



Indy Public Library 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. The Indianapolis Public Library (IndyPL) was recognized for their contributions to the Federation with the ILF Collaboration Award. The ILF Collaboration Award recognizes a corporation, organization, individual library, or a group of libraries that has made significant contributions in a collaboration way towards the promotion of library services in a community, region, or statewide level. The nominee must exhibit a collaboration not older than three years in areas such as programming, technical services, library collections or other cooperative ventures.



The Indy PL is recognized for their digital Encyclopedia of Indianapolis (EOI). The Indianapolis Bicentennial Commission recently designated the digital EOI as a legacy project. Created at the Polis Center at IUPUI in collaboration with numerous community partners as an open access, web-based knowledge platform—freely available on desktop, tablet, and mobile devices—the EOI includes over 2,000 core entries, timelines, feature articles, and an atlas for Indianapolis.

“Updating the 1994 print encyclopedia content and developing an interactive digital platform to present this information was an ambitious goal and a herculean task”, said U.S. District Court Judge, Sarah Evans Barker.

The work of the Indy Public Library EOI team also breaks down barriers, said Greg Petrowich, President and CEO of WFYI Indianapolis. “It is a collaborative that benefits learners at all ages and stages of academic preparation, the casual seeker, a real or armchair tourist, and author – and so many others.”

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.