2015 ILF Conference: The Key to a Successful Conference

On November 16-18, 814 attendees and 68 exhibitors assembled at the Marriot East in Indianapolis for the 2015 ILF Conference. This year’s conference started with eight amazing pre-conferences with topics ranging from Holding Spirited Events at Your Library to Successful RDA Book Cataloging.

Tuesday started off with the ILF business meeting in which the gavel was passed from ILF president Beverly Gard to incoming president, Robyn Young. This was followed by a delightful presentation from Daniel Handler (a.k.a. Lemony Snickett) and the announcement of next year’s keynote speaker, James Patterson!

During the IPLA luncheon, Daniel Handler’s speech was both funny and sweet. He spoke about reading and always wanting to be a writer. He also talked about taking walks with his father and stopping at the library on the way. He said his father always told him, “Ask the librarians. They work for you.” He emphasized the importance of the library in learning and providing unending opportunities to be creative, learn, and grow. Daniel thanked librarians for putting up with him and encouraged us to continue to foster the environment that allowed him the opportunities he has and continues to have.

Author S.A. Bodeen was the guest speaker for the well attended CYPD luncheon. Bodeen gave a witty and humorous talk about her life and books. She spoke about growing up on a dairy farm in rural Wisconsin, her life in the Peace Corps, and living on a remote island in the Pacific Ocean. Her fascinating travels provided inspiration for her writing, especially her first picture book, Elizabeti’s Doll. She also shared the news that her newest YA book, The Detour, has just been optioned for a movie!

This year, Follett sponsored a President’s Wine and Cheese reception where recently retired school, academic, and public librarians were honored on Tuesday evening. There were over 50 in attendance.

The Awards, Honors, & Scholarship Banquest was held Tuesday night. Author Alan Gratz entertained the approximately 140 guests in attendance. During the banquet 12 awards and eight scholarships were given, including three awards for the Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library and a surprise Federation Volunteer Award given to Laura Johnson.

The YHBA Banquet attendees were honored to listen to Jef Czekaj and Richard Paul Evans as they accepted their 2014 YHBA Awards and a video thank you from Raina Telgemier. Jef Czekaj had everyone laughing as he adorned a cat costume to read his book, Cat Secrets. While Mr. Evans’ speech was so moving and personal that many attendees were in tears.

Attendees raved about the more than 130 breakout sessions presented during annual conference this year. Some sessions were so well attended such as, Absolutely Free (and Practically Unknown) Online Tools You Didn’t Know You Needed, Emerging Technologies: The Trends that Connect Libraries and Patrons, Right Size Your Library Collection, and Put on Your Oxygen Mask First: Balance Work-Life and Cope with Compassion Fatigue that the audiences spilled into the halls! Both exhibitors and attendees complimented on the quality of the sessions and speakers.

ILF would like to thank the annual conference committee, speakers, exhibitors, and attendees for making this year’s conference such a success. ILF staff is very proud of this year’s event and are already working hard to make next year’s annual conference, being held November 8-10, 2016, even better!

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ILF Publications Committee Seeking New Editor for Focus on Indiana Libraries newsletter

The Indiana Library Federation Publications Committee is currently seeking applications for Editor of the Focus on Indiana Libraries newsletter. Deadline for applications is January 11, 2016. A job description for the Focus on Indiana Libraries editor is available at https://ilfonline.site-ym.com/?page=publications. Those interested please send a letter of interest, resume, and three professional references to Tisa Davis at tdavis@ilfonline.org.
As we close 2015 there is much in which the ILF staff and members can be proud. Led by our very able Legislative Advocates and Legislative Committee, the library community emerged unscathed from the 2015 legislative session.

The ILF increased its membership significantly this past year following the dues structure change made in 2014. It's many conferences provided ample opportunities for continuing education and networking. The membership recently voted to merge the Endowment with ILF.

The 2015 Board has been excellent to work with. They are engaged and have worked diligently to make decisions in the best interest of the ILF. The Executive Committee has had difficult decisions to make and has made those decisions after very careful consideration and thorough research, at all times keeping in mind the best long term interest of the ILF. For their commitment and professionalism I want to say a huge "thank you."

Your ILF staff has stepped up and met the current challenge with professionalism and hard work. For that I say "thank you." I am confident that they will move into 2016 with the same professionalism they are now demonstrating.

2016 offers the ILF tremendous opportunity. Every organization needs to periodically evaluate it's operation and see how it can become more efficient and productive. We have that opportunity now and I am confident that the ILF will emerge an even stronger organization.

Robyn Young, the incoming president of the ILF, is a dynamic leader and is exactly the right person to lead the ILF through this period of change. I have absolute confidence in her leadership skills and ability.

Thank you for your commitment to the ILF. You, the membership, are critical to it's growth and success.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

Sincerely,
Beverly Gard
Outgoing ILF President
A Look at Your 2016 ILF Board

Join ILF staff in welcoming several new board members to the ILF Board. Board terms begin January 1. Some individuals are appointed by their association and some were nominated and won in an election this past fall. Joining the 16-member board in alphabetical order are:

- **Cheryl Blevens**, from Indiana State University - Cunningham Memorial Library, has been selected to serve as an IALA representative.
- **Diane Huerkamp**, director of the Mooresville Public Library, will be serving as ILF board secretary.
- **David Peter**, Dean of Learning Resources and Technology at Vincennes University - Shake Library will be serve as ILF board vice-chair/elect.
- **Edra Waterman**, director of the Hamilton East Public Library and the 2016 Indiana Public Library Association (IPLA) President, will be serving as an IPLA representative.
- **Tara White** is a library media specialist for the Warsaw Community School Corporation. Tara will serve as an IPLA representative.

Returning to the board are:
- **Amber Arnold**, 2016 IALA President is from Indiana Tech University - McMillen Library.
- **Stephanie Davis**, director of the Wells County Public Library. Stephanie will be serving as Assistant Treasurer.
- **Kelly Ehinger**, was appointed by the Indiana Public Library Association. She served as ILF board secretary for two years and is the past IPLA President. She is director of the Adams Co. Public Library system.
- **Emily Ellis**, Head of Reference and Teen Services Librarian, Greenwood Public Library is serving as an ILF member-at-large.
- **Beverly Gard**, the former senator from Greenfield, is an Indiana Library Trustee Association (ILTA) member and serves as a trustee at Hancock County Public Library. She will be serving as past-president in 2016.
- **Jason Hatton** is currently the assistant director at the Bartholomew County Public Library. He is the ALA Councilor on the ILF Board.
- **Michelle Houser**, District Library Coordinator from Bellmont Senior High School serves as an AISLE representative on the ILF Board.
- **Heather McNabb**, ILF member-at-large, is the Manager for the Oaklyn Branch of Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library and former director of Poseyville Carnegie Public Library.
- **Steven Pearl**, Indiana Library Trustee Association (ILTA) representative, is on the board of trustees at Avon-Washington Township Public Library.
- **Kevin Petsche**, treasurer, is employed at IUPUI’s library in Indianapolis.
- **Robyn Young**, School Librarian from Avon High School. Robyn will serve as ILF President (AISLE) this year.

Time to Renew Your ILF Membership

It’s time to renew your 2016 personal membership! You can do so by visiting the ILF website and logging-in to your personal profile. If you have difficulties logging into your account, please contact Megan Zanto at megan@ilfonline.org. Please make sure that all of your profile information is up-to-date.

ILF member benefits include:

- Substantial savings for registration fees at 12+ annual events
- Valuable networking opportunities and leadership opportunities
- A strong legislative committee and advocacy professionals who work on important library issues
- A career center on the ILF website; a mentoring program
- Continuing education credits and lower rates for a wide variety of webinars
- Eleven issues yearly of *Focus on Indiana Libraries*, and bi-annual copies of *Indiana Libraries*, a professional journal
- Eligibility for awards and scholarships
Upcoming ILF Events

The Indiana Library Federation has several exciting events planned throughout the year. Be sure to mark them on your calendar!

**Camp Leadership** - January 22 at the Avon High School
(This event is for those members who will be serving on a district or division conference planning team and ILF board members. This event is FREE.)

**Library Information & Technology Division (LITD) Conference** - March 11, 2016 at Avon-Washington Twp. Public Library

**District Conferences**

- **District 1 Conference** - May 10 at the Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City
- **District 2 Conference** - May 6 located at West Lafayette Public Library in West Lafayette
- **District 3 Conference** - April 19 located at the Garrett Public Library in Garrett
- **District 4 Conference** - April 28 location will be Avon-Washington Township Public Library in Avon
- **District 5/7 Conference** - May 13 at Vincennes University in Vincennes
- **District 6 Conference** - April 22 at the Jackson County Public Library in Seymour
- **District 8 Conference** - April 12 located at the New Castle-Henry County Public Library in New Castle

**Children and Young Peoples Division (CYPD) Conference** - August 21-22 at the Marriott East in Indianapolis

**2016 ILF Annual Conference** - November 8-10 located at the Marriott East

Awards, Honors, and Scholarships Banquet

On Tuesday evening of the 2015 ILF Annual Conference eight individuals and one library were honored for excellence in library service. Individual honorees are pictured below with ILF President Beverly Gard. Pictured from L-R: Wendy Phillips - ILF Leadership Award; Rep. Bob Cherry - Library Advocacy Award; Debra Futa - Outstanding Librarian Award; Heather McNabb - Outstanding New Librarian Award; Julia Reynolds - Outstanding School Librarian Award; Danny Dean - Special Services Award; Laura Johnson - ILF Federation Volunteer Award; Beverly Martin - ILF Lifetime Achievement Award; and Scott Miller - Outstanding Support Staff Award. The Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library gained three awards - Outstanding Library, Outstanding Programming Award, and the Outstanding Collaboration Award. Pictured from the Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library are: Front Row - L-R: Miranda Knight, Nathan Jochum, Larry Oathout, Heather McNabb, Michael Cherry Back Row - L-R: Amy Mangold, Charles Sutton, Sean Davis, Marcia Au, Eleanor Nave, DeeDee Shoemaker
American Library Association Announces National Library Legislative Day

The American Library Association (ALA) is happy to announce that registration for National Library Legislative Day 2016 has opened! The event will be held in Washington, D.C. on May 2-3, 2016 at the Liaison Hotel.

This two-day advocacy event brings hundreds of librarians, trustees, library supporters, and patrons to Washington, D.C. to meet with their Members of Congress to rally support for libraries issues and policies. As with previous years, participants will receive advocacy tips and training, along with important issue briefings prior to their meetings.

Participants at National Library Legislative Day are also able to take advantage of a discounted room rate by booking at the Liaison (for the nights of May 1st and 2nd). To register for the event and find hotel registration information, please visit ala.org/nlld.

Want to see a little more? Just check out the video from last year!

ALA also offers a scholarship opportunity to one first-time participant at National Library Legislative Day. Recipients of the White House Conference on Library and Information Services Taskforce (WHCLIST) Award receive a stipend of $300 and two free nights at a D.C. hotel. For more information about the WHCLIST Award, visit http://www.al.org/advocacy/advleg/nlld/funding.

Your firsthand library experience is an invaluable part of helping legislators to understand the impact that libraries have in the day to day lives of their constituents.

For more information or assistance of any kind, please contact Lisa Lindle, ALA Washington’s Grassroots Communications Specialist, at llindle@alawash.org or 202-628-8140.
Every Student Succeeds Act

On December 1, House and Senate negotiators released the final language of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Conference Report. On December 3, the House voted to approve the bill. Now the bill will go to the Senate for approval.

In response to the announcement, American Association of School Librarians (AASL) President Leslie Preddy and American Library Association (ALA) President Sari Feldman released the following joint statement:

“The AASL and ALA are thrilled that the members of the House and Senate Conference Committee recognized the importance of an effective school library program and understood the invaluable role school library programs play in providing students with the skills they need to analyze, form, and communicate ideas in compelling ways.

“There is no doubt that investing in school libraries is an investment in our nation’s future, as there is a correlation between strong library programs and student achievement. School libraries are learning hubs where students become motivated readers and actively engage with technologies and the latest information resources, preparing them to succeed in our global, competitive economy and the ever-evolving workplace.

“School librarians are instructional leaders and essential partners with all teachers, collaborating to meet diverse needs, strengthen student learning, and facilitate deeper understanding of print and digital materials.

“While the Committee has recognized the value of school libraries by adding language on school libraries to the Every Student Succeeds Act, the process of securing funding for school library programs has just begun. We need to ensure that the Conference Report comes up for a vote. The AASL and the ALA ask the library community, parents, and caregivers to take a moment to contact your Representative to ask for an immediate vote on the ESSA Conference Report and every member of Congress’ support.”

For additional information on how you can support our nation’s school libraries please visit the ALA’s Action Alert page.

News, Updates, and Announcements

New Southeast Region Coordinator at Indiana State Library
On Tuesday, November 24, Southeast Region Coordinator Beth Yates started her new position at the Indiana State Library. For 12 years, Beth worked as a children’s services librarian at the White River Branch of the Johnson County Public Library. She served as the children’s services department manager the last seven of those years. Beth is a graduate of DePauw University with a B.A. in Communication Arts & Sciences. She also earned her MLS at Indiana University in Bloomington.

Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library Names New CEO-Director
The Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library has named Cynthia Sturgis Landrum as their new CEO-Director. Ms. Landrum has held management positions in various libraries, including Pittsburgh, PA; Glendale, AZ; and most recently, Oak Park, IL.

Ms. Landrum received her B.A. in Linguistics from Northwestern University, an MLS from the University of Southern Mississippi, and is currently a PhD candidate at Simmons College studying managerial leadership for the information profession.

Ms. Landrum will assume her duties on January 4, 2016.
MCLS Offering Collection Development Mini-grants to Indiana School Libraries

Midwest Collaborative for Library Services (MCLS) is offering up to twenty $500 collection development mini-grants to MCLS member school libraries in Indiana. These funds are being made available through a grant program established by the MCLS Board of Trustees from the proceeds of the sale of the former INCOLSA building. $50,000 per year for the next five years will be made available on July 1 of each year. MCLS will announce future grant opportunities as funds become available. The goal of the collection development mini grants is to assist school libraries that have limited materials budgets and demonstrate real need to add new materials to their collection. Materials may be in any format needed.

Eligibility requirements
• Applicant must be an Indiana school district library that is an MCLS member. Non-member libraries may fill out an MCLS membership application to become eligible.
• Only one application per school district will be accepted.
• Awards will be based on need.

Deadlines
• The Application deadline is December 30, 2015.
• The MCLS will send notification and mail a check to grant recipients (payable to the school district) by January 15, 2016.

The MCLS Indiana Grant Application may be downloaded at: www.links.govdelivery.com. Applications should be e-mailed to Michelle Bradley, Community Engagement Librarian at bradleym@mcls.org. Questions regarding the grant should also be sent to Michelle Bradley at bradleym@mcls.org, or call 800-530-9019 ext. 125.

Library Journal’s Index 2015: All the Stars, State by State Includes Seven Indiana Libraries

Library Journal (LJ) recently released the “LJ Index 2015: All the Stars, State by State” which includes seven Indiana Libraries.

Congratulations go to: Allen County Public Library, Brook-Iroquois-Washington Township Public Library, Carmel Clay Public Library, Evansville-Vanderburgh Public Library, Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library, Walton & Tipton Township Public Library, and Williamsport-Washington Township Public Library.


Neil Gaiman: Why Our Future Depends on Libraries, Reading and Daydreaming

http://www.theguardian.com/books/2013/oct/15/neil-gaiman-future-libraries-reading-daydreaming

Use the link about to view a lecture given by Neil Gaiman explaining why using our imaginations, and providing for others to use theirs, is an obligation for all citizens. This is an edited version of Neil Gaiman’s lecture for the Reading Agency, delivered on Monday, October 14 at the Barbican in London. The Reading Agency’s annual lecture series was initiated in 2012 as a platform for leading writers and thinkers to share original, challenging ideas about reading and libraries.

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.
The Knowledge River Cohort 15 for Academic Year 2015-16 is Now Open

Knowledge River is proud to announce that they are now accepting applications for the 15th Cohort. The priority deadline for Cohort 15 is March 1, 2016. Knowledge River is an educational experience within the University of Arizona School of Information that focuses on educating information professionals who have experience with and are committed to Latino and Native American populations. Knowledge River also fosters understanding of library and information issues from the perspectives of Latino and Native Americans and advocates for culturally sensitive library and information services to these communities. Since its inception, Knowledge River has become the foremost graduate program for training librarians and information specialists with a focus on Latino and Native American cultural issues. To date, over 170+ scholars have graduated from this program. The Knowledge River package may include:

- Financial Aid covering tuition and fees
- Work Experience in a graduate assistantship
- Cohort Support
- Mentorship
- Professional Development with support for professional development events
- Enhanced Curriculum from Latino and Native American perspectives.

To find out more about the program, a presentation was created using one of the online tools called VoiceThread. It talks about the iSchool and shares two videos about what KR scholars are doing while working on their Master of Arts degree. Please take a look, https://voicethread.com/share/7017243/ or visit the website at http://si.arizona.edu/knowledge-river to find out more about how to apply.

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