



## Union County 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 Union County Public Library was recognized for their contributions to the Federation with the Outstanding Library Award. The Outstanding Library Award recognizes outstanding library service that consistently exceeds the expectations of the users and serves as an exemplary model for other librarians, or notable expansion of improvement of service based on cooperation with other libraries or community organizations. The Union County Public Library has made substantial contributions for the betterment of their community and is currently expanding its services to improve the health and well-being of the community. In collaborative partnerships with the community, the library has created programs such as adult book clubs, computer gaming for teens, a monthly luncheon for older adults, yoga and Zumba classes for all ages, a summer reading program, and much more.



“They act as a community center providing meals to all members, outlets for mental and physical health, fostering a love for reading and education, artistic outlets through crafts, and most importantly, a safe place for anyone when they may not have anywhere else,” said Olivia Chewning, Union County Special Projects Coordinator.

Service and innovative solutions are at the heart of UCPL. One example is the bi-weekly free laundry program. “Patrons are given rolls of quarters to help keep their families in clean clothing. Free books for both children and adults are also available at the local laundromat,” said Carol Reynolds-Mccashland, trustee for UCPL.

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](http://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.*