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## Support Indiana Libraries on National Legislative Day

If you cannot make it to the nation's capitol for National Library Legislative Day on May 10, library advocates can still be a part of the effort by calling and/or e-mailing their elected officials on May 10 – or any time the week of May 9-13. In light of these opportunities, the ALA is hosting Virtual Library Legislative Day, an opportunity for all library advocates to make their voices heard on a national level. If you plan to participate, let the ALA know by completing a short [two question survey](#). Provide your email address and they'll send you a reminder and a link to the talking points when they become available. You can RSVP on [Facebook](#) and share the event with your friends.

For more information about Virtual Library Legislative Day, including talking points, a how-to webinar, and resources to find and contact your elected officials, visit [www.ala.org/altaff](http://www.ala.org/altaff) or [www.ilovelibraries.org](http://www.ilovelibraries.org). Although the official event is on May 10, Emails and phone calls can be made any time during the week of May 9-13, 2011.

National Library Legislative Day began in 1976. Now its ninth consecutive year, the virtual campaign continues to support the efforts of those who attend this important day in Washington, D.C. and meet with their elected officials in person. More information about National Library Legislative Day, including a list of events for those who plan to participate in Washington, D.C., can be found [online](#).

In addition to participating in Virtual Library Legislative Day, please remember to send a letter and/or brochure from your library to Yvonne Oligier for delivery to your congressional district's representative during Federal Legislative Day on May 9 & 10. Letters should be a simple thank you for Federal funding that supports statewide library services like e-rate, LSTA technology, digitization & innovative grants, Evergreen Indiana and INSPIRE, among others. Letters received by the first of next week will be included in packets delivered to Indiana congressional delegation. Letters & brochures should be sent as soon as possible via U.S. Mail to:

Yvonne Oligier - Director  
 Brown County Public Library  
 205 Locust Lane  
 P.O. Box 8  
 Nashville, IN 47448

The letters can also be submitted electronically to [Yvonne](#). Contact her via email or at 812.988.2850 for more information or assistance.

## New Legislation Paves Way for State Library Foundation



Governor Mitch Daniels recently signed Senate Bill 485 into law authorizing the Indiana Library & Historical Board (ILHB) to establish a nonprofit foundation to solicit and accept tax-deductible contributions. The foundation will raise funds to support the Indiana State Library and statewide library services that benefit the Indiana library community.

"The Foundation will enhance current statewide library services and aid in the development of innovative new programs," Brooker added. "I would like to thank Senator Gard, Governor Daniels and the Indiana General Assembly for passing this important legislation that will embolden the statewide library community's efforts toward being a national leader in the provision of library services."

## LSTA Update

As part of the budget deal approved by Congress two weeks ago, total 2011 funding for the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) was cut from \$282 million to \$238 million. By far the largest IMLS program is the LSTA Grants to States program. Indiana's 2011 final allocation will be determined IMLS, which must decide how the reduced funding will be distributed among all its programs. IMLS has 30 days to decide on the distribution of the cuts...[learn more](#)

### UPCOMING EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

#### ILF District Conferences

When: 8:30 AM (local time)  
 Where: Multiple Locations  
 5/03: [District 1](#)  
 5/12: [District 5/7](#)  
 5/13: [District 2](#)  
 5/20: [District 4](#)

#### Gateway Training

When: May 5 @ 2:00-3:00 PM  
 Where: Live Online

#### Evergreen Indiana Annual Meeting & Conference

When: May 6 @ 9:00 AM-4:00  
 Where: Live Online

#### Gateway Training

When: May 10 @ 2:00-3:00 PM  
 Where: Live Online

#### Evergreen Indiana Reports/Admin Training

When: May 12 @ 10:00 AM  
 Where: Indiana State Library

#### Evergreen Indiana Introduction Cataloguing

When: May 12 @ 1:00-4:00 PM  
 Where: Indiana State Library

#### Advanced Cataloguing for Evergreen Indiana

When: May 17 @ 9:00 AM  
 Where: Alexandria-Monroe Public Library

#### Geek Indiana Libraries Workshop

When: May 18  
 Where: Indiana State Library

#### Institutional Libraries Spring Workshop



to Indiana.  
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The ILHB and State Library will soon begin laying the groundwork for the future foundation and identifying new opportunities, including grants and sponsorships, for which it was previously ineligible. According to the bill authored by Senator Beverly Gard (R-Greenfield), the Foundation must be governed by a board of directors and undergo an annual audit by the State Board of Accounts. The bill goes into effect July 1, 2011.

When: May 23 @ 9:30 AM  
Where: Indiana State Library

**Broadband in Indiana Public Libraries Summit**

When: June 7  
Where: Indiana State Library

**AISLE Survive Conference**

When: June 14  
Where: Ben Davis HS - Indianapolis

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