

Indiana Library Federation 2005 Legislative Program

Action Agenda

All Libraries in Indiana

To continue state funding for the INSPIRE shared databases.

An annual investment of \$1.25 million, or 20 cents per resident, provides access to the INSPIRE databases and the Internet in libraries for all residents of Indiana.

➤ INSPIRE, a service of INCOLSA, provides access to 26 shared online databases designed to meet the information needs of all the citizens of Indiana.

➤ **INSPIRE:**

- Delivers current, accurate, and age appropriate information from more than 10,000 magazines, newspapers, encyclopedias, and other resources through the Internet. INSPIRE databases serve all Indiana residents from home, office, school, and library – anywhere with an Internet connection.
- Is a proven success and is vital to the business, educational, cultural and recreational needs of Indiana citizens. Indiana residents have searched INSPIRE over 53 million times since its debut in 1998.
- Maximizes the impact of tax dollars for library services. A \$1.25 million annual investment in INSPIRE has a value of more than \$10 million, the cost if purchased by individual libraries.

Public Libraries:

To continue state funding for technology grants for Internet access in public libraries.

An annual investment of \$1.2 million dollars, or approximately 20 cents per Indiana resident, provides Internet access in libraries for all Indiana residents.

➤ Internet access is necessary to ensure that Indiana citizens can participate in the information economy of the 21st century. Currently 99% of Indiana's public libraries provide broadband Internet access. Internet access in Indiana's public libraries bridges the digital divide:

- Enables Internet access for the sixty percent of Indiana residents who do not have home Internet access. Public libraries are the number one point of access for Indiana residents without Internet access at school, home, or work.

- Maximizes the federal e-rate discounts available to libraries and schools by doubling the value of the state's annual investment of \$1.2 million in state public library Internet funds. Because federal sources of funding are in jeopardy, state funding is critical to the provision of this service.
- Provides the citizens of Indiana needed access to the increasing amount of information on the Internet, including information required to conduct business with federal, state and local governments.

To Support legislative efforts to address the issue of unserved and underserved areas, including efforts to facilitate the formation of new library districts, the merger of library districts, and expansion of library districts under existing law.

School Media Centers:

To create a line item in the budget to restore funding for the K-12 School Library Printed Materials Grants made to Indiana's public schools.

The Indiana General Assembly funded the K-8 School Library Printed Materials Grant for \$4 million for the 1997-1999 school years. Prior to the Indiana General Assembly providing these funds for school library books, schools enrolling students in Grades K-8 purchased .81 books per student and circulated 33.79 books per student. (<http://www2.evansville.edu/mgrnweb/new2002readingsurvey.htm>).

The grant was expanded to K-12 for the second funding cycle (1999-2000 and 2000-2001) and the funds increased to \$6 million. In 2000, with \$6 million in state grant funds plus local matching funds, school with K-8 students purchased 1.24 books per student and circulated 39 books per student and in 2002 these schools purchased 1.01 books per student and circulated 39.2 books per student. Due to state financial problems, school corporations received \$3 million for 2001-2002 with the expectation that another \$3 million would follow in 2002-2003. The funds for 2002-2003 were eliminated due to the state's budget difficulties.

According to *School Library Journal* (3/1/04), the average cost of a school library book in 2003 was \$19.31, but minimum required spending for school library materials has remained static at \$8 per student since 1989. "The Library Materials Grant Program had a quick and direct impact on the availability and quality of materials available to Indiana students, resulting in

greater levels of circulation and independent reading.” (<http://www2.evansville.edu/mgrnweb/new2002readingsurvey.htm>) The school library materials grants program bridges the gap between the minimum required spending by a school on library materials and the cost of materials needed to provide students with high quality reading materials and information sources.

ISSUES OF CONTINUING CONCERN

- Monitor any proposed changes to Senate Bill 1.
- Monitor any proposed changes to the property tax structure and the impact on library funding.
- Monitor prospective “Indiana CIPA” legislation.
- Monitor efforts to reform state and local government as it affects the State Library and the delivery of library services.
- Monitor the release of state funding for the INSPIRE shared databases and technology grants for Internet access for public libraries.
- Monitor efforts to change the status of public library board members from appointed to elected.
- Support Indiana’s libraries’ efforts to maintain free and open access to information.
- Support restoration of technology funding for schools and school media centers.
- Support efforts to ensure proportional distribution to public libraries of the COIT and CAGIT revenues, excise taxes, and other like sources of revenue apportioned among local government entities.
- Support efforts to increase the maximum permissible rate for COIT and CAGIT.
- Support continued State funding of INCOLSA.
- Support the legislative program of the state university libraries.
- Support efforts to increase the level of PERF benefits by changing the retirement funding formula.



Legislative Day Agenda

Tuesday, February 15, 2005
Westin Hotel Grand Ballroom 1&2
50 South Capitol Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46204
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Fax: (317) 231-3929

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Registration

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Welcome and Overview

Legislative Update by ILF Legislative Advocates
John V. Barnett, Jr. & Carolyn T. Elliott

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
**Greet your Legislators and
talk with Colleagues**

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Lunch with your Legislators

This is the perfect opportunity to talk with your legislators about the issues you face in your library and why your legislators should support the Indiana Library Federation's Legislative Agenda.

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
**Visit the Statehouse and talk with Legislators
unable to attend the luncheon**

Inviting Indiana Legislators to the Luncheon

- ✓ Please extend a personal invitation to your legislators and send in a completed registration form for those legislators who accept your invitation
- ✓ You are responsible for your legislator's registration fees.
- ✓ The ILF office will also send out printed invitations to the luncheon to every Indiana General Assembly member.
- ✓ Please indicate on the Registration Form those legislators your library is willing to sponsor if the ILF office can secure a positive RSVP from them.

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Tuesday, February 15, 2005 ■ Westin Hotel, Indianapolis, IN

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, February 1, 2005

One registrant per form. Feel free to copy this form as needed.

Name: _____

Library/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone:(_____)_____ Fax:(_____)_____ E-mail: _____

I will require special assistance at Legislative Day.

I will contact the Federation office (317) 257-2040 at least two weeks prior to the Legislative Day.

Please indicate the type of aid needed: _____

Registration (Registration includes the luncheon with legislators)

(Registrations **must be postmarked by** Tuesday, February 1, 2005)

Indiana Library Federation Member -- \$30.00

Legislator -- \$30.00

Non-Member -- \$45.00

I would like a vegetarian lunch

Total: \$ _____

Legislator Sponsorship

Please indicate below those legislators your library is willing to sponsor if the ILF office can secure a positive RSVP from them. We will contact the registrant above before your library's sponsorship is finalized.

Name(s): _____

Payment

Check Check Number: _____ Please make checks payable to the Indiana Library Federation.

Credit Card: MasterCard Visa Discover Card

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Name of Organization Issuing Purchase Order: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone Number:(_____) _____

Please return this completed form to:

Indiana Library Federation ■ 941 East 86th Street, Suite 260 ■ Indianapolis, IN 46240

Fax: (317) 257-1389 (credit card and purchase order registrations only)

for a map to the Westin Hotel, contact the ILF office at (317) 257-2040

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