

# **INDIANA LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL BOARD**

## **MEETING AGENDA**

**December 5, 2025, 10:30 AM ET**

**I. Call to Order and Introductions**

**II. Indiana Library and Historical Bureau Business**

- A. Approval of Agenda-action needed
- B. Approval of minutes of September 12, 2024-action needed
- C. Human Resources Report-action needed
- D. Financial Report-action needed
- E. Set the fee for the 2026 Public Library Access Card (PLAC)-action needed

**III. Reports**

- A. Deputy Director of Public & Statewide Services
- B. Director of the Historical Bureau
- C. Director

**IV. New Business**

- A. Set meeting dates and times for 2026-action needed

**V. Old Business**

**Adjourn**



**MINUTES**  
**INDIANA LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL BOARD**  
**September 12th, 2025**  
**INDIANA STATE LIBRARY**  
**AUTHORS ROOM 203**

**I. CALL TO ORDER INTRODUCTIONS**

The Business meeting of the Indiana Library and Historical Board was called to order by Mrs. Laurel Setser at 10:31 am. Board members present were Mrs. Megan Thompson. Mr. Randy Mills and Mr. Tom Neuffer were present via Zoom and Mr. Joe Skvarenina was unable to attend. Also, present was Jacob Speer, Director of the Indiana State Library.

Others present were:

Katrice Anders-Jordan, State Library  
Jen Clifton, State Library  
Angela Downs, State Library  
Jamie Dunn, State Library  
Lisa Meadows, Via Zoom  
Casey Pfeiffer, Historical Bureau  
Michelle Sharp, State Library  
Jolee Thacker, State Library  
Sylvia Watson, State Library

**II. INDIANA LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

9-1-25 Agenda	<p>The agenda was presented for approval. Mrs. Thompson moved, and Mr. Neuffer seconded: to approve the agenda.</p> <p><b>TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.</b> <b>Motion passed. Unanimously</b></p>
9-2-25 Approval of the ILHB June 13th, 2025, Minutes	<p>The minutes of June 13th, 2025, meeting were presented for approval. Mrs. Thompson moved, and Mr. Neuffer seconded:</p> <p><b>TO APPROVE JUNE 13TH, 2025 ILHB MINUTES AS PRESENTED.</b> <b>Motion passed. Unanimously</b></p>
9-3-25 ISL Personnel Report	<p>Mr. Speer presented the Personnel Report for approval. New Hires: Megan Garrett, Library Tech 2, rehire effective August 3, 2025. Retirement/Resignations: Jill Black, Digital Library Tech 2, effective June 14, 2025; Derrick Frasure, Clerical Assistant 2, effective June 17, 2025; Eric Svoboda, Library Tech 2, effective July 29, 2025. Terminations: All effective June 13, 2025: Megan Garrett, Program Coordinator 5; Laura Williams, Librarian 1; Monique Howell, Librarian Supervisor 3; Karen Perry, Program Coordinator 5; Lauren Patton, Librarian 1; Kate McGinn, Librarian 1; Kara Cleveland, Librarian Supervisor 3; Lacey Klemm, Librarian 1; Joan Gray, Clerical Assistant 2; Meghan Mabrey, Library Tech 2; Terry Black, Clerical Assistant 1; AJ Chrapliwy, Historian 1; Kelsey Green, Historian 1; Emily McGuire, Historian 1;</p>

	<p>Nicole Poletika, Historian 1; Justin Clark, Program Director 1. Mrs. Thompson moved, and Mr. Neuffer seconded:</p> <p><b>TO APPROVE THE PERSONNEL REPORT AS PRESENTED.</b></p> <p><b>Motion passed. Unanimously</b></p>
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<p>9-4-25 ISL Financial Report</p>	<p>Mrs. Anders-Jordan presented the Financial Report for approval. Mrs. Thompson moved, and Mr. Neuffer seconded:</p> <p><b>TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT AS PRESENTED.</b></p> <p><b>Motion passed. Unanimously</b></p>
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<p>9-5-25 Historical Markers Applications</p>	<p><b>2025-2026 Maker Program Overview:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IHB received 19 applications for new markers for the 2025-2026 marker cycle, spanning 12 counties.</li> <li>• IHB is recommending 5 marker applications for approval for the 2025-2026 marker cycle. We had several strong applications this year, and we will be encouraging most applicants to reapply.</li> <li>• IHB had an internal marker review committee review the marker applications. This committee included IHB Marker Program Director Casey Pfeiffer, ISL Genealogy Division Supervisor Jamie Dunn, ISL Monographs Catalog Librarian Michele Fenton, and ISL Data and GIS Librarian Kate Springer. Casey also met with a public history subcommittee that included Dr. Rebecca Shrum, Director of the Public History program at IU-Indianapolis, and Indianapolis historian and author Ed Fujawa (both of whom have successfully applied for markers in the past as well), and with an ILHB subcommittee that included Randy Mills, Professor Emeritus at Oakland City University. Additionally, IHB was asked to send descriptions of every topic and later brief feedback from the subcommittees to the Chief Communications Officer with the Department of Education and representatives with the Governor's Office.</li> <li>• The Department of Education and Governor's Office advised bringing the top five applications that were unanimously agreed upon by the subcommittees to the board for approval.</li> </ul> <p><b>Recommended-5 applications</b></p> <p>The Indiana Historical Bureau recommends that the following 5 marker applications be approved by the Indiana Library and Historical Board.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Carpenter Body Works (Lawrence County)</li> <li>2. Charles DeBow (Marion County)</li> <li>3. Eli Lilly and Company (Marion County)</li> <li>4. Jiffy Pop Inventor (LaPorte County)</li> <li>5. Reverend Moses Broyles (Marion County)</li> </ol> <p><b>Not Recommended-14 applications</b></p> <p>The Indiana Historical Bureau recommends that the following 14 marker applications. Not be approved by the Indiana Library and Historical Board at this time.</p> <p>The first five applications listed below (Adelaide Steele Baylor, The Last Untouchables, Belmont Beach and Park, Dupont Powder Mill Explosion, and the Indianapolis</p>
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	<p>Woman's Club) were all strong applications. IHB will recommend that these applicants reapply in the future and will recommend several others to reapply as well.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adeliade Steele Baylor (Wabash County)</li> <li>2. The Last Untouchables (DeKalb County)</li> <li>3. Belmont Beach &amp; Park (Marion County)</li> <li>4. Dupont Powder Mill Explosion (Vigo County)</li> <li>5. The Indianapolis Woman's Club (Marion County)</li> <li>6. Howe Military School (LaGrange County)</li> <li>7. Drusilla Cravens (and Her Role in the Restoration and Preservation of the Lanier Mansion) (Jefferson County)</li> <li>8. President Truman's Whistle Stop in Greenfield (Hancock County)</li> <li>9. Lyles Station Ten-Medical Experimentation (Gibson County)</li> <li>10. Francis W. Parker School 56 (Marion County)</li> <li>11. Romanian Community (Vigo County)</li> <li>12. Lincoln Spoke Here, 1844 (Spencer County)</li> <li>13. Caroline Scott Harrison Chapter NSDAR-Chapter House (Marion County)</li> <li>14. John Tipton (Cass County)</li> </ol> <p>Mrs. Pfeiffer presented the Historical Markers Applications for approval. Mr. Mills moved and Mrs. Thompson seconded:</p> <p><b>TO APPROVE THE HISTORICAL MARKERS APPLICATIONS AS PRESENTED. Motion passed. Unanimously.</b></p>
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### III. REPORTS

9-6-25 Director and Deputy Director Report	<p>Mr. Speer reported that the Indiana State Library Vision is scheduled for September 13th. The Indiana State Library Historical Marker for the agency's bicentennial will be dedicated on October 14th on the Ohio street in front of the Library. The Discovery to Delivery resource sharing conference will be held this year on the Indiana University Indianapolis campus in October. The Difference Is You conference will be held on September 19th. The Library is having a ghostly event on October 10<sup>th</sup> with around 200 have sign up.</p> <p>Representatives from the Institute of Library and Museum Services conducted a virtual site visit regarding the annual Library Services Technology Act grant that the agency receives. The agency receives approximately \$3.5 million annually in federal funds which supports services such as Evergreen and Inspire.</p>
9-7-25 Historical Bureau Report	<p>Mrs. Pfeiffer presented the Historical Bureau Report that was included in the packet.</p>

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

9-8-25 New Business	<p>There was no New Business</p>
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**V. OLD BUSINESS**

9-9-25 Old Business	There was no Old Business
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Meeting Adjourn: 11:15am

Mr. Mills moved, and Mrs. Thompson seconded:

Next Meeting Date: December 5th, 2025 at 10:30am

**Indiana State Library  
Human Resources Report  
September 2025 – November 2025**

**New Hires:**

**Retirements/Resignations:**

Suzanne Walker, Librarian 1, effective October 10, 2025; Eric Altemus, Library Tech 2, effective October 10, 2025; Janell Summers, Library Tech 2 effective October 15, 2025

**Promotion/Transfers:**

**None**

**Terminations:**

**None**





**ISL Financial Report FY2026**  
November 30, 2025

Fund Number & Name	Appropriation	2% Reserve	Final Appropriation	Expenditures	Remaining Funds	Percent of Expended Amounts
12352-Imagination Library	\$3,100,000	\$0	\$3,100,000	742,142.52	\$2,357,857	24%
14120 -Operating (General Fund)	\$2,627,285	\$52,546	\$2,574,739	\$1,115,568	\$1,459,171	43%
14150-Statewide Services (General Fund)	\$1,508,535	\$30,171	\$1,478,364	\$739,369	\$738,995	50%
17110 -Newsline (General Fund)	\$180,000	\$0	\$180,000	88,200.00	\$91,800	49%
*31610 -PLAC (Dedicated Funds)	201,388.43	\$0	\$201,388	\$147,215	\$54,173	73%
*39410 -Librarian Certification (Dedicated Funds)	\$151,800	\$0	\$151,800	\$0	\$151,800	0%
*43937-Historical Marker (Dedicated Funds)	\$159,690	\$0	\$159,690	39,518.99	\$120,171	25%
*43938-Hist Bur Publications & Education (Dedicated Funds)	\$2,929	\$0	\$2,929	1,157.21	\$1,771	40%
*47540 -Publications (Dedicated Funds)	\$2,195,191	\$0	\$2,195,191	\$535,445	\$1,659,746	24%
62020 -LISTA Grant Funds (Federal)	\$3,582,177	\$0	\$3,582,177	\$2,367,932	\$1,214,245	66%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,708,995</b>	<b>\$82,716</b>	<b>\$13,626,279</b>	<b>\$5,776,549</b>	<b>\$7,849,730</b>	

\* Non Reverting Fund

Percent of Final Allocation Spent	42%
Percent of Final Allocation Remaining	58%
Total	100%



# INDIANA PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCESS CARD 2024



**4,949**

Registered PLAC users -  
**up 8%** from 2023



**269,312**

Items Loaned to PLAC users -  
**up 47%** from 2023



**\$20**

Amount of smallest reimbursement,  
made to the Jennings County Public  
Library



**\$50,923**

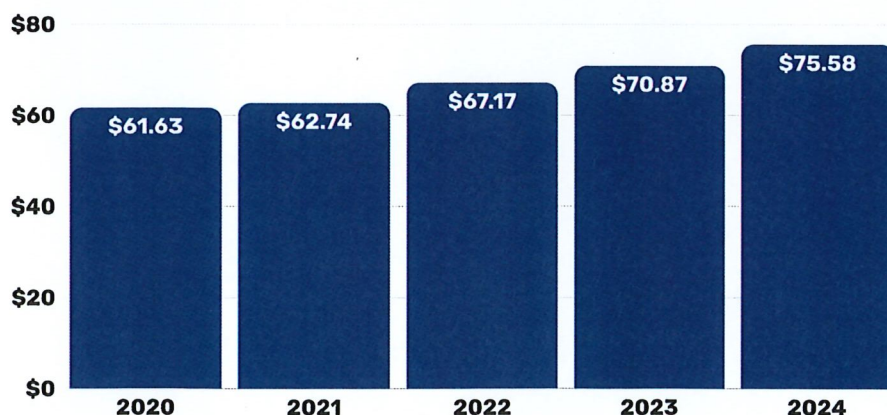
Amount of largest reimbursement,  
made to the Indianapolis Public  
Library



**\$147,034**

Total PLAC funds reimbursed  
to 36 net lender libraries

## AVERAGE OPERATING EXPENDITURE PER CAPITA





# INDIANA LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL BOARD

December 5, 2025

Prepared by: Stephanie Asberry

## Public Services Report

- Research and Reference Questions:

- 2021: 31,598
- 2022: 27,919
- 2023: 29,525
- 2024: 26,415
- 2025 to September 30: 23,381

- Door count:

- 2021: 22,475
- 2022: 28,557
- 2023: 35,592
- 2024: 44,364
- 2025 to November 30: 26,393

- ISL Bicentennial Committee:

- The Bicentennial Programming Committee organized/coordination multiple projects throughout the year:
  - The Bicentennial Committee published a book titled *Laying the Foundation: Collection Highlights from the Indiana State Library*. This book is available in The Nook bookstore at ISL.
  - A bicentennial reception was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025. 132 people were in attendance.
  - A proclamation was signed by Governor Holcomb's office in December 2024. There was a small reception on Friday, December 6 at 11:00 a.m. in the Authors Room following the ILHB meeting for staff and ILHB members.
  - Architectural tours were promoted to state agencies and the public. Four were held throughout the year.
  - Indiana Trivia games during the lunch hour have been promoted to state employees and the general public. Our last trivia event was Constitution Day and was held on September 17. These were such a big hit that we plan to hold two trivia games in 2026.
  - Escape rooms were also a big hit. A Benjamin Harrison Escape Room and Hoosier Women Escape Room were held.
  - The Ghostly Gathering at the ISL program was held October 10. There were 80 attendees. Circle City Ghostbusters were present, spooky items from the collection were on display, Benjamin Harrison and James Whitcomb Riley reenactors were also present, the

Ghostbusters movie was shown, there was trick-or-treating in the closed stacks for the kids, and light snacks were available.

- The closing program for ISL's bicentennial was a celebration lunch and learn, which was held Tuesday, October 14. Jamie Dunn presented on the history of ISL. The IHB's marker dedication and a small reception followed.
- **Exhibits Committee:**
  - Exhibit Hall:
    - The theme for the year for the Exhibit Hall has been items highlighted from the bicentennial publication.
    - Andrea Glenn from the Indiana, Ref and Gov Services Division has been working with Valinda Carroll, ISL's conservator, on a 250 map exhibit for next year.
  - Great Hall:
    - The current exhibit on display was curated by IHB's intern and showcases items pertaining to the Civilian Conservation Corps.
- **Programs/Workshops/Events:**
  - The Summer Lecture Series and Lunch and Learns for 2025 were well attended.
    - We had a great season for the Summer Lecture Series. With our new A/V equipment in the History Reference Room, we were able to hold hybrid events.
      - There were 59 (live and virtual) attendees at our DNA Workshop with Angela Guntz of the Central Indiana DNA Interest Group in June.
      - We had more than 140 (live and virtual) participants at our July presentation about Madge Oberholtzer, as well as more than 145 YouTube views.
      - There were 26 (live and virtual) attendees at our August lecture "Jonathan Knight – Pathfinder of American Roads".
    - Our final two Lunch and Learns for 2025 were:
      - October 14 – The history of the Indiana State Library, Jamie Dunn
      - November 18 – Introduction to Native American Research – Sarah Pfundstein
    - Genealogy for Night Owls was held on Wednesday, October 22. 38 people attended.
    - Vision Expo was held Saturday, September 13. There were 139 people in attendance.
  - Public Services programming attendance for 2025 to June 30: 3,812.
- **Grants:**

- Suzanne Walker, IYRC Director – Teach with Primary Sources grant. Suzanne utilized these funds to create six different Escape Rooms.
- The Escape Rooms have been very popular. More than 600 people have participated in one of the Escape Rooms at their local public library.
- Suzanne received 27 responses to her feedback form and responses were very positive.
- Suzanne received the Indiana Outstanding Project Award for the Escape Rooms from the Indiana Historical Society.

- **Talking Book & Braille Library:**

- Outreach

- On 9/8/2025 Abby talked with the American Council for the Blind in Indiana about new Technology at the IN TBBL – 12 people attended.
- On 9/9/2025 Abby trained employees of the Department of Corrections on filling out our applications and using our talking book machines. 26 people attended this training.
- On 9/11/2025 Judy worked at the Indiana State House Market and spoke with approximately 50 people.
- On 9/13/2025 139 people attended the Indiana TBBL Vision Expo. Abby Chumin has point on this event and does a great job each year.
- On 9/20/2025 Abby attended the Fuse Fall Expo at Perry Meridian High School. She spoke to 31 people that morning.
- On 9/24/2025 Judy Gray attended the annual Crown Hill home school day. She talked with 408 people about Indiana TBBL.
- On 9/19/2025 Judy Gray participated in a panel about the Indiana State Library for participants of the DIY Conference. Earlier in the day she also helped with a tour of the State Library.
- Abby visited the Evansville League for the Blind and spoke with 11 people.
- Abby attended the VIPS Halloween Event and spoke with 34 people.

- Staff Activities:

- The TBBL staff continued to work on the Braille collection weeding, cleaning, & shifting.
- The TBBL staff presented another successful Vision Expo with 139 people attending.
- The TBBL continued to face issues with the United State Post Office and our mail delivery.
- Kevin Osborne from the Nation Library Service visited In September and was very happy with the status of our library
- Abby Chumin become the Chairperson for the Midlands region of the National Library Service and Judy Gray remained the Secretary.

- Jannell Summers left the employ of the Staff Library. Because of this the Indiana Voices Program has taken a short break. It will be returning in the new year.
- Indiana Talking Book & Braille Library Statistics for May, June & July 2025:
  - Total Circulation = 94,296
  - Total Reference = 2,571
  - New Patrons = 168
  - Programs = 6 presented to 240 people
  - Exhibits / Fairs = 3 attended spoke with 439 people
  - 677 Indiana Voices books were downloaded on BARD by patrons all over the country.

- **Rare Books and Manuscripts**

- The new Manuscripts Reading Room in IHB's Pamela J. Bennett Historical Marker Center opened. It has been a big improvement over the open space near the Browsing Room and offers researchers a quieter space to work.
- We have finished putting our oldest broadsides in the digital collection – many of them Indiana territory related with the oldest dating to 1784. 240 broadsides were uploaded.
- We received a donation of 200 acid free boxes from Eli Lilly & Co.
- Victoria met with the Hoosier Environmental Council about their collection and a second round of donations.
- We received the Anthony Wayne Flag back from the American Museum of the American Revolution. The flag was digitized and uploaded to their website display for their Banners of Liberty exhibition, the largest to date assembly of historic Revolutionary flags, which honors the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the Revolutionary War.
- Accessions:
  - Purchased a collection of Morgan's Raid-related Civil War letters. Funding provided by the Indiana State Library Foundation.
- Social media posts:
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  - Wednesday Word Digital Collection Highlight on John M. Conyers collection.
- Other activities:



- Edited and approved 41 items uploaded to the ISL Digital Collections by Indiana, Genealogy, and Manuscripts staff and interns
- Continued cleaning up and organizing X drive, performing quality control on Preservation files, generating Access copies, exporting metadata to accompany files in anticipation of adding data to the Digital Preservation Inventory
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- Deleted 125 items in CONTENTdm at the request of Chris Marshall, following their transfer to Internet Archive.
- Attended a presentation by OCLC reps on the new version of CONTENTdm
- Helped Jeanne and Bobbie look for images for the Foundation Christmas Card
- Met with InDiPres chair to edit the Membership Agreement to reflect previous changes to the Guidance Document
- Helped an Indiana Memory contributor from the Hamilton East Public Library puzzle out a common CONTENTdm error
- Met with Valinda about exhibits next year and pulled everything she is interested in from Manuscripts
- Helped work "A Ghostly Gathering"
- Received 30 box donation from the Hoosier Environmental Council
- Attended Digitization working group meeting
- Revised 28 EAD finding aids in ArchivesSpace
- Edited and approved 41 items uploaded to the ISL Digital Collections by Indiana, Genealogy, and Manuscripts staff and interns
- Installed exhibits for "A Gathering of Ghosts"
- Ongoing talks with Lilly about photographs for a book they are publishing on their history
- Helped with the Statehouse Market
- Taught a class for IUIndy public history students on commemorating the American Revolution
- Met with the Hoosier Environmental Council about their collection and a second round of donations
- Worked with intern to locate items donated by HEC by accident in their first 30 boxes
- Ran a Staff Association event with John Wekluk
- InDiPres meetings: both a guidance document working meeting where we spent a couple hours re-writing the

guidance document and a one-on-one meeting with the chair about our role going forward

- Received the Anthony Wayne Flag back from the Museum of the American Revolution
- More conversation with Lisa about items to be deleted from the website that got missed somehow last round
- Spoke with Michella and Chandler about a donation of 200 acid free cubic foot boxes that Lilly is donating. The Archives received the donation, as they also took some, and will drop them off soon.
- Met with Valinda about future of broken cases and exhibits generally, including supplies orders
- Helped with DIY conference leading a tour and doing tour backup
- Worked with Ancestry intern on scanning our section of the Ancestry material
- Provided annual page view data of the INverse Poetry Archive, pulled and compiled from monthly data in CONTENTdm, to the Indiana Arts Commission for their evaluation of the program, which is currently in progress.
- Revised 11 EAD finding aids in ArchivesSpace
- Continued shifting contents of Porter-Griffin family papers (L535)
- Deinstalled current RBM exhibit

- **Genealogy Division:**

- Statistics as of October 31st:
  - We have seen a 3.9% increase in in-person patrons compared to 2025.
  - We have seen a 24.5% increase in reference questions compared to 2025.
  - We had over 1,000 attendees at programs and events for the second year in a row.
  - We answered 705 questions in August; the last time we answered more than 700 questions in one month was March 2022.
- We hosted a Genealogy for Night Owls event on October 22nd, with 33 attendees
- Ancestry has started digitizing items from the library's collections, including cemetery records, yearbooks, and military documents.
- Angi, Dagny, and Jamie wrapped up their work for the ISL Bicentennial with the Ghostly Gathering event for Halloween.
- Planning has begun for the next Genealogy and Local History Fair, to take place October 24, 2026. The theme will be "America 250."
- We have started booking speaking engagements for 2026.

- Angi Porter presented “Irish Quakers Here and There” at the Kokomo-Howard County Public Library in September. She also presented “All Free for the Finding,” on free genealogy resources, virtually to the Lake County Public Library in October. Angi also attended the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies Conference.
- Dagny Villegas presented “Family Stories” virtually to the Thorntown Public Library. She also finished up indexing a set of birth records from Marion County. Dagny also presented on unique and interesting items from the collection at Genealogy for Night Owls.
- Jamie Dunn wrapped up an article on the history of the Indiana State Library that will appear in the Indiana Magazine of History in December. She also selected books for the collection to be purchased in honor of deceased members of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Jamie also evaluated historical marker applications for the Historical Bureau.
- Sarah Pfundstein presented “Native American Research” for the ISL Lunch and Learn in November. She also continued to write digital collection highlights for the Wednesday Word newsletter. Sarah has also processed many genealogy manuscript collections this year.

- **Conservation:**

- The Conservator completed tape removal treatment and encapsulation of 17 items from 5 scrapbook pages of the Wallace family (Thrall donation) from the Genealogy Division.
- In consultation with Andrea Glenn, the Conservator started assessing maps to be included in the America250 exhibit in 2026; the exhibit will focus on the colonial period and the Northwest Territory to early statehood, with emphasis on the “power of place” theme. A bound volume of 50 maps was photographed in preparation for treatment; three maps in the volume depict the old Northwest territory, and they are slated for inclusion in the exhibit.
- The early 19th century plat of the Indianapolis “mile square” was assessed, and treatment has commenced for this map to be included in an exhibit loan to the Indiana State Museum.
- Ten new Bluetooth dataloggers were purchased and installed, increasing the Library’s ability to monitor additional parts of the collection, including light monitoring for items on exhibit.

- **Circulation Support Division**

<b>Items shelved Year to date</b>	10,250
<b>Completed Inter library request as of October 31st</b>	1067
<b>New Library Cards</b>	264
<b>Door total as of October 31st</b>	41,184
<b>Circulation desk as of October 31st</b>	10,257

#### 2025 Staff Projects

- Circulation staff continues In-house scanning so better statistics can be kept on material used within the library.
- Megan Garrett came back to the library as a Library Tech 2 replacing Eric Svoboda which took a library position at Indpls. PL.
- Circulation staff is shifting the Profession development section (Z's) so Genealogy will have room for future growth.
- Circulation staff will assist with shifting in basement when available, but Eric Svoboda has asked to come as a volunteer to work in the basement and shift
- Rayjeana Duty and Bradley Moore continue to work with material in 4<sup>th</sup> floor vaults to barcode Indiana Collection.
- Rayjeana Duty continues to barcode and add additional copies to reels of newspapers where needed. Circulation Staff has done a wonderful job with stacks maintenance insuring that items are clean, supported, and displayed properly on shelves.
- Circulation Staff continues to make corrections in Hoosier State Chronicles while working the Circulation desk.
- Due to staff shortages Circulation staff works on average 4, (4 hour) shifts per week at the Circulation desk besides maintaining their regular work.

### **Division Spotlight – Indiana, Reference and Government Services Division**

Prepared by: Michelle Sharp, Supervisor of Indiana, Reference & Government Services Division/Outreach Coordinator

- Both Indiana and Reference & Government Services Divisions made several adjustments this last quarter, including (but not limited to) taking on additional blog posts, social media posts, Government Information Minutes, adjusting exhibit schedules, adjusting and taking more reference desk shifts, re-prioritizing tasks and goals, and sorting through and redistributing files, items, and projects.

- All staff are evaluating images, pdfs and documents in their respective areas on the ISL website for ADA compliance purposes.

- **Indiana Services Division, Reference and Government Services Division Updates**

- Items identified and moved to Internet Archive:

<b>Projects May-July</b>	<b># of items 133</b>	<b># of scans 3437</b>	<b># of items uploaded 133</b>
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- Started coordinating moving reels of ISL film that have been at the State Archives back to ISL.
- Selected 1800 reels of pre-approved newspaper microfilm to be sent to Newspapers.com.
- Several tours were given.
- Rearranged and cleaned up digitization lab.
- Worked on ContentDM.

- **Reference & Government Services Division**

- Remaining reference staff moved from third floor down to 2<sup>nd</sup> so all of Indiana and Reference Division staff are now located in same area.
- Presented at Evergreen Indiana Conference.
- Presented GovDocs 101: Intro to the FDLP at OVGTSL 2025
- GID 2026 planning is underway.

- **State Data Center**

- Planning for the 2030 Census has started in Indiana. Katie is participating in the first phase of the decennial census, the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) by assisting a team of GIS professionals who will be handling Indiana's contribution of files of updated residential addresses to the Census Bureau. We will also be helping with outreach to Indiana local government units that starts in 2027.

- Met with GIS specialist about ISL getting an indoor GIS kiosk with the Government Campus mapped out, including ISL, and placing a kiosk in the library (located across from Circ Desk).

- **IYRC**

- The Indiana Center for the Book has wrapped up another successful year of the Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award. In this eleventh year of the award, we received over 3,700 votes from 50 Indiana counties. This is the third highest number of votes ever recorded for the award making it a very solid year. The winning book was PLOOF, an adorable interactive picture book about an anthropomorphic cloud.



The Indiana Center for the Book is getting ready to attend the National Book Festival on September 6. We are featuring a book by John Green (EVERYTHING IS TUBERCULOSIS) and a book by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley (THE NIGHT WAR). Both books are by award-winning Indiana authors. We anticipate interacting with thousands of attendees over the course of the one-day festival. A picture of our booth from last year is attached. Indiana Humanities is partnering with us once again by sending a staff member and providing bookmarks to give away.

The Indiana Center for the Book is prepping for this year's Gathering of Writers. We partner with the Indiana Writers Center on this event

each year. They have a terrific line-up of sessions, and we are looking forward to filling the building with Indiana writers yet again. The event will be in the building on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

- **Programs & Outreach**

- Our Summer Lecture Series had a great season! We had over 140 (live and virtual) participants at our July presentation about Madge Oberholtzer, with over 145 YouTube views, and 26 (live and virtual) participants at our August presentation about Jonathan Knight, with 21 YouTube views.
- We've also seen an increase in participants in our Indiana Data Users Group meetings since we started advertising them more widely and recording them for viewing on YouTube. The June INDUG meeting had 30 virtual participants and 26 YouTube views, and the August INDUG meeting had 20 virtual participants.
- Most Lunch and Learns, Summer Lectures and INDUG meetings are now being transcribed and made available on the ISL YouTube channel.
- In October we are on tabling at the Historic Irvington Halloween Festival to promote library collections, services and programs. This event sees thousands of people in one day, so it should be a great opportunity to promote the State Library.
- In October we will host "A Ghostly Gathering at ISL" as a part of the ISL Bicentennial celebration. Registration is already full (200 registered) and as of 8/26 we have a waitlist of 41 registrants.
- In October we will host a bicentennial celebration Lunch and Learn about the history of the ISL, presented by Genealogy Supervisor, Jamie Dunn, followed by IHB marker dedication of our new ISL marker. A small reception will follow in our café area after the dedication.
- In November we will be tabling at the Indiana Council for the Social Studies annual conference to promote ISL collections and services. This is a 2-day conference and will be held at University of Indianapolis.
- Our last Lunch & Learn of the year will be held November 18<sup>th</sup> and will be presented by genealogy librarian, Sarah Pfundstein. The topic will be "Introduction to Native American Research".
- Our LinkedIn page continues to reach people. A recent post sharing a staff member fulfilling a patron request with a newspaper received over 1,464 impressions, 54 clicks, and 84 likes. Our second highest post this quarter featured staff putting out a new exhibit on ballet materials, with 304 impressions, 54 clicks, and 12 likes. Our third highest post this quarter featured the RBM move down to the IHB with 261 impressions, 91 clicks and 9 likes. We gained 46 new followers from 5/26/2025 –

8/23/2025, 135 from greater Indpls., 8 from greater Bloomington area, and 8 from the greater Chicago area. Follower job functions include education, community and social services, and business development. The top five industries who follow us are libraries, primary and secondary education, higher education, government administration, and museums, historical sites, and zoos.

[Impressions are how many times a post shows up on someone's feed, boosting brand awareness. Clicks measure the total number of times users clicked on the content, indicating engagement and interest from the audience.]

- **Indiana Memory**
  - June: 15,114 sessions; 50,672 views
  - July: 19,336 sessions
- **Hoosier State Chronicles**
  - June: 29,416 sessions; 154,267 views
  - July: 38,690 sessions; 165,202 views
- **Digitization Projects**
  - Dave provided uploaded images to DDD for METS/ALTO processing for the Whiting project.
  - Dave continues to monitor and facilitate solutions to digitization issues as projects evolve.
- **Updates**
  - Dave has facilitated the completion of 2 of the 4 projects and is discussing the continuation of HSC blog posts with Casey.
- **Indiana Memory**
  - June: 15,114 sessions; 50,672 views
  - July: 19,336 sessions; 68,556 views
- **ISL and Hosted Digital Collections**
  - June: 933 sessions; 1,278 views
  - July: 1,347 sessions; 5,704 views
- **Digitization Projects**
  - Chris reached out to 7 hosted collections to evaluate their collection status. These include Bartholomew County Public Library, the Benjamin Harrison Historic Site, Jasper-DuBois County Public Library, Floyd County Public Library, Bedford Public Library, the Yorktown Public Library, and the Willard Library (Evansville).
  - Chris added one collection from Conner Prairie.
- **Updates**
  - Chris has been evaluating and auditing the ISL and Hosted Digital Collections for empty collections and outdated users.





# INDIANA LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL BOARD

December 5, 2025

Prepared by: Stephanie Asberry

## Statewide Services Report

- LDO/PDO/MIS questions and consultations:

- 2022: 12,291
- 2023: 23,645
- 2024: 23,401
- 2025 to September 30: 17,470

### Library Development Office

- **Resource Sharing –**
  - **Indiana Share** – ISL staff continue to process approximately 3,000 interlibrary loan requests and updates per month.
  - A new interlibrary loan specialist was hired and will begin 12/8/2025.
  - **InfoExpress Courier Service** – Courier service continues to run reliably.
  - **Discovery to Delivery Conference** – The conference was successfully held on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at IU Indianapolis and via Teams (55 in-person and 131 virtual attendees).
  - **INSPIRE** – Statewide database access continues with condensed offerings.
- **Annual Report – Public Library Survey and Standards Review**
  - The closure of Baker & Taylor has affected the software used to conduct the Indiana State Library's Annual Report. Bids are being sought for an alternate solution.
  - ISL will still attempt to complete data collection from 1/1/26-3/1/26.
- **Federal Funding-**
  - The Institute of Museum and Library Services has fully resumed operations following the federal shutdown and has been planning 2026 trainings and activities.
- **E-Rate**
  - Participant forms have been collected for the 2025-2026 service year and ISL will continue to work with Zayo.
- **Tax Books-**
  - The Library Development Office will assist in the distribution of Indiana Department of Revenue tax books to public library locations.
- Consultant Hayley Trefun presented at the 2025 Indiana Library Federation Annual Conference on the topic of public library mergers.

- 10/3/2025 Discovery to Delivery - 55 in person attendees and 131 virtual attendees (186 total).
- Leigh Anne continued InfoExpress 2025-2026 renewal and receiving payments (12 remain from schools and institutions).
- Leigh Anne successfully hosted Discovery to Delivery on 10/3/2025. Leigh Anne provided the ISL updates.
- Leigh Anne is now also processing all Share requests and updates until the ILL specialist position is filled.
- Eric's last day at ISL was 10/10/2025.
- Eric processed all Share requests and emails through October 10th.
- Eric hosted an Indiana Share users update/roundtable at Discovery to Delivery.
- Jen compiled and submitted LDO and PDO's PD requests for 2026.
- Jen served as ISL's IDL liaison.
- Jen managed ISL's LinkedIn Learning account, attended meetings with our customer success manager, and approved new users.
- Jen continued to review and file long range plans, bylaws, and SBOA audit reports.
- Hayley completed a bylaws audit and has contacted all libraries they may be in need of reviewing and updating their bylaws. She is now receiving bylaws and updating LDO's records.
- Hayley continues to collect forms for the 2026 consortium year (was missing 8 as of the end of the month, and she thinks a few of these may not continue with the consortium).
- Angela worked with Jen and ISL admin to try to obtain a vendor for our 2025 PLS data collection.
- Angela attended SDC and LSTA Coordinators meetings, and a farewell Zoom for State Program Officer Dennis Nangle.
- Annual Report and Bookkeeping Workshop – December 3
- **Professional Development Office**
  - The Professional Development Office offers programming and consultations, including virtual and in-person director visits and webinars.
  - What's Up Wednesday topics during the fourth quarter of 2025 included:
    - What's Up Wednesday: "How to Run a Tabletop Game Design Workshop at Your Library"
    - What's Up Wednesday: "AI Literacy for Librarians: Understanding and Teaching AI"
  - North Regional Consultant Paula Newcom successfully hosted the 2025 Difference is You Conference on Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> with over 120 in-person attendees.

- Central Regional Consultant Megan Adams presented at the 2025 Indiana Library Federation Annual Conference with former PDO staff member Lacey Klemm. The topic was “Facilitating Positive Conversations (When you find discussing uncomfortable topics to be challenging)”
- Southern Regional Consultant George Bergstrom participated in the Kentucky Department of Library and Archives Annual Conference and helped organize International Games Month trainings and activities in November.
- Children’s Consultant Beth Yates provided Every Child Ready to Read statewide trainings and released information about the Collaborative Summer Library Program for 2026 (with upcoming statewide trainings)
- Beth additionally assisted in the interim with the Indiana Young Readers Center vacancy and has facilitated Statehood Day essay judging.
- 10/10/2025 George Bergstrom attended the Southeast Directors Round Table Meeting in Vevay.
- Beth began her Every Child Ready to Read trainings and visited Brazil Public Library (4 attendees) and Scott County Public Library (5 attendees).

### **Indiana Digital Library**

- IDL collection overview for January 1, 2025 to November 30, 2025:
  - Current average wait period: 33 days
  - 226,803 unique users
  - 7.919 million checkouts
  - 3.656 million holds
  - Holdings: 876,435

### **MIS**

- Hoosier State Chronicles
  - MIS has worked with IOT and software vendor DL Consulting to move the Hoosier State Chronicles site to an updated server at IOT after many delays; however, because of this transition, PDFs on the site cannot be downloaded. IOT and DL Consulting are actively working on the issue.
- Public Computers
  - The majority of ISL’s public computers have been upgraded to Windows 11. Some machines were required to stay on Windows 10 to maintain function with old microfilm scanners. These affected machines will no longer be allowed Internet access, as Windows 10 is no longer being supported.

## Evergreen Indiana

- Next Upgrade
  - MIS upgraded its Training and Migration/Testing server to Evergreen 3.15.6 and has begun training for new features.
  - Evergreen Indiana will be upgrading to Evergreen ILS 3.15.6 on Dec 6-7, 2025, with an expected downtime beginning the evening of Dec 5, lasting into Dec 7, until the upgrade is completed.
  - In addition, Equinox will be upgrading the Aspen server at about the same time.
- New Evergreen Indiana Library Status
  - Brook Iroquois went live on Sept 3, 2025, and Jasonville went live on Oct 1, 2025. Each of these migrations went smoothly.
  - Edinburgh will be going live on Evergreen Indiana on Jan 13, 2026.
  - Anderson Public Library's board has approved moving to Evergreen Indiana.
- Migration Assistance
  - Equinox unfortunately did not have time to assist with the Delphi migration within the requested timeframe; thus, Evergreen Indiana expects to migrate them without assistance.
  - Evergreen Indiana has since reached out to MOBIUS with the hope of potentially having MOBIUS and Evergreen Indiana work through migrations concurrently in 2026 in order to work through our current backlog quicker.
- Planned Data Center Move at the end of January 2026
  - Evergreen Indiana and Indiana State Library data center servers expect to move from Netrality in the Indy Telecom Center to the IOT Data Center at the end of January 2026. This will result in downtime for an entire weekend for Evergreen Indiana and ISL's Connect IN program while the servers are moved. This move will ultimately reduce the cost to ISL for the data center location by 67%
- New Fine Free Libraries
  - Wolcott, Oct 2, 2025.
  - Newton County, Dec 1, 2025
- Upcoming Evergreen Indiana Training Dates

- The 3.15 New Features, 2025 Local Admin Refreshers, and 2025 Cataloging Refreshers occurred during the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weeks of November.
- There are no further training webinars scheduled beyond November at this time. They will most likely be scheduled after the new year begins.



Indiana Historical Bureau Business  
Indiana Library and Historical Board  
Friday, December 5, 2025

## **Report of Casey Pfeiffer, Historical Marker Program Director, Indiana Historical Bureau**

### **I. Publications and promoting the study of Indiana history**

#### **a. Indiana History Blog/Untold Indiana**

-IHB is not adding any new content to the blog at this time, but all blog posts continue to remain accessible for patrons.

#### **b. Social Media Engagement**

-Facebook stats – Engagement

--September: 441

--October: 613

-Instagram – Engagement

--September: 81

--October: 57

### **II. Work with organizations and people concerned with Indiana history**

#### **a. History Collaborative**

-The last History Collaborative meeting was held on Friday, November 21, 2025 at the Bona Thompson Center. Discussion centered doing history in the current climate.

-The next History Collaborative meeting is scheduled for January 30.

#### **b. Hoosier Women at Work**

-IHB was one of the founding organizations of the Hoosier Women and Work Conference in 2016 and remained one of the leading organizers through 2024. The mini-con planned for the fall of 2025 was cancelled. It is unclear if other partners will coordinate a conference for 2026.

#### **c. Bennett-Tinsley Student Paper Award**

-IHB oversaw the administration of this award with the Indiana Association of Historians since 2018. IAH will be taking over the award for 2026. Casey Pfeiffer may help in reviewing student papers so that IHB can maintain a connection to the program.

#### **d. Other**

-Casey regularly attends meetings for the Black Heritage Preservation Program (formerly named the African American Landmarks Committee), History Collaborative, and County Historians.

### **III. Historical Marker Program**

#### **a. 2024-2025 Marker cycle**

##### **i. Dedications since last meeting**

- September 13 – Arthur Franklin Mapes (Noble Co.)
- October 11 – Venoge Farmstead (Switzerland Co.)
- October 14 – Indiana State Library (Marion Co.)
- November 6 – Riley Hospital for Children (Marion)

##### **ii. Upcoming dedications**

TBD

##### **iii. Marker Research and Texts**

- 2024 applications and replacement markers that are still in progress are: the Piankashaw, Charlie Wiggins and the Gold and Glory Sweepstakes, C.M.C. Willis, St. John's Missionary Baptist Church, Emerson School, Bess Sheehan, and Samuel Plato.
- Our marker commemorating Gennett Records in Richmond (application approved in 2024) was completed this fall and was scheduled to be dedicated in November. Upon review of the press release and text of the marker, the Department of Education had some concerns over the language. The marker installation was postponed and the text and marker will be updated.

#### **b. 2025-2026 Marker Applications**

- The Eli Lilly and Company marker is currently in progress. IHB is working with the applicant on site permission and working on text revisions.

### **IV. Oral History of the Indiana General Assembly (ILOHI) – on pause**

#### **a. Website/Archive**

- 85 ILOHI interviews are available to the public via our website/online archive and other streaming sites and transcripts are up for 35 of them.

#### **b. Updates (via SoundCloud)**

- September: 24 plays
- October: 26 plays

### ***IHB NEWS***

-Casey spoke at the Arthur Franklin Mapes, Indiana State Library, and Riley Hospital for Children marker dedications.

-Casey spoke at a program on George Knox in Greenfield on September 16 in anticipation of a historical marker that will be installed in 2026. Attendees included several of Knox's descendants from California, Florida, and Michigan.

-Casey, Victoria, and Valinda spoke to Dr. Rachel Wheeler's IUI history class on Marking the American Revolution on September 30.

-Casey attended the County Historian Roundtable in Connersville on October 28.



-Casey gave a What's Up Wednesday webinar on Snapshots of the Past: Indiana's State Historical Marker Program on November 5.

-Marker repairs, replacements, and repainting: INDOT replaced the posts and reinstalled two Boone County REMC markers; other markers that were reinstalled this quarter include the Civil War Arsenal marker and Will Vawter marker. Casey coordinated with volunteers on the repainting of the Danville Carnegie Library, Underground Station, Samuel Thornton Scott, and Massacre of Indians markers.

-The Lester Lake marker (Franklin County) that was reinstalled in June was struck by a vehicle in October. Casey is working with the insurance company to recover the cost to replace the marker.



## **Proposed Indiana Library and Historical Board Meeting Dates for 2026**

March 13

June 19

September 18

December 4

The meetings will begin at 10:30 AM ET

