

Indiana State Library Annual Report 2018

Serving Indiana residents, leading and supporting the library community and preserving Indiana history.



A Message From Indiana State Librarian Jacob Speer

The mission of the Indiana State Library is to serve Indiana residents, lead and support the library community and preserve Indiana history. Two premier services that the Library delivers celebrated anniversaries in 2018. The 20th anniversary of INSPIRE and 10th anniversary of Evergreen Indiana highlighted these two critical resources that millions of Hoosiers rely upon for their information needs.

2018 was also the first year of the Library's latest strategic plan. You may read the plan on our webpage. The Library continues to lead by supporting specialized library service to people who are blind and visually-impaired, providing training to the library community and supporting early literacy efforts, all of which demonstrate how the state library continued its long tradition of serving the community at large. I hope you enjoy these highlights from the year and I look forward to ensuring that the Indiana State Library continues to provide high quality service to the entire state for many years to come.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacob Speer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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2018-21 Strategic Plan

Setting future goals

In 2018, the Indiana State Library implemented its four-year strategic plan in an effort to continue to fulfill its mission of serving Indiana residents, leading and supporting the library community and preserving Indiana history. In the plan, the library laid out five goals:

- Increase Hoosiers' awareness, appreciation and use of the Indiana State Library's programs, services and resources
- Promote an environment that ensures the Indiana State Library staff and librarians statewide are equipped with the resources, processes and professional development to be successful
- Leverage partnership opportunities to enhance services to the communities we serve
- Build ISL's services to the communities we serve with innovative uses of technology to align with evolving conditions
- Continue to build a relevant collection that emphasizes Indiana history and reflects the vision and mission of the ISL and strive to appropriately preserve the collection to ensure long-term access for future generations of Hoosiers

To achieve these goals, the Indiana State Library will implement myriad strategies and tactics including, but not limited to, increasing promotion of services and events; allocating adequate funding for professional development, resources and supplies; working with the various agencies that serve citizens with disabilities to educate and promote the Talking Book and Braille Library; and creating an updated collection development policy and donation guidelines.

Financial Report

Operating expenditures

Personal Services: \$4,366,152

Utilities: \$12,191.72

External Service: \$3,331,341.07

Capital: \$6,634.63

Supplies/Materials/Parts: \$205,571.87

Distribution/Other Gov Unit: \$1,675,786.62

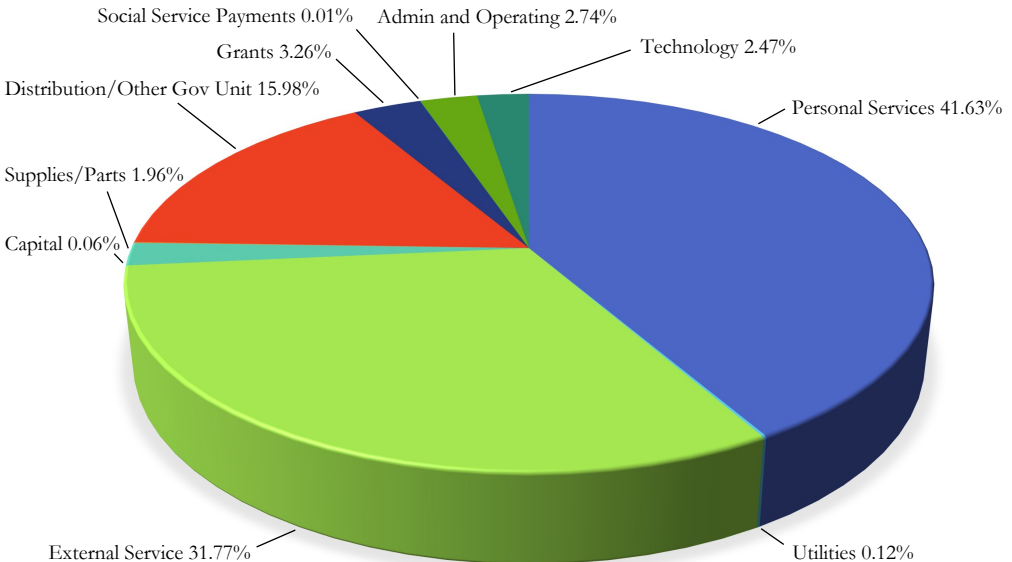
Grants: \$341,574.82

Social Service Payments: \$1,565.75

Administration and Operating: \$287,156.78

Technology: \$259,309.76

Total: \$10,487,285.20



Division Highlights

2018 facts and figures from the Indiana State Library

- **17,291** volumes added and **6,203** serial issues received by Cataloging
- **434** collection finding aids processed and **304** cubic feet of material and completed by Rare Books and Manuscripts
- **674,874** parcels shipped between libraries by the InfoExpress statewide courier service
- **\$3,210,443** total LSTA funds awarded to the state
- **5,970** genealogy questions answered
- **4,807** reference and government questions answered
- **841** attendees at **29** genealogy programs and tours
- Over **700** patrons made a special trip to visit the Lego Soldiers and Sailors Monument installed in the Indiana Young Readers Center in November and December
- **2,568** fourth grade students participated in Pursuit of Pride field trips
- **337,632** total items circulated
- **72,598** books and magazines downloaded through the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) service
- **747** attendees participated in **18** Reference and Government Services Division programs

Merging Agencies

Indiana Historical Bureau joins Indiana State Library

In July, the Indiana State Library merged with the Indiana Historical Bureau to become one agency. The merger will result in increased efficiencies of operations and exciting possibilities of collaborations.

“Since the merger, the Historical Bureau has been working more closely with divisions across the library and has been excited about the new opportunities this collaboration has offered and will continue to offer,” said Michella Marino, deputy director of the Indiana Historical Bureau.



Continuing Education

State library offers programs, conferences and workshops

2018 saw the Indiana State Library's sustained support of continuing education, as the library hosted a number of professional development events.

In May, the Indiana State Library, in partnership with the Academic Libraries of Indiana, hosted Discovery to Delivery VIII, themed "The Bigger Picture: Resource Sharing with a Broader Brush," an annual conference centered around resource sharing.

Later in the month, over 100 attendees participated in Government Information Day. Created to promote awareness of various government resources at the federal, state and local level, Government Information Day is a great learning opportunity for librarians, library staff, information professionals and members of the public.

The 2018 Indiana Library Leadership Academy retreat took place on June 12-15. The



retreat was a kick-off to a competitive two-year program that sees participants from a variety of library backgrounds honing their leadership skills while completing self-designed projects to improve their library or community.

The Difference is You, a conference for library support staff and paraprofessionals, was held in July. Themed “Be Inspired,” the event featured keynote speaker Lorelle R. Swader, director of the American Library Association Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment. Terri Nicholson, from the South Dearborn Community School Corporation, was named the 2018 The Difference is You Award winner.

The summer ended on a high note at the Indianapolis Public Library’s Central Branch as attendees took part in IMDPLA Fest, a one day discussion of all things Indiana Memory – Digital Public Library of America. On Sept. 21, the best and brightest digitization minds shared thought-provoking new projects and discussed best practices surrounding digital preservation. Keynote speaker John Bracken, executive director of DPLA, summarized recent studies on children’s increasing internet use.



Literacy Programs

Poetry, reading and writing take center stage



In February, the Indiana State Library once again hosted the Poetry Out Loud state finals. Joshua Fisher, a sophomore at Warsaw Community High School in Warsaw, was named the 2018 Poetry Out Loud Indiana state champion. At the state level, the competition is presented by the Indiana State Library and the Indiana Arts commission. At the national level, Poetry Out Loud is a partnership between the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation.

Two months later, the state library hosted Letters about Literature, a contest in which students in grades four through 12 write to an author, living or dead, about how a particular work affected them personally. Letters About Literature is a program of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, presented in partnership with Dollar General. Indiana's competition is supported by the James and Madeleine McMullan Family Foundation and the Indiana State Library Foundation.



Celebrations

INSPIRE and Evergreen mark milestones

On Aug. 9, the library community gathered at the Indiana State Library to celebrate the 20th anniversary of INSPIRE, Indiana's virtual online library. In addition to presentations from EBSCO, Gale and Teachingbooks.net, County Librarian Jos Holman, of the Tippecanoe County Public Library and Steven Schmidt, former Library Development Office supervisor at the Indiana State Library, detailed the history of INSPIRE.

Two weeks later, the Indiana State Library celebrated another milestone: the 10-year anniversary of Evergreen Indiana, a statewide consortium of more than 100 public, school and institutional libraries. The "Evergreen 10th Anniversary Gala" took place at Fort Benjamin Harrison, and included a historical review of the project highlighting its many achievements.



History

A project emerges and a conference grows

In 2017, the 120th Indiana General Assembly passed HB1100 mandating that the Indiana Historical Bureau “establish and maintain an oral history of the General Assembly.” Thus, the Indiana Historical Bureau hired Dr. Michella Marino in 2018 to spearhead the Indiana Legislative Oral History Initiative. Marino met with various political operators and started



in-depth research into Indiana legislative history to learn more about the general assembly's processes and the key issues facing the legislature since the 1970s. She also compiled service details and contact information for former legislators and while prioritizing interviewees.

Marino commenced interviews in late August and completed twelve in-depth oral history interviews by the end of

December. Transcriptions were underway for all interviews, with two finalized. The ultimate goal of the project is to create a publicly accessible online archive with the complete interviews and thematic sub-collections centered on important legislation in Indiana history.

Hoosier Women at Work, an annual conference presented by the Indiana State Library and partners in the arts, history and humanities, returned on April 6. Themed “At Work in the Arts,” the 2018 iteration featured nine sessions of presentations on the arts broadly defined to included women authors, poets, painters, architects, filmmakers and collectors as discussions on the state of the women’s history field.

Keynote speaker Abbey Chambers’ presentation “Making It Work” examined her Ph.D. dissertation research on the effects of tax dollar distributions on the development of art in communities and in turn, on gentrification. The conference also featured a panel of accomplished artists, including Shari Wagner, 2016-17 Indiana Poet Laureate, who discussed how Indiana history and a sense of place informs their work. After the conference, a reception was held for “Bubbling Over,” an exhibit that highlighted the work of women in the arts.



Resources

Resources from the Indiana State Library



INSPIRE

INSPIRE, Indiana's virtual online library, is a collection of academic databases and other information that can be accessed by state residents using an Indiana IP address. INSPIRE is supported by the Indiana General Assembly through Build Indiana Funds, the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act and in partnership with Academic Libraries of Indiana. <https://inspire.in.gov/>



SRCS

Indiana's Statewide Remote Circulation Service, the state's largest resource sharing tool, is administered by the Indiana State Library and links the catalogs of over 200 Indiana libraries into a single interface containing over 30 million items. Authorized users can search this combined catalog and request to have selected materials delivered to their home library using the InfoExpress courier, where they can check them out. SRCS works with over 15 different integrated library systems to provide extended access and functionality. <https://www.in.gov/library/SRCS.htm>



Blog

Keep up on a variety of library topics by reading the Indiana State Library's blog. <https://blog.library.in.gov/>



Indiana State Library Foundation

The mission of the Indiana State Library Foundation is to serve the citizens of Indiana through the support, enhancement and promotion of the activities of the Indiana State Library, their programs and collections and to aid in the development of programs benefiting individuals and libraries throughout the state.

Donations help provide content and services to people who are visually-impaired. They also assist in the purchase of materials and equipment vital to the continuing preservation of invaluable books, maps and reference materials, which make the history of Indiana accessible to all of its residents. Donate or learn more at indianastatelibraryfdn.org/.



Volunteer Program

Indiana State Library volunteers have the opportunity to work with the library's many historic collections. The library can accommodate almost any schedules, with some positions even allowing for work from home. A background in library science or history is not necessary and the library will provide any training needed. To volunteer or learn more visit www.in.gov/library/volunteer.

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