

Welcome New Directors

Dear Colleagues:

Indiana libraries are so much more than just a bricks and mortar repository of books. Today, the local library is early literacy center, a catalyst for economic development, a provider of professional development and lifelong education services, a gateway to digital information and online resources, and a cultural and civic center of the community.



As libraries continue to evolve we face challenges, but remember that you are never alone. Chances are someone in Indiana's statewide library community will have overcome the very same obstacles you may one day face. Also, do not hesitate to contact the Indiana State Library for help or reassurance. The State Library staff is dedicated to providing libraries with assistance on wide range of library issues, including programming, professional development, board policies and so much more.

This handbook was developed as a tool you can turn to for answers to common questions. Please call our staff if you need clarification or assistance with anything covered in this handbook. You are also encouraged to join one or more listservs for Indiana librarians to find help from your peers and other library staff.

Congratulations on your recent appointment as an Indiana public library director. I wish you the best of luck in all your future personal and professional endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacob Speer". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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