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Four longtime Indiana State Library employees celebrate their upcoming retirement on August 29, 2014



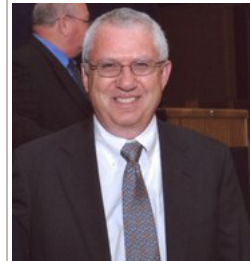
ISL hosted a retirement party on Monday, August 25, 2014 in the Indiana Authors room honoring the longtime service of Diane Sharp, Ron Sharp, Evelyn Hubbard, and Marcia Smith-Woodard. The four have provided nearly 139 years of combined service to ISL, and the Indiana library community. Although their retirement is a great loss we hope you join with us in wishing them a fond farewell for a job well done! Pictures of the event can be viewed on the [ISL Flickr account](#).

Diane Sharp, ISL Genealogy Supervisor is retiring after 47 years of dedicated service



Diane Sharp's career began at the Indiana State Library in 1967 when she answered a newspaper ad for a housewife who wanted to earn money. (A master's degree was not required at the time.) She contacted Carolynne Miller, Head of the

Ron Sharp ISL Reference Supervisor is retiring after 39 years, 362 days



Ron Sharp has worked at the Indiana State Library in various positions just three days shy of 40 years. He started out as a bibliographical verifier in the Loan Office and went on to Reference. Ron was born in Midland, Michigan in 1947, and after graduating from Central Michigan University in 1970 worked at the St. Clair County Public Library System in Port Huron, Michigan. In 1974 he graduated from the University of Michigan's School of Library Science and moved to Indiana to work at the Indiana State Library.

"I am always amazed and humbled at the number of people that have been a part of my life. I have been a part of many changes in the library field--working with the beginning introductions of computers in the field. It has been rewarding for me to be both a 'book librarian' and a 'computer librarian'--sort of bridging the gap! Life goes on; fighting it just makes it harder."

Marcia Smith-Woodard Microfilm Reference Librarian set to retire after 17 years of service

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Genealogy Division for an interview. Although she was not a housewife she did need money so she could go to grad school and get her MLS degree. Diane recalls "Mrs. Miller hired me and I remember telling her that it would not be necessary to take retirement out of my salary since I would only be at the State Library for one year."

After working at ISL for three years Diane went to IU Bloomington and obtained an MLS degree in 1971. After graduation, she was offered a job in the Genealogy Division and promptly took it. A few years later she met Ron Sharp who was also a librarian at the State Library. They were married in 1978 and have both continued to work at ISL.

"Although working within the parameters of State Government policies, procedures, and funding can be challenging I have truly enjoyed my years at the Indiana State Library. The staff are dedicated, wonderful to work with, and have many great ideas. With their talents and the help of the Indiana State Library Foundation, the future of the Library looks very bright."

Evelyn Hubbard Circulation Support Secretary is retiring after 35 years at ISL



Evelyn Hubbard began working at the Indiana State Library on July 29, 1979. She was hired as a page in the Reference & Loan Division. In 1987, she was promoted to Clerk-Typist 4 in the Catalog Division and was there for about three years, before she was promoted to Clerk-Typist 5, in the Audio-Visual department in 1990. Evelyn transferred to LDO in 1995, and then went on to the Indiana Literacy & Technical Education Resource Center from 1999-2002.

Her tour of duty continued with split shifts between Cataloging, Indiana Manuscripts, and the Reference & Loan Division as a Secretary 4. With the remodeling of the ISL building came the change of the Loan Division to Circulation Support Division (CSD) where she has remained as a Secretary 4 from 2003 to the present.



A native of East Chicago, IN, Marcia Smith-Woodard received her B.A. in Journalism from Purdue University, West Lafayette in 1975. In 1980, she received her A.M.L.S. from the University of Michigan's School of Library Science at Ann Arbor, MI. She began her 34 year career at the East Chicago Public Library. She joined the Indiana State Library Extension Division (LDO) as Planning Consultant on October 8, 1985 and continued in that position until December 27, 1987.

On May 17, 1999 she returned to the State Library as the Indiana Literacy & Technical Education Resource Center Librarian. ILTERC closed June 2002. From July 2002-June 2003 she worked in the Reference & Loan Division. From June 2003-December 2012 she was the Special Services/Institutional Consultant in LDO. From January 2013 to the present she has served as the Microforms Reference Librarian with the Reference and Indiana Divisions.

"During my 17 years and five months with the library, I have been particularly proud of the strategic planning work I did with libraries that went on to build lovely new buildings; working with literacy programs across the state including the extension of the "Read-To-Me" Program; state-wide spearheading of both "Put Your Nose In A Book" and "Every Child Ready To Read" literacy programs; working with all of my wonderful institutional librarians; co-writing with Dr. Marilyn Irwin the million dollar grant for the Indiana's Librarians Leading in Diversity MLS Fellowship Project and directing [I-LLID](#) from 2008-2012 – which produced 29 ethnically diverse librarians. It has been a blast helping people all over the country to find their dead relatives. I am just tickled now at 60 to be able to continue the difficult genealogy task of finding mine!"

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"During my journey working at the Indiana State Library I have ENJOYED myself and will miss all my co-workers that I've known through the years."

Nominations are being accepted until September 12th for the 2014 I Love My Librarian Award



Nominations for the 2014 Carnegie Corporation of New York/New York Times "I Love My Librarian Award" will be accepted through September 12, 2014. The award invites library users nationwide to recognize the accomplishments of librarians in public, school, college, community college and university libraries for their efforts to improve the lives of people in their community.

Up to 10 librarians will be selected and will receive a \$5,000 cash award, a plaque and a travel stipend to attend the awards ceremony and reception in New York, hosted by The New York Times. For more information or to submit a nomination, please visit the I Love My Librarian Award [home page](#), or email Megan McFarlane Campaign Coordinator. mcfarlane@ala.org.

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Where: Greensburg-Decatur PL

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When: October 8, 2014
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When: October 18, 2014
Where: Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art

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