Indiana State Library and Indiana Public Libraries

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

A message from the Indiana State Librarian

Thank you for taking a few minutes to learn about the exciting things happening at the Indiana State Library and at public libraries across the state.

The mission of the State Library is to serve Indiana residents, lead and support the library community and preserve Indiana history. The State Library fulfills Hoosiers' library service needs by providing statewide services, such as www.inspire.in.gov, while also lending support to school, public, academic and special libraries.

The State Library continues to provide specialized library service to people who are blind and visually impaired, back early literacy efforts and offer training to the Indiana library community.

Via the distribution of LSTA grants, the State Library was able to assist in funding technology projects at multiple public libraries across the state. Implementing a VR program, providing nature-viewing equipment and producing a podcast are some of the projects featured in this report.

Enjoy these highlights showing how the State Library and libraries around the state are serving Hoosiers with inventive programs and services.

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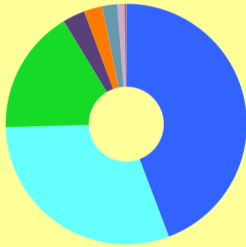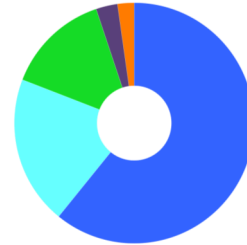
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Indiana State Library

Financial Reports

2019 Public Libraries Operating Income
Local: $344,176,354 (86.63%)
Other: $26,145,785 (6.58%)
State: $25,912,933 (6.52%)
Federal: $1,052,753 (0.26%)

2019 Public Libraries Operating Expenditures
Salaries and Benefits: $215,646,883 (60.85%)
Other Services and Charges: $70,949,633 (20.02%)
Collection Expenditures: $49,556,417 (13.98%)
Land, Buildings and Furniture: $10,303,395 (2.91%)
Supplies: $7,939,959 (2.24%)

2019 Indiana State Library Financial Report
Personal Services: $4,632,507 (44.25%)
External Service: $3,173,552.31 (30.31%)
Distribution/Other Gov. Units: $1,752,264.62 (16.74%)
Technology: $314,385.07 (3%)
Administration and Operating: $257,823.80 (2.46%)
Grants: $213,946.45 (2.04%)
Supplies, Materials and Parts: $100,465.97 (0.96%)
Utilities: $18,000 (0.17%)
Capital: $6,119.54 (0.06%)
Social Service Payments: $28.50 (0.00%)

Statistics

Public Library Highlights

2,751,960
Individual resident borrowers

65,145,061
Materials circulated

30,220,997
Annual library visits

Indiana State Library Highlights

$3,255,404
LSTA funds awarded to the State Library

736,489
Parcels shipped statewide via InfoExpress

80,586
Books and magazines downloaded through the Braille and Audio Recording service

Scan the QR code for full Indiana public library stats:

INSPIRE
A Service of the Indiana State Library

INSPIRE enters its third decade

343 MILLION SEARCHES

In 2019, users performed 343,014,299 searches for academic articles, images, current news, newspaper articles and more.

4.3 MILLION FULL-TEXT SEARCHES COMPLETED

A critical resource for k-12 students and higher education institutions, INSPIRE provides vetted research materials.

12,636 HOOSIERS ACCESSED ROSETTA STONE

Nearly 13,000 Indiana residents accessed level one of the language learning program Rosetta Stone via INSPIRE.

88 DATABASES AVAILABLE FOR INDIANA RESIDENTS

A service of the Indiana State Library and supported by the Indiana General Assembly, INSPIRE is free for all Hoosiers.

DID YOU KNOW?

INSPIRE is an acronym for Indiana Spectrum of Informational Resources and was launched in January of 1998.

inspire.in.gov

LSTA grants fund library technology programs

In 2019, Library Service and Technology Act sub-grant funding totaling $235,001 was distributed to 29 Indiana libraries and partnering organizations. Of those funds, $115,548 was distributed to 17 recipients in the form of technology sub-grants. The Indiana State Library was able to administer full or partial LSTA funding to 93.5% of statewide applicants. Some of the projects funded by these sub-grants include mobile computer labs, virtual reality programming, maker labs, digital skills development and laptop and hotspot circulation. The purpose of the grants is to increase the use of technology in libraries, foster better resource sharing among libraries and target library services to special populations.

Interactive Gaming

The Butler Public Library in Northeast Indiana used a $5,000 sub-grant to purchase an interactive gaming table, creating an opportunity for children and teens to use emerging technology and to interact with peers. As anticipated, the table has spawned new artists, puzzle masters, game champions and trivia wizards, but it's also been used by social service agencies as a means of meeting with young clients in a casual, engaging and fun way. "Thank you, Indiana State Library and the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services for giving us the opportunity to offer this to our community. We are so grateful," said library director Sarah Dempsey.

Nature Viewing Technology

Located in Columbia City, the Peabody Public Library has the distinction of being the only public library in Indiana that sits on wetlands. The 15-acre wetlands include Canadian geese, migrating swans, deer, herons, turtles, groundhogs, foxes, snakes and frogs. In order to facilitate nature programming, the library used their $7,997 sub-grant to purchase binoculars, a microscope, night vision scopes, compasses and an underwater drone. This technology will provide children with opportunities to learn more about the world around them.

Mobile Laptop Lab for Training Patrons and Staff

Central Indiana's Gas City-Mill Township Public Library used an $8,000 grant to fund a mobile computer lab. The lab, consisting of 16 laptop computers, is used for public programs and classes. However, the lab is also used to train library staff on current technologies, so they are prepared to aid patrons with tech questions. "We are in a Carnegie Library with clusters of computers throughout the building. This makes it difficult to hold computer classes. With the mobile computer lab, funded by the LSTA grant, we are now able to take the laptops to our meeting room. So far we've utilized them for staff training, coding programs and an intro to G Suite," said former library director, Jessi Brown.

Learn more about LSTA grants here: **https://www.in.gov/library/lsta.htm**

Indiana libraries engage their communities

Community engagement has been a long-standing cornerstone of public library service. Whether it's providing story time for children or offering genealogy research for adults, public libraries are constantly reaching out - and looking for new and inviting ways to reach out - to their community stakeholders. In 2019, public libraries across Indiana displayed a vast range of community outreach, including providing outreach technology training, starting a podcast and engaging teens and adults in virtual reality programming.

Outreach Technology Training

The Vigo County Public Library in Terre Haute wants everyone, from youth to retirees, to be comfortable trying new technology. With that in mind, they created their "Blended Learning: Osmo Kits" program as a way to take new technology into the community - including stops at adult day cares and nursing homes - so that people could get hands-on experience with the digital world via the familiar physical world. A $5,616 sub-grant allowed users to interact with an iPad while using tangible items like blocks; participate in problem-solving skills with tangrams; learn coding basics through gaming; and even practice spelling through letter tiles. The library even took the training program to the state capital for a Statehood Day demonstration.

Virtual Reality @ Your Library

"We pursued our program because the community showed interest," said Fulton County Public Library director Andrea Stineback. Thus was born "Virtual Reality @ Your Library." Citing a particularly strong interest from preteen and teen patrons - and armed with $6,113 a sub-grant - Stineback opted to bring virtual reality to her library in an effort to bring together members of the community. It worked. While adults have enjoyed trying something new, it's the teens and preteens who have fostered a sense of community around the program. "The virtual reality program has given the preteens and teens common ground, and the shared interest has started to create friendships among unlikely people," Stineback said.

Westfield Starts a Podcast

In late 2019, the Westfield Washington Public Library, located just north of Indianapolis, received all the equipment they needed to start their own podcast. With a $3,050 LSTA sub-grant administered by the Indiana State Library, the Westfield library was able to purchase a mixer, headphones, microphones, cables, microphone screens, a multitrack recorder and an iMac computer. With a podcast committee in place and a recording room set up, the library has set out to deliver a bi-weekly podcast that will update the community on library news and events. Additionally, the podcast will feature interviews with members of the community. "We are really excited to get this going. We think it will be a great way to communicate with our community about library happenings and other community events," said library director Sheryl Sollars.

These projects were made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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Enhancing communities by granting access to information and knowledge.

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