



Legislative and Policy Priorities 2019¹

The Indiana Library Federation...

ACTIVELY ADVOCATES for...

- Funding for internet connectivity for libraries and schools in State budget.
- Stable funding for INSPIRE, the state’s virtual library, in State budget.
- Support for certified school librarians, supported by library assistant paraprofessionals in state-funded K-12 education, with an increase of \$2 per student per year for school library materials in the State budget.
- Initiatives that provide additional broadband coverage to increase access, affordability, speed and capacity for residents and communities, including schools and libraries.

SUPPORTS

- Lifelong learning initiatives to increase literacy, educational attainment and workforce development.
- Ensuring library service for all Indiana residents.
- Library funding and the tax structures that support libraries.

WILL MONITOR AND BE POSITIONED FOR ACTION related to the following:

- Efforts to re-organize local government, seeking to be included in any proposal development.
- Updating the definition of *library services* in the Indiana Code to reflect how libraries are responsive to changing needs in communities.
- Changes to employment, compensation and retirement programs that affect library staff, including teacher librarians.

Approved by the Indiana Library Federation Board of Directors, 12/13/18, from recommendation from the ILF Advocacy/Legislative Committee.

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Our approach to advocacy

- Indiana Library Federation is a statewide nonprofit association that is dedicated to advancing library services for the benefit of Indiana residents.
- Indiana Library Federation is nonpartisan and reflects the core values of the library field, including lifelong learning, freedom of ideas and civil discourse.
- Indiana Library Federation monitors public policies that affect all types of libraries and the people who work in and support them. ILF engages its members and stakeholders to be positioned for action in library advocacy.

¹ For background and details about each of these priorities, please see the full 2019 Policy Priority document at <https://www.ilfonline.org/page/legislative>.