Awards

2017 Indiana Library Federation Awards

- Legislative Advocacy Award
  Dr. Tim Brown, Indiana State Representative

- Outstanding Librarian Award
  Nancy Newport, Carmel Clay Public Library

- Outstanding New Librarian Award
  Katherine Huddle, Carmel Clay Public Library

- Outstanding New School Librarian Award
  Stacey Kern, Clark-Pleasant Middle School

- Outstanding Library Staff Award
  Linda Meid, Raymond Park Middle School/Intermediate Academy

- Outstanding Library Award
  Lake County Public Library

- Programming Award
  Vigo County Public Library

- Sara Laughlin Marketing Award
  Monroe County Public Library

- Federation Volunteer Award
  Debbie Rzepczynski, Lake County Public Library

- Indiana Library Federation Lifetime Achievement Award & Peggy L. Pfieffer Service Award
  Susie Highley, Indiana Middle Level Education Association

2017 ILF Book Awards

Eliot Rosewater Award
All the Bright Places by Jennifer Niven

Honor Books
Through the Woods by Emily Carroll
In Real Life by Cory Doctorow and Jen Wang

Young Hoosier Book Award (YHBA)
Picture Book - Dog vs. Cat by Chris Gall
Intermediate Book - Sisters by Raina Telgemeier
Middle Grade Book - The Selection by Kiera Cass

Get Involved with Indiana Library Federation

Active members are critical to library success and progress toward our shared vision. Your Indiana Library Federation depends upon personal and institutional memberships, conference revenues and donations to carry out the mission. Please join or renew today. Get involved.

Which of these actions will you take in the next year?

☐ Stay up-to-date on library issues by reading Focus and Advocacy Update e-newsletters.

☐ Spread the word by sharing newsletters and key messages with your staff, volunteers, friends and neighbors.

☐ Donate to ILF programs or scholarships.

☐ Increase your skills, knowledge or network through ILF conferences and professional development.

☐ Volunteer to serve as on a Division leadership team, Conference planning team or Collaborative project. Some commitments are short-term, while others are two-year terms.

☐ Provide data, input and experience through participation in ILF surveys.

☐ Volunteer on a Committee, Association Advisory Board or the ILF Board of Directors. Most require a two-year term of between 10 to 60 hours a year.

☐ Take action with ILF Advocacy. Attend Statehouse Day. Meet with your elected officials.

Celebrating a successful conference!
A Message from the ILF Board

Dear ILF member or prospective member:

We are so pleased to provide you this update about your state library association and ALA chapter. Together, we have positioned ILF to lead, educate and advocate to advance library services for the benefit of Indiana residents. Your Indiana Library Federation has produced incredible results in 2017 and has an even bigger vision for the future!

We invite you to join us—through your membership and active participation in professional development, programs, collaborations and advocacy.

The ILF Board of Directors

2017 Results

Indiana Library Federation engaged over 750 members and stakeholders in development of our new five-year Strategic Vision. Our vision is bold and aims to shape the future of Indiana libraries. ILF is focused on results; a few examples are below.

Advocacy

In the 2017 session of the Indiana General Assembly, ILF
• Lobbied to sustain funding for Indiana State Library and INSPIRE;
• Successfully removed language about school libraries in a consolidation bill;
• Celebrated 125 years of ILF with Senate Concurrent Resolution 14 presented by legislative leaders in both chambers; and
• Secured an additional $1 million in state budget for internet connectivity.

Elevated the work of library issues with our members of Congress and with the Federal Communications Commission.

Initiated new strategies for short-term and long-term advocacy goals, securing recognition by ALA and others for our communications about broadband access.

Special Projects and Collaborations

• Piloted a financial health program, What It’s Worth, in libraries in Evansville, Shelbyville, West Lafayette and Valparaiso.
• Initiated a partnership with IN Dept. of Child Services to identify best practices with supervised visits happening in libraries.
• Coordinated with IN Dept. of Workforce Development (DWD) so that sessions with leading employers in manufacturing, healthcare, construction, logistics and technology were hosted by 17 libraries throughout the state.
• ILF was selected by DWD to lead the Adult Literacy Study for the State.

Professional Development

• 537 gained skills and discussed the future of libraries at 5 District Conferences in Greensburg, Kendallville, Evansville, Peru and South Bend in April and May.
• 238 children and teen library staff can’t stop talking about the With Libraries and Justice for All conference in August, including outstanding keynotes, a poverty simulation and timely topics of suicide, autism and supervised child visits.
• Attendees at the IN Public Library Association conference in October applauded the relevant content on immigration, poverty and shifting demographics of Indiana.