

ILF's mission is to lead, educate, and advocate to advance library services for the benefit of Indiana residents.

2026 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

FUNDING AND AUTONOMY

- Advocate for proposed solutions to SEA 1 – 2025 for libraries:
 - Allow county councils to determine when and how to adopt LIT. Adopt LIT on a multi-year cycle to support strategic budget planning and financial stability.
 - Protect debt funds from the supplemental tax credits in the same way that it is protected from the circuit breaker credit.
- Preserve the autonomy of public libraries by maintaining their local governance and status as independent taxing units. Indiana's libraries have consistently demonstrated strong stewardship of taxpayer funds.
- Champion sustained funding for the State Library, recognizing its essential role in strengthening and advancing library services for Hoosiers statewide.

PROTECTION OF THE FREEDOM TO READ

- Defend the First Amendment and advocate for policies that uphold every individual's right to freedom of speech and expression.
- Oppose any legislative efforts that restrict the freedom to read and access to information, or criminalize librarians acting within the ethical standards of their profession.

LITERACY

- Recognize certified school librarians as essential partners as the State advances significant education and literacy initiatives, working together to build lasting solutions for all students.
- Promote public libraries as vibrant centers for learners of all ages to pursue lifelong learning and to access quality, no-cost early literacy activities and programs.

CONNECT

- Ensure every Hoosier, especially those in rural communities, has access to broadband at home.
- Leverage public libraries' vital role as a reliable, high speed internet resource for navigating and closing the digital divide for all communities.