transition

tran·si·tion/ n. [tran–zish–un]: The process or an instance of passing from one form, state, or stage to another.

progress

prog·ress/ n. [proh–gres]: movement toward a goal or to a further or higher stage.

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Director's Report

The State Library is paving a positive course for the future library service for all Indiana residents. In addition to maintaining our current levels of service, the State Library was excited to introduce a series of new services in 2008 that would otherwise be impossible if the Indiana General Assembly did not support the Indiana library community.

I am proud to say the State Library is fulfilling its mission of preserving our state's illustrious history while offering quality library services to state government , the statewide library community, and the citizens of Indiana. On behalf of the State Library's administration and all State Library employees, it is my pleasure to present the Indiana State Library's Fiscal Year 2008 Report.

Sincerely Yours,

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Public Services

Genealogy Collection

The Genealogy collection includes 40,000 printed items as well as microfilmed federal census records, county records, passenger lists, and military pension information. The collection also includes hundreds of CDs with family history information, as well as subscription-only online databases.

The Genealogy Collection remained one of the most popular attractions in FY 2008 at the Indiana State Library. In addition to offering numerous reference and customer services to thousands of patrons, Genealogy Staff provided 11 programs and workshops, hosted the Indiana Genealogy and Local History Roundtable in September, and planned programs and tours for Family History and Archives Month in October.

Indiana Collection

The Indiana Collection includes current and historical materials on Indiana. It holds over 70,000 books, including histories, biographies, directories, magazines and newsletters, atlases, state documents, and works of fiction by Indiana authors. The Indiana Collection also contains over 50,000 pamphlets, and more than 11,000 maps, as well as nearly 3 million manuscripts, hundreds of photographs, sheet music, and broadsides.

In FY 2008, public outreach was a top priority of the Indiana Collection. Collection staff gave a variety of tours tailored to individual audiences, including college students, residents of a retirement home, young members of the Junior Historical Society, and various state employees.

The Indiana Collection also embarked on an impressive amount of projects, many of which have already been completed, that make Collection materials more useful and readily available to patrons.

These include:

- The creation of a finding aid for all Indiana city directories. The user-friendly format was made available online making it a useful resource for in-house and online patrons alike;
- All books in the North Room were checked for signed copies and staff found 12% were autographed.
- Collection staff began indexing the *Indianapolis Recorder* from its 1899 inception. As the nation's fourth oldest African-American newspaper, *The Recorder* has never before been indexed. The index, which will be searchable online, will greatly help researchers in all aspects of African-American Indianapolis history;
- The Collection received a donation of 122 bound volumes of the Indianapolis German-language newspaper *Taglicher Telegraph* in November 2007. This filled a large gap in the collection.

Reference & Government Services

Reference & Government Services maintains an extensive collection of non-fiction books for use by legislators, state officials, state employees, libraries, and Indiana residents. They maintain the general printed collections of the library as well as the federal documents program, oversee circulation and interlibrary loan of Indiana State Library materials, and coordinate the Indiana State Data Center, which collects and provides both current and historical statistics on Indiana and the rest of the United States.

FY 2008 Reference & Government Services Accomplishments include:

- The harvesting of 5,900 electronic state document files for the Washington State Library Digital Depository Project. This project is still in early stages of development, and ISL is a partner in creating an e-depository of state documents;
- The creation of "Friday Facts" - an electronic newsletter which discusses both federal and state government topics of concern to libraries and the general public;
- The development of the Services for State Employees website with an online interlibrary loan request form;
- The conversion of the early Federal government document collection into MARC format on OCLC.

Public Services

Manuscripts and Rare Books Collection

The Indiana State Library recently designated the Manuscripts Collection as an autonomous collection separate from the Indiana Collection. The Manuscripts and Rare Books Collection is a priceless collection of very valuable and irreplaceable materials that found their way to the State Library throughout our state's history.

Included among the many Manuscripts Collection accomplishments are:

- The microfilming and digitization of the John Tipton collection—one of the Library's oldest collections dating from 1806. The collection contained approximately 7,500 items, totaling over 30,000 images, and over 700 documents;
- The preservation of *The Indiana Register*—a digital only publication that establishes state rulemaking procedures;
- The creation of an electronic database allows the Library to better understand who our patrons are, where they are from, and what collections they are using;
- The acquisition of a series of photos of Indiana Senator Homer C. Capehart;
- A complete inventory of all manuscript collections has been undertaken with over 50% of the Manuscripts Collection already complete.

Catalog

Catalog Services is responsible for cataloging all printed materials in the State Library's collections. They maintain and records of Library resources so that staff and patrons can easily locate the materials they need. In FY 2008, Catalog Services migrated from DRA Classic integrated library system (ILS) to Sirsi Unicorn (ILS). The migration required extensive training of staff and the re-tooling of all workflows, including all new acquisitions.

Other notable Catalog accomplishments include:

- The cataloguing of 10,494 items for the State Library's collections;
- Created the Topographic Quadrangle Map Database, which is searchable index of 60,626 map entries;
- Worked with other collections' staff to select various monographic series titles for which analytics could be completed. This allows for greater access and description through the Library's catalog, more accurately represents the collection in OCLC, and provides more visibility for ILL and other patron use.

Circulation & Volunteer Support

The Indiana State Library relies on the hard work of its circulation support staff and volunteers. These are a few of their FY 2009 highlights:

- The reorganization of circulation support staff to meet personnel and administrative changes;
- Organized, planned and staffed the Library's booth at the 2007 and 2008 Indiana Black Expo. Library staff met with over 600 individuals discussing Library resources;
- Repaired and serviced all high density shelving in Library, the first comprehensive service of shelving in five years;
- Created two secure locked areas in Manuscript Vault for rare valuable material;
- Scheduled and provided customer service for 610 meetings and events held in building for a total of 12,126 attendees for these;
- Created new volunteer application and volunteer guidelines including standard procedures and goals;
- Launched volunteer website helping program become more visible and increasing interest. This was directly responsible for doubling volunteer staff from 21 at the beginning of this fiscal year to 42 by year's end;
- Volunteers contributed approximately 2,383 hours of time during the fiscal year and included virtual volunteers from out of state as well as one in India and one in Ireland;
- Hosted volunteer luncheon to give recognition of volunteers during National Volunteer Week.

Professional Development Office

The Indiana State Library at the beginning of FY 2008 charged its new Professional Development Office with dedicating its efforts towards enhancing professional development opportunities for Hoosier librarians. Since that time, the State Library introduced several professional development initiatives, most notably WebJunction Indiana, new public librarian certification rules, and enhanced statewide children's programming.

WebJunction Indiana

The State Library last June launched WebJunction Indiana, a global online community for Hoosier librarians. The professional development portal is a free service for all Indaina library professionals and offers hundreds of free courses, both facilitated and self-paced, in everything from basic computer skills to advanced web design and from using the Internet to library management skills. WebJunction Indiana now has over 1,600 members, making it the 6th largest WebJunction community in the nation.

WebJunction Indiana also offers many other features aside from e-Learning opportunities, such as:

- Discussion groups, blogs, recent news, and other local content of special interest;
- More information on State Library programs and initiatives;
- Professional articles and instructional columns from WebJunction contributors;
- Statewide calendar of library events;
- Free access to TechAtlas technology planning software; and
- Access to TechSoup, which offers discounts on computing tools, including hardware and software.

Certification

At meetings held by the State Library across Indiana in early 2007, the library community was asked if certification was important and should be retained. The overwhelming response was that certification should continue and be strengthened. The State Library supported this opinion and formed a statewide Certification Taskforce to evaluate current rules, best practices and develop new rules that will add credibility and validity to librarian certification. The Taskforce was open to all and included more than 60 people from the library community. The Taskforce met five times through the summer and fall and developed recommendations.

The result of these meetings were new public librarian certification rules that went into effect on July 1, 2008. The new certifications rules now apply to all library directors, library department or branch heads, and professional assistants (according to IC 36-12-11-6) and defined several levels of certification within the public library profession. The new rules also require public librarians to meet continuing education requirements through accruing library education units (LEUs) throughout the term of their certification. Since the new rule went into effect, the PDO now offers several free LEU-eligible trainings both in-house and remote in addition to hundreds of online LEU-eligible courses on WebJunction Indiana.

Children's Services

In FY 2008, the Professional Development Office to an active role in improving statewide library services for children. The division focused its efforts on the Collaborative Summer Reading Program and Storytimes Kits.

The Collaborative Summer Library Program is a grassroots consortium of states working together to provide high-quality summer reading program materials for children at their public libraries. The PDO had impressive public library participation for the '08 program and received national recognition for its "Catch the Reading Bug" video done in collaboration with Purdue University and the Tippecanoe County Public Library.

Storytime kits are a series of ten thematic kits for use by Indiana libraries. Each kit contains books, manipulatives, music CDs, and an activity guide that suggests how to use kit materials. The kits were made available and shipped for free to all Indiana public libraries.

Library Development Office

The Library Development Office (LDO) supports the improvement and development of library services by providing all types of Indiana libraries with consulting services and professional development workshops. The LDO also administers statewide library standards for public libraries as well as distributes federal and state funding for library programs and services.

In FY 2008, the LDO successfully took over the administration of important statewide services such as interlibrary loan, library delivery services and INSPIRE, Indiana's Virtual Library. The LDO also introduced new programs and services such as the Evergreen Indiana Initiative, Indiana Memory and the Libraries Leading in Diversity Program.

Evergreen Indiana

The Indiana State Library is currently funding a pilot project coordinated in part by the Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library (Zionsville) to establish an Open Source ILS program based upon the Georgia Evergreen model. Evergreen was developed using open source software by the Georgia Public Library Service (GPLS). The enterprise-class library automation system helps library patrons find library materials, and helps libraries manage, catalog, and circulate those materials, no matter how large or complex the libraries. Evergreen debuted with an Online Catalog, Circulation, Cataloging, and Reports, and all transactions, customer records, and online catalog records were migrated from the former system. Currently, Evergreen has more software in development like the acquisitions/serials module, among many others.

Currently, there are 107 libraries participating in the initiative, including 94 public libraries representing 59.5% of Indiana's population. The State Library is providing LSTA funding to launch the open source ILS project.

Libraries Leading in Diversity

The Indiana State Library and the Indiana University School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) Indianapolis were awarded a $1 million federal grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) for the "Librarians Leading in Diversity (LLID)" project. The grant was given as part of the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program.

An original goal of the State Library's Diversity Advisory Council was to increase the level of ethnic diversity in all types of libraries so that library staff reflects the communities they serve. Ultimately, by increasing diversity in the library profession it is the Council's belief that state literacy levels will increase by role modeling through libraries and library staff.

The project will work toward accomplishing the Diversity Advisory Council's goals by providing scholarships for 30 Master's of Library Science students from racially and ethnically diverse backgrounds. Scholarship recipients will then commit to work in an Indiana library for at least two years. Recipients will also benefit from participation in state and regional library associations, as well as other supplementary activities including special orientation meetings in various types of library settings, meetings with library directors, diversity and ethics workshops, transition to work programs, online and face-to-face support networks, and other special projects.

Indiana Memory

Indiana Memory is a statewide collaborative effort to provide access to the wealth of primary sources in Indiana libraries, archives, museums, and other cultural institutions. It is a gateway to Indiana's history and culture found in digitized books, manuscripts, photographs, newspapers, maps, and other media. As a portal to the collections, Indiana Memory assists individuals to locate materials relevant to their interests and to better appreciate the connections between those materials. Indiana Memory can be found online at www.indianamemory.in.gov.

The Indiana Memory project is made possible through grant funding from the Institution of Museum and Library Services to the Indiana State Library under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act.

Indiana Center for the Book

The Indiana Center for the Book is a program of the Indiana State Library and an affiliate of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. The Center promotes interest in reading, writing, literacy, libraries, and Indiana's literary heritage by sponsoring events and serving as an information resource at the state and local level. The Center supports both the professional endeavors and the popular pursuits of Indiana's residents toward reading and writing.
In FY 2008, the Center for the Book administered two statewide programs, *Letters About Literature* and the *Best Books of Indiana* competition.

The *Best Books* competition highlights the year's best books written by Hoosier authors or about Indiana. *Letters About Literature* is a reading and writing program for children and young adults. Participants in the program write a personal letter to an author, living or dead, explaining how their literary work changed the student's way of thinking about the world or themselves.

Most importantly, FY 2008 was a year of progress for the Center as it developed and collaborated on four new programs to begin during the next fiscal year. The Center hopes to raise its profile and relevance in Indiana's literary and education communities with a 200% increase in programming scheduled for FY 2009.

Indiana Literary Map

The *Indiana Literary Map* is an interactive literary heritage tool that displays and describes the rich history of Indiana authors and literature. This project, now in its initial state, will serve the Indiana Center for the Book's goals of promoting Indiana's literary history and the works of Hoosier authors beginning in 2009.

The *Indiana Literary Map* will promote Indiana authors past and present, the Hoosier communities in which they lived, and significant literary and cultural landmarks made famous through Indiana authors and their literature. The project will invoke Hoosier pride, support the reading of Indiana-authored works, and promote the state's prominent place in the history of American literature.

From Indiana's Golden Age of literature in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries to the more contemporary Hoosier authors like the late Kurt Vonnegut, Indiana's distinguished literary history continues to be written. The online *Indiana Literary Map* will accordingly allow the Indiana Center for the Book to add to the state's growing list of authors as they are discovered.

One State, One Story

One State, One Story: Indiana Reads About Lincoln is a jointly-sponsored program of the Indiana Humanities Council, Indiana Department of Education and Indiana Center for the Book. The pilot program will take advantage of the excitement and pageantry surrounding the Lincoln Bicentennial in 2009. The statewide reading program will offer support to libraries through *One State, One Story's* freely available programming and promotions materials. Through resource sharing and turnkey programming and promotion, statewide reading initiatives give libraries of all sizes the opportunity to offer their patrons cost-effective reading and community-building programs. Hoosiers take pride in the sense of community so widely found across our towns; *One State, One Story* will extend that sense of community statewide.

River of Words

The Center for the Book will partner with the Indiana Department of Resources in 2009 to support, promote, and administer River of Words, a free international poetry and art contest for youth on the theme of watersheds. The contest is designed to help youth explore the natural and cultural history of the place they live, and to express, through poetry and art, what they discover.

The first official mention of a state library for Indiana is made on June 28, 1816, in the Journal of the Constitutional Convention. The Indiana General Assembly did not take formal action on this Constitutional recommendation until the first legislative session at the current state capitol, Indianapolis, in 1825. By an act approved February 11, 1825, the State Library was definitely established, an appropriation made, and the Secretary of State designated as librarian.

In 1895, the management and control of the State Library was placed in the hands of the State Board of Education. During the period that followed, the State Library increased exponentially in both the size of its circulation and the scope of its services as we witnessed the beginning of the spread of popular libraries throughout the state. In 1925, the State Library, the Public Library Commission, the Historical Bureau and the Legislative Reference Bureau were united and placed under one board called the Indiana Library and Historical Board, where the State Library remains today.

Though the original conception of the State Library as an institution for the use of legislators and state officials has never been lost, a multitude of activities have gradually been added throughout the years to meet new needs and changing conditions. Today, the State Library is focused on establishing Indiana's library system as the best in the nation by centering on the professional development of Hoosier librarians and facilitating Indiana's libraries with the necessary tools to meet the future needs of an increasingly informed and technology-savvy population of library patrons.

The State Library has been located at its current location since 1934 (original east wing pictured above). In 2003, the Library received a new look with the addition of the west wing (pictured below). Just like the building itself, you'll always find something old and something new at the Indiana State Library.

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