



Zachary Benedict Wins Award at Indiana Library Federation Annual Conference

INDIANAPOLIS, IN - The Indiana Library Federation (ILF) announced its annual awards at the 2022 Annual Conference, hosted at the Indianapolis Marriott East hotel in Indianapolis, IN from November 14-16, 2022. Zachary Benedict was recognized for their contributions to the Federation with the Library Champion Award. The Library Champion Award recognizes an individual, corporate entity or group who has rendered outstanding service to Indiana libraries or media centers in their local community, region, or state. Through Benedict's work with libraries, he has reimagined how the built environment can better serve communities throughout the Midwest. Over the last ten years, Benedict has worked to plan and design library space in over 35 communities. His design of library spaces has led to increased participation, expanded the programming possibilities for libraries, and helped to position them to grow for the future.



"When you think of the definition of a champion, a person who fights or argues for a cause on behalf of someone else, Zach Benedict will always come to my thoughts," said Sarah MacNeill, director of Wells County Public Library. "His genuine respect for libraries, willingness to tell anyone in any setting what libraries do for our communities, and his passion for improving, not only his library community, but all library communities are evident in all that he does."

Each year, the ILF celebrates the work of its members, highlight and honor books of authors that excite its members, and provides financial assistance through ILF scholarships. You can learn more about all 2022 ILF award winners at www.ilfonline.org.

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The Indiana Library Federation (ILF) is the statewide nonprofit organization for all library types: academic, public, school, special, and library supporters. It is the largest organization of its kind in Indiana, boasting more than 2,000 personal, institutional, library trustee, and business affiliate contributing members. ILF is laser focused on helping libraries and their staff thrive. Its mission is to lead, educate, and advocate to advance library services for the benefit of Indiana residents.