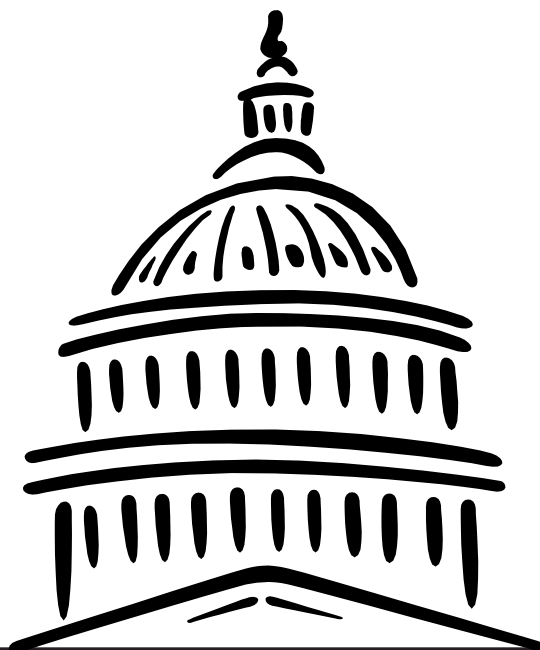


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Columbia Club
121 Monument Circle
Indianapolis, IN

February 20th
9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Indiana Library Federation 2007 Legislative Program

ACTION AGENDA

Indiana's libraries are facing unprecedented challenges, both in terms of funding and perceptions. Recent legislation has eroded the funding for Indiana's libraries and we face the real possibility of further erosion in the 2007 General Assembly as the fate of property taxes is debated. Many citizens of Indiana believe incorrectly that the Internet is a viable substitute for public, school, and academic libraries.

Libraries in Indiana have worked together to leverage available funds to provide services and collections, such as interlibrary loan and INSPIRE, to all citizens and will continue to do so. Indiana's libraries are valuable partners in the effort to develop a skilled work force and educated citizenry beginning with preschool programming through retirement planning. Libraries of all types provide the necessary interaction that helps patrons find accurate, useful information.

Indiana's libraries should participate in and monitor the outcome of the statewide study of library services that are or could be provided by the Indiana Library Federation, Indiana State Library, and INCOLSA. In addition, libraries throughout the state remain committed to working with other service providers on statewide initiatives promoting early childhood development and economic development in Hoosier communities.

Indiana's libraries are committed to exploring any and all sources of revenue in order to provide the high quality of service and information that our state's citizens expect and demand.

Libraries in Indiana

Support Full Funding of the Indiana State Library 2007-2009 Budget Request

➤ Indiana State Library

To better serve Indiana's citizens, the State Library has reallocated public library distribution funds to provide needed statewide services that will have a significant impact on the library community, including increased support for INSPIRE and hiring library consulting specialists for Indiana libraries. Through an agreement reached between the INCOLSA Board and the State Library, this budget item within the State Library's budget has been modified to enhance statewide services.

- Support the continued annual funding of \$1.2 million for technology grants for Internet access in public libraries, necessary to ensure that all Indiana citizens can participate in the information economy of the 21st century.

INCOLSA

- Support the INCOLSA line item within the State Library Budget to assure continuation of INCOLSA services at the current level.

INSPIRE

- Support the renewal of the State's Build Indiana Funds annual investment of \$1.25 million to provide unlimited access to shared online databases, putting the power of an academic research library on every Hoosier's desktop.
- Support the reallocation of \$375,000 of the public library distribution funds to expand the offerings of INSPIRE, matched by INCOLSA.
- Total funding requested for INSPIRE databases in the 2007 budget is \$2 million, including funding from INCOLSA, the State Library, and the Build Indiana Fund.

Public Libraries

Property Taxes

- Support "Hometown Matters" efforts of the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns to change or reduce reliance on property tax and to include libraries in any benefits of "Hometown Matters" legislation.
- Support efforts to repeal the property tax 2% circuit breaker.
- Oppose reinstating Property Tax Control Boards.
- Monitor any proposed changes to the property tax structure and their impact on library funding.

Other Taxes

- Support efforts to allow renter participation in the petition and remonstrance process.
- Support efforts to ensure proportional distribution to public libraries of the County Option Income Tax (COIT) and County Adjusted Gross Income Tax (CAGIT) revenues, excise taxes, and other like sources of revenue apportioned among local government entities.
- Support legislation that would enable libraries to benefit from Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT).

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.

Oppose any legislation that would further restrict the capability of libraries to utilize the power of eminent domain.

Support legislation to allow Library Boards to adopt a resolution that allows money to be disbursed for the purpose of advertising and promoting the programs and services of the library.

School Media Centers

Support the creation of a line item in the budget to restore the \$6 million for the biennium in funding for the K-12 School Library Printed Materials Grant for Indiana's public schools.

Legislative Day Agenda

In 2002, due to state financial problems, \$6 million in biennial funding for purchasing printed materials for Indiana's school media centers was eliminated. According to School Library Journal (March 2006), the average cost of a school library book in 2006 is \$21.60, but the minimum required spending for school library materials has remained static at \$8 per student since 1989. 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.

State funding for school libraries from the School Library Printed Materials Grant resulted in substantial increases in the number of books purchased and more importantly the number of books checked out. With the demise of the grant program, both book purchases and book circulation numbers declined dramatically. In 2000, before funding was cut, schools purchased 1.19 books per student and circulated 41.35 books per student. In 2006, after funding was cut, 0.88 books were purchased per student and 32.72 books circulated per student, a decrease of 26.3% in purchases since 2000, the last full year of funding.

Additional resources for this topic include 2006 Trend Analysis of Indiana K-8 Library Services since the School Library Printed Materials Grant (<http://mgrn.evansville.edu/Library%20Report%202006.pdf>.) Talking points on the topic to use when talking to legislators can be found at <http://mgrn.evansville.edu/talkingpoints.htm>.

ISSUES OF CONTINUING CONCERN

GOVERNANCE

Monitor efforts to reform state and local government as it affects Indiana's libraries and the delivery of library services.

Monitor efforts to change public library boards from appointed to elected.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Support Indiana libraries' efforts to maintain free and open access to information.

Monitor prospective federal legislation that could be adapted by the Indiana General Assembly that would impact open access to information for all individuals.

OTHER

Support the legislative program of the state university libraries.

Support effort to increase the level of PERF benefits by changing the retirement funding formula.

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9:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Registration

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Welcome & Overview

Legislative Update by ILF Legislative Advocates
John V. Barnett, Jr., Bose Public Affairs Group
Carolyn T. Elliott, Bose Public Affairs Group &
Courtney Roberts Sgro, Bose Public Affairs Group

- Discussion of issues that are affecting the library community in the 2007 Indiana General Assembly
- Talking points when meeting with legislators

11:30 - 11:45 a.m.
Greet your Legislators and talk with Colleagues

11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Lunch with your Legislators

This is the perfect opportunity to discuss library issues of concern with legislators and encourage support of the Indiana Library Federation's Legislative Agenda.

2:00 - 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 legislator 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.

2007 Indiana Library Federation Legislative Day

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Registration Deadline: Thursday, February 1, 2007

Please type or print clearly. One registrant per form, please. Copy this form as necessary.

Name: _____

Library/Organization: _____

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

I will require special assistance at Legislative Day.

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

Registration (Registration includes the luncheon with legislators)

(Registrations must be postmarked by Thursday, January 1, 2007)

Indiana Library Federation Member -- \$35

Legislator -- \$35

Non-Member -- \$52.50

I would like a vegetarian lunch

Total Registration: \$ _____

Legislator Sponsorship

Please indicate below those legislators your library is willing to sponsor.

We will contact the registrant above before your library's sponsorship is finalized.

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