

Indiana Library and Historical Board

Meeting Agenda

March 13, 2026, 10:30 ET

Indiana Author's Room

I. Call to Order

II. Indiana Library and Historical Board Business

- a. Approval of Agenda—action needed
- b. Approval of the Minutes December 5, 2025—action needed
- c. Personnel Report—action needed
- d. Financial Report—action needed

III. Reports

- a. Deputy Director of Statewide & Public Services
- b. Historical Bureau
- c. Director

IV. New Business

- a. Meeting Room Policy
- b. Historical Marker Fee

V. Adjourn

Remaining Meeting Dates for 2026: June 19, September 18, & December 4.

MINUTES
INDIANA LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL BOARD
December 5th, 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 10:30 am. Board members present were Mrs. Megan Thompson and Mr. Tom Neuffer were present. Mr. Randy Mills was present via Zoom. Also, present was Jacob Speer, Director of the Indiana State Library.

Others present were:

- Katrice Anders-Jordan, State Library
- Stephanie Asberry, State Library
- Jen Clifton, State Library
- Zane Cuthbertson, Indiana Historical Society
- Angela Downs, State Library
- Michelle Frost, State Library
- Tamara Hemmerlein, Indiana Historical Society
- Lisa Meadows, Via Zoom
- Casey Pfeiffer, Historical Bureau
- Sylvia Watson, State Library
- John Wekluk, State Library

II. INDIANA LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

<p>12-1-25 Agenda</p>	<p>The agenda was presented for approval. Mr. Neuffer moved, and Mrs. Thompson seconded: to approve the agenda.</p> <p>TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. Motion passed. Unanimously</p>
<p>12-2-25 Approval of the ILHB September 12, 2025. Minutes</p>	<p>The minutes of September 12th, 2025, meeting were presented for approval. Mrs. Thompson moved, and Mr. Neuffer seconded:</p> <p>TO APPROVE SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2025 ILHB MINUTES AS PRESENTED. Motion passed. Unanimously</p>
<p>12-3-25 ISL Human Resources Report</p>	<p>Mr. Speer presented the Human Resources Report for approval. Retirement/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. Mr. Neuffer moved, and Mrs. Thompson seconded:</p> <p>TO APPROVE THE PERSONNEL REPORT AS PRESENTED. Motion passed. Unanimously</p>

12-4-25 ISL Financial Report	Mrs. Anders-Jordan presented the Financial Report for approval. Mrs. Thompson moved, and Mr. Neuffer seconded: TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT AS PRESENTED. Motion passed. Unanimously
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12-5-25 Set fee for the Public Library Access Card (PLAC) for 2026	Mr. Speer presented the set fee for the Public Library Access Card (PLAC) to stay at \$70.00 for the year 2026 for approval. Mr. Neuffer moved and Mrs. Thompson seconded: TO APPROVE THE SET FEE FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCESS CARD (PLAC) TO STAY AT \$70.00 FOR THE YEAR 2026 AS PRESENTED. Motion passed. Unanimously.
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III. REPORTS

12-6-25 and Deputy Director Report	Mrs. Asberry presented the Deputy Director report. Evergreen is having an update over the weekend. There will also be a server move to the new data center at the end of January/beginning of February. Michelle Frost gave a demonstration on some of the digital collections that the Indiana State Library has in Indiana Memory.
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12-7-25 Historical Bureau Report	Mrs. Pfeiffer presented the Historical Bureau Report that was included in the packet.
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12-8-25 Indiana State Library Director Report	Mr. Speer reported on legislative activities of the Indiana Library Federation and plans for the upcoming legislative session. Speer also discussed that Baker and Taylor, the vendor for the annual report software, will not be able to provide its platform. The Business Office has been working to procure another vendor. This may push the annual report back by 1-2 months but hopefully will not delay standards decisions. The Indiana State Library Foundation Board is meeting December 10 and a proposed budget for 2026 has been drafted.
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IV. NEW BUSINESS

12-9-25 New Business/ Proposed Indiana State Library and Historical Board Meeting	Mr. Speer presented the proposed meeting dates and times for 2026 for approval. March 13 June 19 September 18 December 4 at 10:30am Mrs. Thompson moved and Mr. Neuffer seconded: TO APPROVE THE MEETING DATES AND TIMES 2026 AS PRESENTED. Motion passed. Unanimously.
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Dates for 2026	
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V. OLD BUSINESS

12-10-25 Old Business	There was no Old Business
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Meeting Adjourn: 11:07am

Mr. Mills moved, and Mrs. Thompson seconded:

Next Meeting Date: March 13th, 2026, at 10:30am

**Indiana State Library
Personnel Report
December 2025 – February 2026**

New Hires:

Abigail Asher, Library Tech 2 effective December 08, 2025: Tamara Buchanan, Librarian 1 effective December 08, 2025: Bryan Hess, Library Tech 2 effective December 22, 2025.

Retirements/Resignations:

None

Promotion/Transfers:

None

Terminations:

None

ISL Financial Report FY2026
02/28/2026

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	1,260,981.53	\$1,839,018	41%
14120 -Operating (General Fund)	\$2,627,285	\$52,546	\$2,574,739	\$1,751,762	\$822,978	68%
14150-Statewide Services (General Fund)	\$1,508,535	\$30,171	\$1,478,364	\$959,372	\$518,992	65%
17110 -Newsline (General Fund)	\$180,000	\$0	\$180,000	127,800.00	\$52,200	71%
*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	\$38,275	\$113,525	25%
*43937-Historical Marker (Dedicated Funds)	\$159,690	\$0	\$159,690	95,733.03	\$63,957	60%
*43938-Hist Bur Publications & Education (Dedicated Funds)	\$2,929	\$0	\$2,929	1,408.41	\$1,520	48%
*47540 -Publications (Dedicated Funds)	\$2,195,191	\$0	\$2,195,191	\$922,700	\$1,272,491	42%
62020 -LSTA Grant Funds (Federal)	\$3,582,177	\$0	\$3,582,177	\$2,838,801	\$743,376	79%
TOTAL	\$13,708,995	\$82,716	\$13,626,279	\$8,144,049	\$5,482,229	

Percent of Final Allocation Spent	60%
Percent of Final Allocation Remaining	40%
Total	100%

* Non Reverting Fund

INDIANA LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL BOARD

March 13, 2026

Prepared by: Stephanie Asberry

Statewide Services Report

- LDO/PDO/MIS Questions and Consultations:
 - 2022: 12,291
 - 2023: 23,645
 - 2024: 23,401
 - 2025: 9,788

- LDO/PDO/MIS Programs/Workshops/Events Attendance:
 - 2022: 7,135
 - 2023: 7,286
 - 2024: 5,993
 - 2025: 6,392

Library Development Office

- **Resource Sharing**
 - **Indiana Share**
 - ISL staff continue to process approximately 3,000 interlibrary loan requests and updates per month.
 - **InfoExpress Courier Service**
 - Service continues to run reliably with 60,000 parcels/month shipped.
 - **Discovery to Delivery Conference 2026**
 - Planning has begun for this year's conference tentatively scheduled for 10/2/2026.
 - **INSPIRE**
 - Full access has been restored thanks to the Lilly Endowment grant to the Department of Education.

- **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.
- An alternate vendor, Counting Opinions, has been selected based on experience handling the report for most states.
- The annual report went live on March 5.
- The vendor will hold training on March 12.
- Data collection will be delayed approximately two months, and standards will likely need to be reviewed at the September ILHB meeting.

- **Federal Funding**

- The Institute of Museum and Library Services has fully resumed operations and is encouraging states to participate in USA 250 initiatives.

- **E-Rate**

- Zayo for Education is completing their service level meetings with libraries.

- **Budget Workshop**

- The 2026 workshop is scheduled for 5/21/26.

- **Read to Me**

- The prison family literacy program continues in 2026 with active participation by the Westville Correctional Facility. ISL has distributed books and recordings to families and is supplying the facility with recording materials and books.

- **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 first quarter of 2026 included:
 - What's Up Wednesday: "Working with Community Partners to bring Adventure to the Library"
 - What's Up Wednesday: "Responsible Budgeting in Tumultuous Times"

- Planning has begun for the 2026 Difference is You Conference (9/25/2026)
 - Southern Regional Consultant George Bergstrom participated in the Game Manufacturers Association Expo in Louisville March 2-5th. George presented on tabletop gaming in libraries and networked with game manufacturers. George serves on the American Library Association's Games and Gaming Roundtable.
 - Children's Consultant Beth Yates completed a statewide series of Collaborative Summer Library Program trainings and was invited to the SWON (Southwest Ohio and Kentucky) Summer Reading Conference in Cincinnati.
- **Other LDO/PDO Activities**
 - Beth Yates was invited and attended the Southwest Ohio and Northern Kentucky Summer Reading Conference in Cincinnati.
 - Angela Fox attended the annual IMLS State Data Coordinator Meeting in New Orleans, LA.
 - Beth Yates wrapped up her statewide series of CSLP Unearth a Story workshops, including a virtual training and an onsite training at ISL.
 - Angela Fox submitted the 2024 IMLS LSTA State Program Report on its January 28th due date.
 - CSLP 2026: Unearth a Story Summer Reading presentations in Porter County, Indianapolis/ISL, Marion, Noble County, and on Zoom.
 - Jen shipped out tax books to the public libraries on InfoExpress.
 - Planning has begun for both D2D (October) and DIY (September). A save the date announcement for each should be shared with libraries within the next month.
 - Paula coordinated well-attended regional roundtables across NW and NE Central Indiana.
 - PDO has continued to provide in-person and virtual consultations, as well as attending director roundtables.
 - Trustee training is scheduled in Culver in June.

Indiana Digital Library

- IDL collection overview for January 1, 2026 to March 9, 2026:
 - Current average wait period: 29 days
 - 156,207 unique users
 - 1.731 million checkouts

- 815,046 holds
- Holdings: 881,689

MIS

- Data center move
 - ISL and Evergreen servers were moved from Netrality (formerly 365 Data Center) to IOT's data center. The following ISL services were affected:
 - Evergreen Indiana
 - Connect IN
 - Indiana State Library Listservs
 - Indiana Memory (digital.library.in.gov)
 - ISL Manuscripts Catalog
 - MIS Helpdesk
- A fiber cut on Thursday, March 5 at a location in West Vermont Street led to a large outage for many Zayo customers, including ISL. The fiber cut occurred at 2:15 a.m. and service was restored around 12:45 p.m. The following ISL services were affected:
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 - Connect IN
 - Indiana State Library Listservs
 - Indiana Memory (digital.library.in.gov)
 - ISL Manuscripts Catalog
 - MIS Helpdesk
- Working with IOT to secure content management training and tools for staff to make necessary changes to meet ADA website accommodations that go into effect in April 2026.
- 2025 MIS Helpdesk stats

MIS Help Desk															
Zoom		Connect IN		Evergreen		Indiana Memory		INSPIRE		Listserv		MIS Internal		Website	
	2025		2025		2025		2025		2025		2025		2025		2025
January	47	January	8	January	109	January	5	January	16	January	3	January	104	January	141
February	36	February	7	February	86	February	0	February	16	February	0	February	50	February	201
March	88	March	7	March	110	March	1	March	15	March	1	March	63	March	152
April	49	April	15	April	117	April	1	April	16	April	1	April	54	April	155
May	36	May	15	May	75	May	2	May	6	May	0	May	49	May	149
June	61	June	7	June	92	June		June	8	June	0	June	141	June	53
July	48	July	2	July	78	July	1	July	22	July	2	July	95	July	132
August	51	August	12	August	87	August	1	August	13	August	0	August	65	August	103
September	31	September	7	September	94	September	3	September	11	September	1	September	54	September	141
October	24	October	6	October	103	October	0	October	8	October	0	October	76	October	129
November	45	November	4	November	71	November	0	November	8	November	0	November	62	November	97
December	52	December	6	December	115	December	1	December	5	December	0	December	51	December	66
Total	568	Total	96	Total	1,137	Total	15	Total	144	Total	8	Total	864	Total	1,519

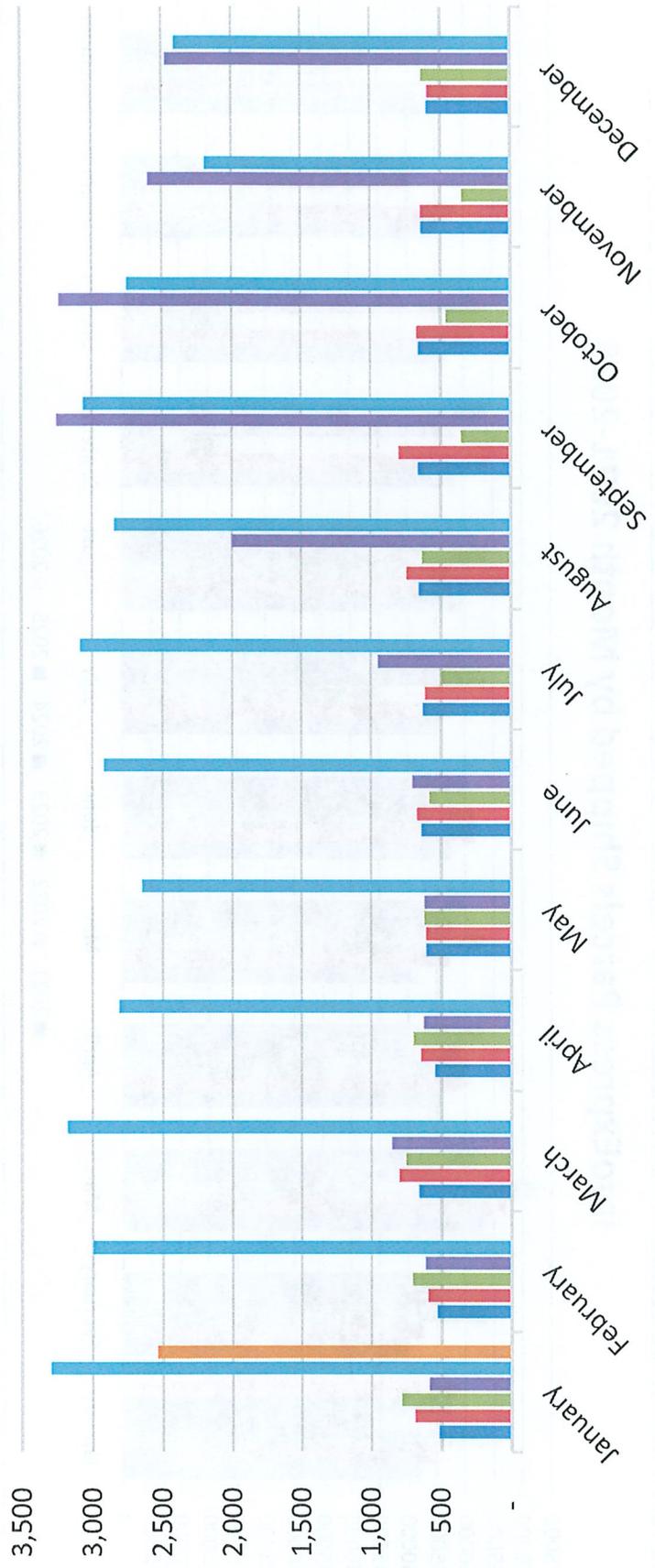
Evergreen Indiana

- Membership/Migration: Lots of hard work is involved with the libraries recently migrated, migrating, and in line to migrate.
 - Edinburgh has officially launched - 135th member library
 - Delphi launch date is March 10th – will be 136th member library
 - Eight libraries are in line to migrate: Crawfordsville, Jasper County, Wells County, Jeffersonville Township, Harrison County, Farmland, Brown County, Anderson
 - Edinburgh Wright-Hageman Public Library
 - 02/09 Basic Reports
 - Delphi Public Library
 - 02/09 Holds training, Group 1
 - 02/13 Holds training, Group 2
 - 02/17 Onsite visit with staff, training with director, and working on configurations and launch details
 - Acquisitions configuration is underway. We need to determine the best way to test EDI connections
 - Aspen configuration is in a good place. What remains will be configured during launch weekend.
 - Mobius contracted with to handle Crawfordsville, Wells County, Jeffersonville Township, and Harrison County public library migrations. Crawfordsville will be first and will take place from March to May.

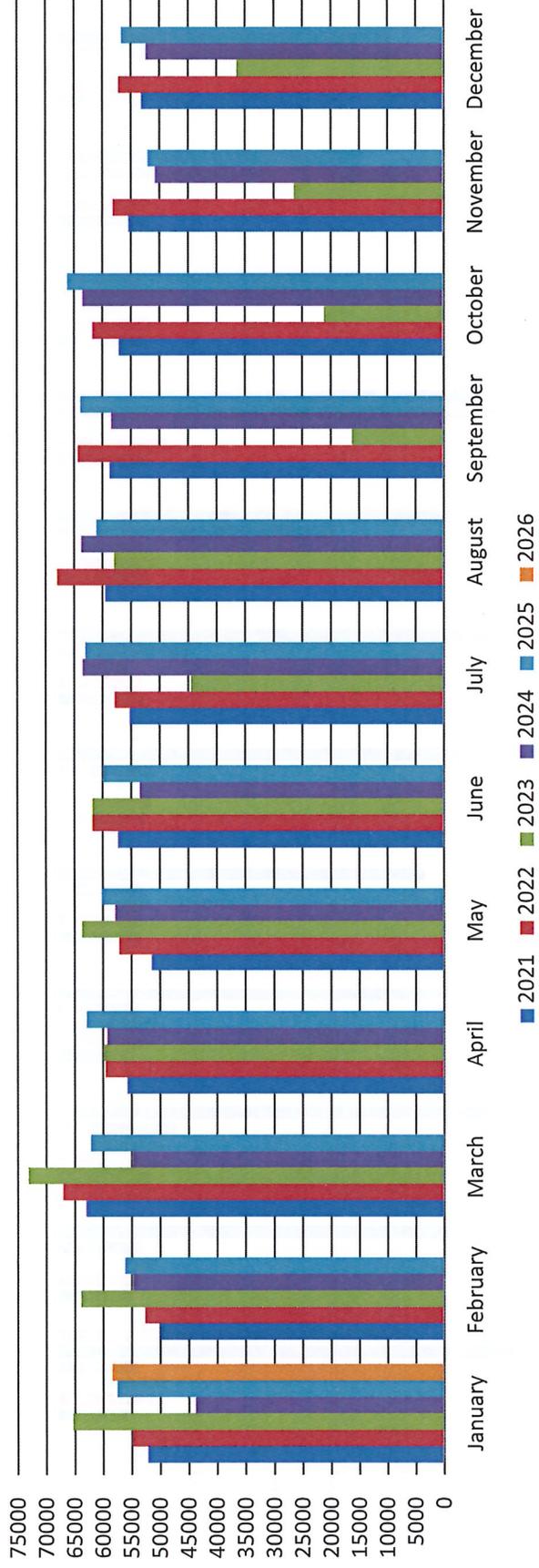
- The Evergreen International Conference is April 7-11 this year in Seattle, WA.

- Trainings for recently migrated/migrating public libraries:
 - Importing bibliographic records
 - Local admin
 - Inventory
 - Aspen administration
 - Basic reports
 - Circulation
 - Holds

Indiana Share 2021-2026



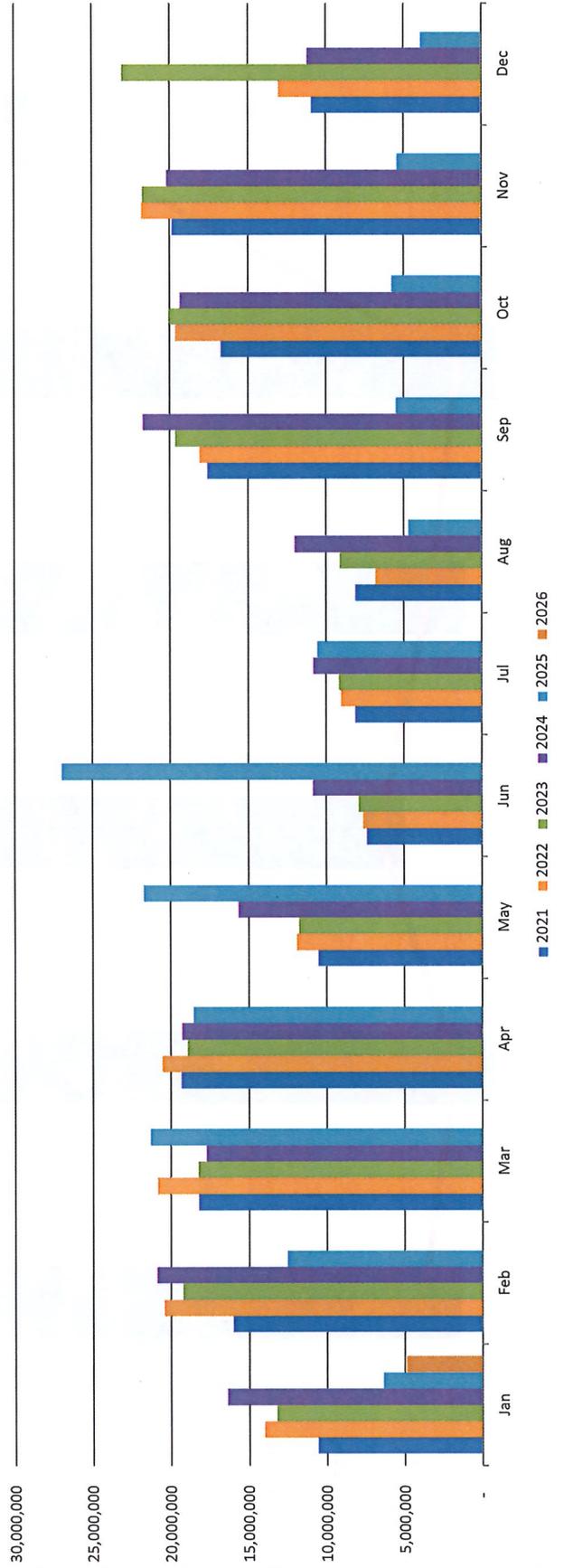
InfoExpress Parcels Shipped by Month 2021-2026



InfoExpress Parcels Shipped by Year 2021-2026



INSPIRE Searches 2021-2026



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Public Services Report

- Research and Reference Questions:

- 2021: 31,598
- 2022: 27,919
- 2023: 29,525
- 2024: 26,415
- 2025: 29,327

- Door count:

- 2021: 22,475
- 2022: 28,557
- 2023: 35,592
- 2024: 44,364
- 2025: 27,898

- Exhibits Committee:

- Exhibit Hall:
 - America 250 exhibit consists of a series of maps from around that timeframe. Exterior label holders have been added to some of our cases, which has allowed us to display a QR code to help track visitors. Valinda Carroll (ISL's conservator) played a huge part in the exhibit. Victoria Duncan (RBM supervisor), Andrea Glenn (state documents librarian), and Jocelyn Lewis (Cataloging supervisor) also helped.
- Great Hall:
 - The current exhibit on display was curated by Victoria Duncan. The exhibit features custom bindings and book design work of the three most successful book design artists: Margaret Armstrong, Sarah Wyman Whitman, and Alice Morse.

- Programs/Workshops/Events:

- The Summer Lecture Series and Lunch and Learns for 2026 have been scheduled for the year.
 - Summer Lecture Series:
 - June 13: DNA workshop presented by Angela Guntz "Unlock Your Family's DNA Story". Ready to take your genealogy research to the next level? Join us as we help you understand your DNA results, break through DNA mysteries, and connect

the dots in your family history like never before. This workshop will consist of three one-hour sessions.

- Authors of the book *A History of the Indiana State Prison (1860-1910)*, Dr. William Hinkle, Drew Lazzara, and Charles Penfold, will join us for the next summer lecture on July 11.
- August 8, we'll hear from John Barr, professional genealogist and sole proprietor of Old Northwest Genealogy as he presents "Combining Land and Probate Records to Get the Full Story."
- Lunch and Learns:
 - "The Business of Archives: Account Books in the Indiana State Library" presented by Victoria Duncan.
 - "Help with Statistical Research" presented by Katie Springer, Director of the Indiana State Data Center.
 - "Hosted Digital Collections and Indiana Memory" presented by Charis Marshall, Digital Collections Coordinator.
- Government Information Day is scheduled on May 15.
- Genealogy for Night Owls is scheduled on May 21.
- Ghostly Gathering is scheduled on October 10.
- The Genealogy and Local History Fair is scheduled on Saturday, October 24.
- Two trivia events are scheduled throughout the year. The first is US 250 trivia on April 14, and the other is Constitution Day trivia on September 15.
- Several IN-DUG (Indiana Data Users Group) meetings are scheduled throughout the year: February 17, June 23, August 18, October 6, and December 8.
- Public Services programming attendance for 2025: 6,319.
- **Rare Books and Manuscripts**
 - Met with folks from the Peripheral Manuscript Project to provide history and context for the Darlington Bible and prepare for scanning.
 - Photographed the cuneiform tablets for a professor from Yale who has provided translations soon to be added to the collection. Though we previously knew the subject matter, we did not have full transcriptions and an updated eye from an expert was also in order.
 - A photograph from the General Photo collection will be used in a 150th anniversary book published by Eli Lilly & Co.
 - RBM Hosted Dr. Amara Malik, a professor visiting from Pakistan; gave a tour and overview of collection as well as archival processes. This will likely be an ongoing exchange about international archival best practices.
 - Gave classes on ISL resources and practices for Ball State and IU Indy.

- Provided images of the first black member of the Indianapolis City Council for Fox 59.
- Accessions:
 - Purchased a collection of Morgan's Raid-related Civil War letters. Funding provided by the Indiana State Library Foundation.
- Social media/communications:
 - Wednesday Word Digital Collection Highlight on Twytwee Treaty.
 - Started blog expanding on book cover exhibit: Proper Decoration on display in the Great Hall
- Other activities:
 - Hosted Dr. Amara Malik, a professor visiting from Pakistan; gave a tour and overview of collection as well as archival processes
 - A photo of Will Hays will appear in an academic publication through University of Exeter Press
 - A photograph of IFD will be used in a book produced by the Firefighters Museum
 - Built Proper Decoration exhibit, selected items, wrote text, prepared items
 - Attended InDiPres meeting
 - Helped staff Micro Cross Trainings
 - Worked on planning March Lunch and learn: research, started presentation, sent description and photos to Michelle and John
 - Spoke to several IU Indy professors about tours and classes
 - Interviewed and trained new intern: Anita Brown
 - Started going through a document from Archives about potential transfers
 - Revised 4 EAD finding aids and brief records in ArchivesSpace. Exported MARC XML records for addition to Evergreen. Downloaded PDF finding aids to print and add to admin files.
 - Processed 7 collections
 - Entered 51 volumes into collection inventory of the Maurice Griffin and Company records (V332) in ArchivesSpace.
 - Continued shifting project
 - Edited and approved 57 items uploaded to the ISL Digital Collections by Indiana, Genealogy, and Manuscripts staff and interns, for several collections
 - Edited landing pages from collections the ISL Digital Collections in CONTENTdm at the request of Chris Marshall
 - Deleted 29 items from CONTENTdm which were moved to Internet Archive, at the request of Chris Marshall.
- **Genealogy Division:**
 - 2025 Statistics

- We saw a 19.7% increase in in-person patrons from 2024 to 2025.
 - We saw a 49.2% increase in reference questions from 2024 to 2025.
 - We had a total of 1,180 attendees at 33 programs and events throughout the year.
- We are continuing to plan the Genealogy and Local History Fair, to be held October 24, 2026.
- Genealogy has received quite a few presentation requests for this year.
- Angi Porter assisted with the ISL table at Statehood Day at the Statehouse in December, as well as helped judge the essay contest for that event. She is also wrapping up work on a presentation about the Irish in Indianapolis which will be presented later this year.
- Dagny Villegas held a one-on-one consultation with a patron in November. She also worked with a public library in Massachusetts to send them an original voter registration list that was discovered inside one of our Massachusetts history books.
- Jamie Dunn continued inventorying a large donation of title books that document land records in Marion County.
- Jamie worked with Ancestry to test our new Ancestry Institution account.
- Sarah Pfundstein was interviewed on Hoosier History Live in January on Native American genealogy research.
- Sarah continues to process manuscript collections and digitize items from the collections.
- Jamie presented "From Cradle to Coffin" on Wednesday, March 5 at the Plainfield Public Library to a full house.
- Genealogy has been working on scheduling Genealogy for Night Owls.
- Jamie has been working on a micro cross-training for staff on June 10.
- Jamie has been working on scheduling the June summer lecture DNA workshop.
- **Conservation:**
 - For the America 250 Exhibit ("Putting Indiana on the Map"), Valinda treated the 1748 "Twightwee Treaty of Lancaster," a parchment document from the Rare Books and Manuscripts Division.

- Valinda completed treatments on 19 maps: 18 from the Indiana Division and 1 from the General Collection. These included “Canada ou Nouvelle France” (1683) and “A New Map of the English Empire in America” (1719).
- Valinda assisted Victoria with preparation for the publisher’s binding exhibit in the Great Hall, and trained the RBMS volunteer (Shannon) on strapping books to support them on exhibit.
- On December 9, 2025, Valinda hosted an Indiana Collections Emergency Team (ICE_T) MS Teams call with a representative from (the Foundation for Advancement in Conservation) FAIC, in order to start the planning process for a statewide Alliance for Response Forum. On January 20, I participated in a Zoom meeting with Alliance for Response Networks throughout the US. I also made contact with representatives from two more institutions interested in statewide emergency preparedness for cultural heritage in Indiana.
- Valinda and Victoria held an exhibit committee meeting on January 29 to discuss plans for 2026 and share updated manual and other documents.

- **Circulation Support Division**

Items shelved as of January 31	1,483
Completed Inter library request as of January 31	192
New Library Cards January 31	17
Door total as of January 31	1,973
Circulation desk as of January 31	287

2026 Staff Projects

- Circulation staff is assisting in the moving and relocating items from the vault for the Indiana Division
- Circulation staff continues In-house scanning so better statistics can be kept on material used within the library.

- Circulation staff is currently shifting the Professional development section (Z's) so Genealogy will have room for future growth.
 - Eric Svoboda is volunteering and assisting in the shifting projects in the 4th stacks and the Fed Docs in the basement.
 - Rayjeana Duty and Bradley Moore continue to work with material in 4th 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.
 - Bradley assisted Katie Springer with the final move of the Census Maps.
 - Circulation Staff sent out a large donation of books to 4 public libraries thanks to Ms. Booker.
- **Indiana, Reference and Government Services**
 - A huge thank you to all the volunteers that have helped with different Indiana, Reference and Gov. Services projects!
 - Whitney Sorensen, Newspapers
 - Katrina Korn, Newspapers
 - Eric Svoboda, Circulation (has helped us tremendously with shifting projects)
 - Shari Zee, Indiana Young Readers Center
 - Hannah Cortes, Government Docs
 - Everett Hays, Government Docs
 - Nancy Orem, Indiana Division
 - Major collection shifts in 4th floor stacks, vault, newspaper room, surplus, fed docs, map room and census maps.
 - Discussions and plans are being made to create a new Legacy database for telephone books and city directories.

- Planning a 2nd floor exhibit to celebrate U.S. 250.
- Andrea Glenn (state documents coordinator) has been updating county history holdings guides (Clinton, Decatur, Morgan, Tippecanoe).
- Andrea got an update from a local researcher who'd been working on an article about her grandfather. Michelle Dartis' research was recently published in the Indianapolis Recorder <https://indianapolisrecorder.com/print/2025-11-28/>
- Andrea created new 'Property Research Basics' guide, which is now available online.
- Andrea coordinated a loan of our '1821 Indianapolis' map to State Museum for a display they are doing.
- Brent Abercrombie (federal documents librarian) received confirmation that GPO Director, Hugh Halpern, will be keynote speaker at Government Information Day 2026 (May 15); Superintendent of Documents, Scott Matheson, will also attend GID26 and will co-present Government Mistrust and Enhancing Transparency with Jennifer Morgan (IU-Law Library-Bloomington). State Archivist, Chandler Lighty, will also be presenting, and the GPO Outreach Coordinator will present Intro to Government Information for Reference Librarians at GID26.
- Brent – volumes of the General Land Office Decisions continue to be digitized and uploaded to the GPO. This includes creating metadata, converting TIFF files to JP2, creating access PDF copy that is OCR'ed and creating thumbnails.
- Brent – new discard policy is being developed by the Midwest NCSA Steering Committee.
- Chris Marshall (digital collections coordinator)
 - Items continue to be moved to the Internet Archive (IA).
 - Items have been uploaded to the Indiana Historical Print digital collection.

Projects	# of scans	# of items uploaded
Open Spaces	181	19
Internet Archive	98	1
Ind Hist Print Coll	252	14
IA	137	2
Open Spaces	211	30
Total	879	66

- Dave Pleiss (newspaper librarian)
 - Hoosier State Chronicles received a site upgrade, making it much more user friendly. The speed of access and the ability to easily clip and download pages and clippings has improved.
 - Newspapers.com received 1,800 reels from us back in August to be loaded onto our library version of Newspapers.com. Content has been flowing into our access portal and is on track for completion.
- Katie Springer (Director, State Data Center)
 - Indiana Data Users Group has scheduled virtual meetings throughout the year, open to anyone with an interest in data. Lined up two great speakers for the year, Kathy Kocenski (Feb presenter) and Carol Rogers.
 - Working on quarterly updates of the library district statewide interactive map.
 - Katie presented at Indiana GIS Day about keeping the public library district boundaries updated.

- Tammie Buchanan (Indiana Young Readers Center)



- Tammie is our new Indiana Young Readers Center Librarian who started in December. Since then, she has been busy working on the Firefly program, giving tours, working with the Statehouse Education Center on field trips and tours, attended Statehood Day, participated in a mock Caldecott award, and set up the Library of Congress card catalog display.
- Planning is currently underway for an event to celebrate the 10 year anniversary of the Indiana Young Readers Center, to be held in October.

- Michelle Frost, Indiana, Ref & Government Services Division/Outreach Manager
 - Purchased new ViewScan Pro microfilm reader for the 2nd floor.
 - Began planning the 2026 Ghostly Gathering event with committee, to be held in October.
 - Revived the Education Resource Guide Committee. The goal is to create resource guides for educators and students that point to items in our digital collection. Started developing a focus group consisting of educators and which includes Tara Cocanower, 2023 Teacher of the Year as the IDOE representative, JoyAnn Boudreau, AISLE past Chair, and Kathy Lamb Kozenski from IU GENI.
 - Met with IU-I SLIS Professors to discuss ways we can collaborate.
 - Promoted the January & February IN-DUG meetings, March Lunch and Learn, Coordinated Micro-trainings for staff, entered April U.S. 250 trivia, June Lunch and Learn, and June INDUG into various event calendars and LinkedIn.
 - Coordinated four upcoming tours.
 - Registered to table at Data Day at the Government Center.
 - Accepted various donations.

Division Spotlight – Talking Book and Braille Library

Prepared by: Judy Gray, Supervisor, Talking Book and Braille Library

Increase In Outreach

- Each year the Talking Book & Braille library creates an outreach plan to guide us to where we are spending our time specifically promoting our services to.
- Basic goals of the 2025 plan:
 - To increase the new registrations by 5%. In 2024 we had 734 new registrations in 2025 our goal is 770 an increase of 36. We actually had 621 new registrations, which was a decrease of 113 patrons and 15%
 - To increase the yearly circulation by 2%. The yearly circulation in 2024 was 390,808 in 2024 our goal of 398,624 is an increase of 7,816 items circulated. The yearly circulation for 2025 was 318,996, which was a decrease of 71,812 items, an 18% decrease.
 - The partial reason for these decreases are because the US Postal Service lack of quality service to our patrons. Their items would take 1-2 extra weeks for a book cartridge to arrive. The returns are received in groups – most weeks we only got 1 delivery.
- In 2025 we chose eye professionals for our large mailing.
 - TBBL sent out 1140 packets to eye professionals and doctors in Indiana
 - TBBL created a special webpage dedicate specifically to these doctors and eye professionals. It allowed them to find the information quickly and efficiently
- Overall Outreach Increases
 - In 2025 TBBL completed 30 outreach interactions.
 - 12 were programs that 537 people attended
 - 11 were expos where 1154 people attended
 - 7 were tours that 56 people took part in.
 - Our total outreach was 30 events with 1747 people. This is 3.5% above the year of 2024 for events and 27% above the year of 2024 for people we spoke with.
- Social Media
 - The TBBL continues to post items to the TBBL Facebook page on, January 1, 2026 we had 225 followers.

- The TBBL continues to post to the TBBL Instagram page, on January 1, 2026 we had 59 followers.
- Basic goals of the 2026 plan
 - To increase the yearly circulation by 3%. In 2025 our circulation was down from 2024 due to issues with the USPS processing facility. Our goal in 2026 is to get circulation back up by 3% despite ongoing issues. In 2026 the yearly circulation was 318,966. Our goal for 2026 is to raise it by 9,568 items to the total of 328,524.
 - To increase new registration of patrons under the age of 50 by 5%. This year we will be putting focus on physical and mental disabilities that impact reading ability, including dyslexia and down syndrome. Since these disabilities affect patrons from birth, part of our goal in 2026 will be to register higher numbers of younger patrons within these groups.
 - To have 20% of our 2026 outreach focused on the underserved portion of our patron base. This would include attendance at outreach events for dyslexia, downs syndrome, Parkinson's disease, POC/LGBT minority groups and others that fit this mission.
 - To successfully send mailings to 20 different organizations focused on our target of underserved patron populations. We will compile a list of 20 organizations that focus on the underserved portion of our patron base and put mailings together to send out no later than September 1st.

Indiana Historical Bureau Business
Indiana Library and Historical Board
Friday, March 13, 2026

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

--November: 273

--December: 5801

--January: 40

-Instagram – Engagement

--November: 7

--December: 75

II. Work with organizations and people concerned with Indiana history

a. History Collaborative

-The last History Collaborative meeting was held on Friday, January 30 at the Indiana Historical Society. Discussion centered on using AI in historical institutions and on legislation impacting IHB, ISL, and other history-related agencies in the state.

-The next History Collaborative meeting is scheduled for March 20.

b. Bennett-Tinsley Student Paper Award

-IHB oversaw the administration of this award with the Indiana Association of Historians since 2018. IAH has sole administration of the award for 2026.

c. 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

ii. Upcoming dedications

-May 9 – Harold Urey (DeKalb Co.)

-May 12 – Eli Lilly and Co. (Marion County)

-May 16 – Lt. Col. William Swaim (Wells County)

iii. **Marker Research and Texts**

- Orders placed: Piankashaw, Lester “Marvelo” Lake (replacement), Eli Lilly and Company, Sarah Parke Morrison (replacement), Samuel Plato (replacement)
- Upcoming orders (research and marker text completed, awaiting final approval from Department of Education): Jiffy Pop Inventor, Bess Sheehan, Carpenter Body Works
- Markers from previous cycles that are still in progress are: Charlie Wiggins and the Gold and Glory Sweepstakes, C.M.C. Willis, St. John’s Missionary Baptist Church, Emerson School

b. **2025-2026 Marker Applications**

- IHB staff are currently working on research for Rev. Moses Broyles (inter Owen Bennett) and Charles DeBow (Casey Pfeiffer)

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)**

- November: 117 plays
- December: 119 plays
- January: 36 plays
- February 171 plays

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- Attended and spoke about the marker program at the Black Heritage Preservation Program meeting at Indiana Landmarks on December 4.
- Staffed the ISL table for Statehood Day with Angi Porter on December 11 and quizzed students on Indiana trivia.
- Attended the Indiana Native American Indian Affairs Commission meeting on December 17 and presented on the Piankashaw Tribe historical marker.
- Attended ISL’s ADA compliance and CMS trainings in January and February. I have been working to update IHB’s webpage with alt text for images for ADA compliance.
- Attended the History Collaborative meeting on January 30 at the Indiana Historical Society.
- Gave my presentation “A Map to the Past: Using City Directories in Research” at the Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library on February 5.
- Attended the 4th annual InterComms meeting at the Government Center on February 20 with John Wekluk and Michelle Frost.
- Recent marker orders completed and shipped by Sewah include: Ada Harris, U.S. Rep. Charles A. Halleck, Major George Slaughter, Dr. Harold Urey, Lt. Col. William Swaim, George Knox, and Seymour USO Clubs (proof received, final painting process)

Indiana State Library Meeting Space Fees and Procedures

Meeting space is for non-profits (501 C3) and for state agencies. Meeting space is available Monday-Friday from (8:30 am-4 pm) Meeting organizers and attendees are not allowed into the building until 8 am and must vacate the building by 4:30 pm.

State agencies are exempt from the meeting space fee but must pay cleaning fees and security fees when applicable. Meeting space fees for non-profits are inclusive of the cleaning costs.

Non-profit Rate:

History Reference Room	\$400
Indiana Author's Room	\$300
Room 401	\$150
Room 425	\$150

Cleaning Fees for State Agencies:

If food is served in the Indiana Author's Room or History Reference Room a clean up fee of \$250 is charged to state agencies. Rooms 401 and 425 are exempt from the clean-up fee. The cleaning crew will remove the trash, wipe down tables and clean any stains on the carpet.

Security Fees:

For all state agency and non-profit events exceeding 100 attendees a security guard fee of \$25 (or current rate) will be applied per hour of the event.

This policy is effective for all new scheduled meetings beginning April 1, 2026.

