viewing on all three institutions’ websites.

The digitization of Karl Kae Knecht’s cartoons offers access to an important piece of Evansville history. His cartoons illustrate a perspective on events that span over half a century. These unique images offer commentary on day-to-day life and public sentiment in Evansville during some of the biggest news events in the 20th century, such as World War II and tuberculosis campaigns, highlighting the response of Evansville residents.

Knecht was a nationally-recognized cartoonist. A long-time employee of the Evansville Courier, his first cartoon appeared in the newspaper in 1906. For most of his career, his cartoons appeared seven days a week on the front page until 1954 when they were moved to the editorial page. Knecht retired from the Courier in May 1960 and passed away in Evansville in 1972.

Connie Rendfeld, digital initiatives librarian with the Indiana State Library, said the grant received by the EVPL is one of eight Library Services and Technology Act digitization grants awarded this year. Approximately $126,000 was disbursed.
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LIBR 202: Electronic Resources & Online Searching
LIBR 203: Library Services for Children*
LIBR 204: Library Media Center Ops & Services
LIBR 208: Selection of Materials & Coll’n Development in Public Libraries*

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

Fall Course Offerings
LIBR 101: Intro to Libraries & Library Services
LIBR 102: Intro to Reference Sources & Services*
LIBR 103: Intro to Library Access Services
LIBR 104: Intro to Library Technical Services
LIBR 105: Library Technology
LIBR 201: Cataloging & Classification*
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CALENDAR

November 2013
14-17 American Association of School Librarians national conference, Hartford, CT
19 ILF Board Mtg., 2 p.m.
20 Camp Leadership, Anderson Public Library
28-29 ILF Office closed

December 2013
2 Articles due for the January issue of Focus.
24-25 ILF Office closed
31-Jan. 1 ILF Office closed

January 2014
2 Articles due for the February issue of Focus.
7 Legislative Meeting, 2 p.m.
24-28 ALA Midwinter - Philadelphia, PA

February 2014
2 Articles due for the March issue of Focus.
4 Legislative Meeting, 2 p.m.
5 Digital Learning Day - http://digitallearningday.org

March 2014
2 Articles due for the April issue of Focus.
4 Legislative Meeting, 2 p.m.
9-15 Teen Tech Week
11-15 PLA Conference, Indianapolis, IN
16 Freedom of Information Day

April 2014
School Library Month
1 Legislative Meeting, 10 a.m.
2 Articles due for the May issue of Focus.
4 District 2 Conference Frankfort, IN
5 Indiana Genealogical Society Conference - Ft. Wayne, IN
5-12 Money Smart Week
13-19 National Library Week