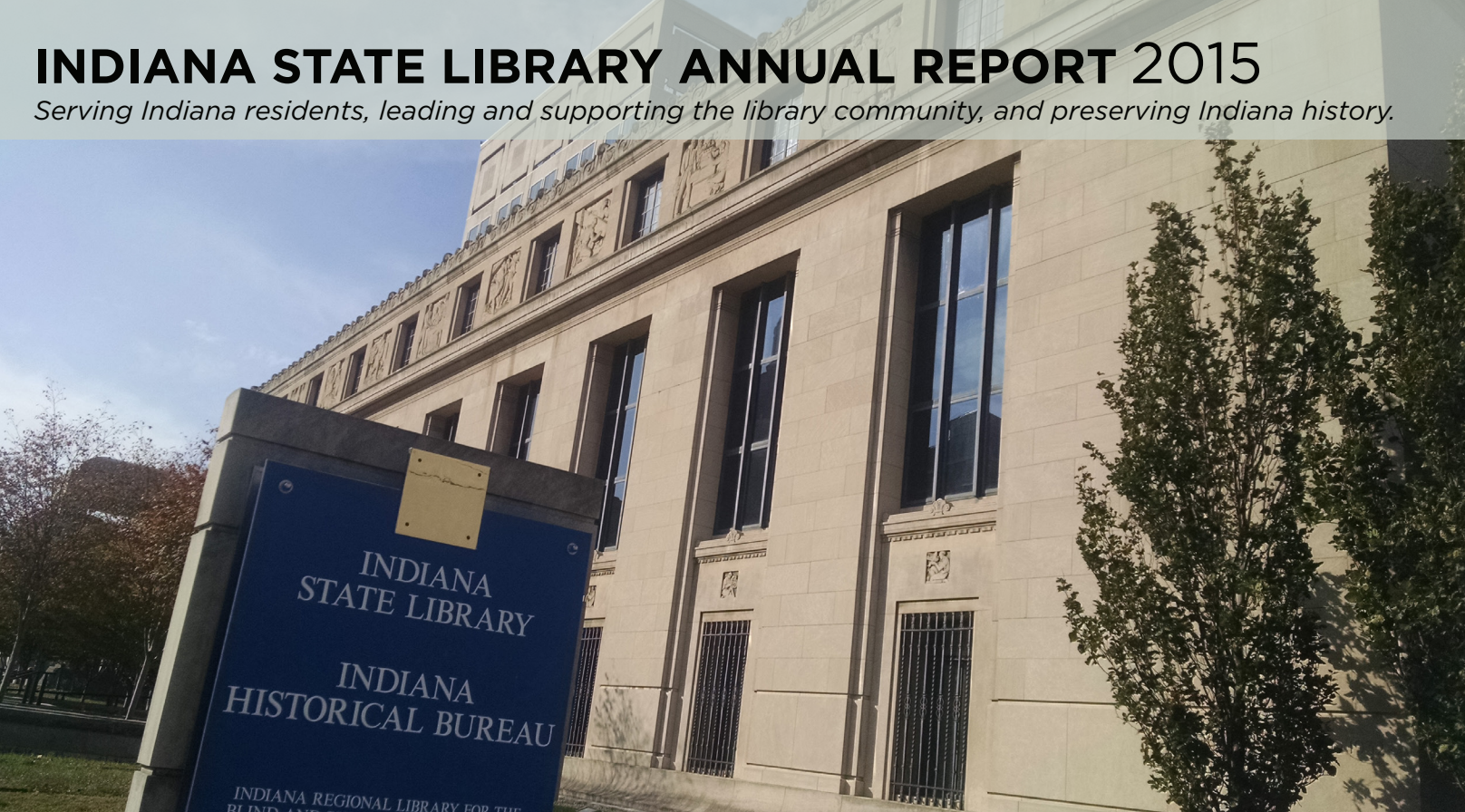


INDIANA STATE LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2015

Serving Indiana residents, leading and supporting the library community, and preserving Indiana history.

A photograph of the Indiana State Library building, a grand neoclassical structure with a light-colored stone facade. The building features a series of tall, narrow windows on the upper level, each with a decorative pediment and a small relief sculpture. Below these are smaller windows with decorative grilles. The building is set against a clear blue sky. In the foreground, a blue sign is partially visible, and a green tree is on the right side.

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BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

A Message From **LIBRARY DIRECTOR JACOB SPEER**

The State Library is a leader in providing library services to Hoosiers. The Indiana State Library is located in the heart of downtown Indianapolis and not only oversees the certification and standards for all 236 public library systems and 193 branches across the state, but houses an exceptional collection of Indiana History, Genealogy, Talking Books & Braille, Government Documents and additional resources that serve Hoosiers in the Indianapolis area and beyond.

Some highlights from 2015 include the Talking Book and Braille Library receiving the 2015 Network Library of the Year Award from the Library of Congress, National Library Service for outstanding service to readers who are visually or physically disabled as well as the Indiana Genealogy & Local History Fair and our ongoing digitization of thousands of historic materials. I am eager to share the contents of this report to the public and look forward to all of the exciting events happening in 2016 for Indiana's bicentennial celebration!

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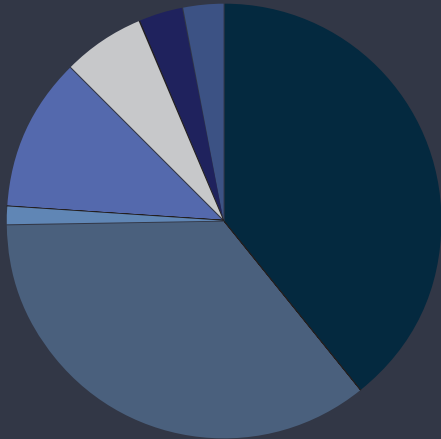
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Operating Expenditures



Personal Services: \$3,580,427 (39.05%)
External Services: \$3,243,505 (35.38%)
Distribution/Other Government Unit: \$1,041,946 (11.36%)
Grants Expense: \$546,794 (5.96%)
Administration & Operating Expense: \$311,709 (3.40%)
Technology: \$263,539 (2.87%)
Supplies/Materials/Parts: \$174,989 (1.91%)
Utilities: \$10,987 (0.12%)
Social Service Payments: \$1,980 (0.02%)
Capital Outlays: \$7,635 (-0.08%)
TOTAL EXPENSE: \$9,168,240

Facility Usage and Catalog

Did you know that the Indiana State Library is available as a meeting and events place for your nonprofit or state government agencies' next meeting or event? Since 2013 Indiana state agencies meetings have increased by 64% and attendance to those meetings has increased by 46%. State Library meetings have increased by 55% and attendance to those meetings has increased by 20%.

- In 2015 the Catalog Division added over 1,600 professional development records which, improves access to pre-1950s federal documents that are held by Indiana State Library.
- 271 Rare Books and Manuscripts finding aids were cataloged.
- In total, 8,712 volumes were added for all ISL divisions.



Indiana State Library Divisions

Talking Books and Braille Library

The Talking Book and Braille Library received the 2015 Network Library of the Year Award from the Library of Congress, National Library Service for outstanding service to readers who are visually or physically disabled. This award was presented at a luncheon held at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. on June 10, 2016.

New in 2015, the Talking Book and Braille Library, through the Indiana State Library Foundation, started awarding grants for assistive technology devices to individuals with visual or physical disabilities. TBBL awarded \$10,000 in grant funds and will continue this program in future years. "I want to thank you for approving a grant for a Video Eye machine," wrote one grateful patron. "It makes possible a hundred tasks I could not do without it."



Testimonials for TBBL:

Thank you for providing this service to my mother. She LOVED to read. She was a teacher and loved to teach children to read, too. I appreciate your work to make her life more enjoyable. – Daughter of TBBL patron

What a blessing these talking books were to my 93-year-old father in improving his quality of life in his last months. They brought him out of a depression and gave him something to share with his family. Thank you for all the people who read and who make this program possible. – Family of TBBL patron

Thank you for this wonderful service for our mother. For the last several years of her life mom was able to “read” her books. They were invaluable to her and helped her through many days and nights when she couldn’t sleep.
– Family of TBBL patron

Thank you for your wonderful service. When my mom lost her sight the player, and multitude of tapes you sent to her for so many years, were one of her lifelines. She had 102 and 10 months of a wonderful life which was continually enriched by the stories she read. Continue your great work with your support of those visually challenged. – Family of TBBL patron

Talking Books and Braille Library Statistics

- Served 5,137 individual patrons and 460 institutions
- Circulated 170,775 digital talking-book cartridges
- Circulated 3,361 Braille books and 8,281 large-print books
- 1,088 patrons used the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) online service to download 55,456 titles

<http://www.in.gov/library/tbbl.htm>



Indiana State Library Divisions

Rare Books and Manuscripts

- Among the collection's strengths are Civil War-era letters and diaries, family papers, and the records of many political figures from the Hoosier State. This includes over 3,000,000 items and 4,500 collections, ranging from early 15th century to present day.
- Acquired 36 new manuscript collections, totaling 13.8 cubic feet
- Answered 966 reference questions
- Digitized 22 collections, totaling 272 items
- Created 1,071 finding aids; processed 248.1 cubic feet

<http://www.in.gov/library/manuscripts.htm>

Testimonial

"I want to thank you and your team at Indiana State Library so much for the suggestions, advice and support which you, and they, offered during my two week research trip to Indianapolis. All four of you lived up to, and surpassed, the very high standards I have experienced in working with curatorial staff at university, state and private archives and libraries in the USA." – Manuscripts Patron

Indiana State Library Divisions

Genealogy

The Genealogy Division held its annual Indiana Genealogy and Local History Fair on October 24, 2015. This yearly event is free and open to the public. The 2015 fair brought in approximately 200 attendees. Since 2009, the Genealogy Division has invited statewide libraries, along with local history and genealogy organizations, to market and promote their services by offering them a free table at the event. Speakers are also brought in each year to discuss genealogy and local history research methodology, sources and other related topics. The Genealogy Division also hosted Genealogy for Night Owls on three occasions, drawing in more than 100 people for after-hours

research and the opportunity to speak one-on-one with an expert researcher.



Testimonials

The help I received was very quick and most helpful. I couldn't have gotten the information myself without traveling to the state. I'm overjoyed with the quick response and the help! Congrats to your wonderful staff! – Genealogy Patron

Stephanie Asberry assisted me with this request. She was professional, courteous and extremely helpful. Her responses to my follow up questions guided me and provided insight into my request. – Genealogy Patron

<http://www.in.gov/library/genealogy.htm>



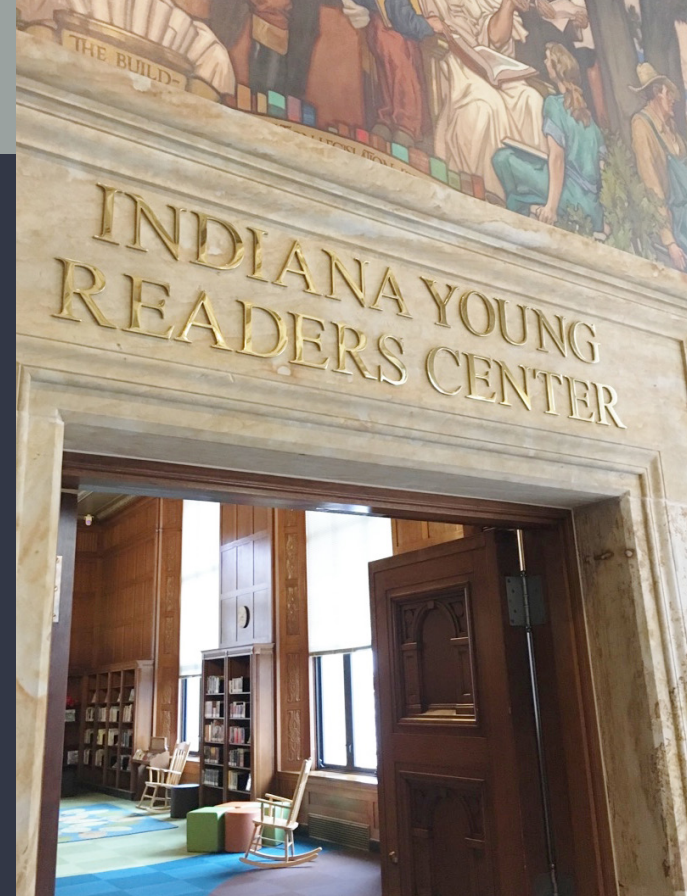
Indiana State Library Divisions

Indiana Young Readers Center

Launched in 2015, Christy Franzman has been curating the young readers collection through donations and purchases. In 2015, the Indiana State Library added over 650 titles to the collection. Through a letter writing effort, Christy was able to acquire many signed copies from authors who are sure to remain important to the Hoosier literary tradition, such as John Green, Mike Mullin, Kimberly Brubaker Bradley and April Pulley Sayre. There were 102 field trip visits and 2,774 attendees in 2015.

<http://childrenauthors.in.gov/>

Garfield arrived just in time for Christmas and is located outside the new Indiana Young Readers Center. The IYRC will showcase Indiana authors and books about Indiana for children and young adults. The room will also be filled with fun interactive activities and will be officially opening in October 2016! This room is modeled after a similar room at the Library of Congress, but is the first in the nation in a state library.



Indiana State Library Divisions

Preservation

The Indiana State Library Preservation Department is tasked not only with the care and conservation of our unique and historic collections but also with providing training to members of staff, writing policies and procedures that assist staff in the preservation and safety of the collections, and participating in outreach with both members of the public as well as libraries statewide.



In 2015, the Indiana State Library Preservation Department:

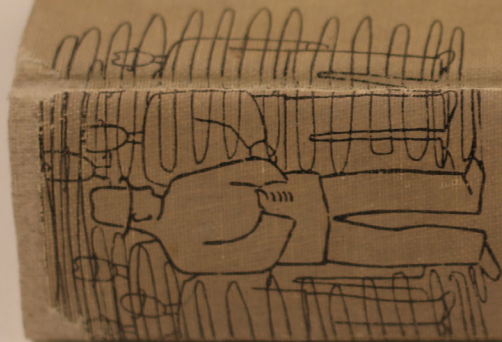
- Treated 835 collections items
- Participated in the Preservation Week Road Show, a free public event
- Completed the Collections Disaster Plan
- Conservator Rebecca Shindel attended an advanced rare book repair training workshop at The Campbell Center for Continuing Education
- Provided training sessions in stacks maintenance and bed bug prevention to staff
- Assisted two public libraries with small preservation jobs on rare items, as well as consulting by phone and email to several others
- Consulted with the Indiana Historical Bureau to help arrange the conservation treatment of the Paul Hadley Indiana State Flag Prototype
- Helped facilitate digitization processes by providing conservation treatment to several fragile items

<http://www.in.gov/library/preservation.htm>

“Invisible Man”, by Ralph Ellison (1952), was requested by a patron through interlibrary loan, yet the book was far too fragile. When discovering its condition, ISL circulation staff sent the book to the Conservation Lab for treatment. Conservator Rebecca Shindel noted loose pages, a torn spine and a cover completely detached from the text block.



Conservation treatment was performed to reattach all loose pages and reinforce the original spine with a sympathetically colored linen book cloth. The cover was reattached to the text block. The results after treatment not only preserved the original 1952 cover, but also stabilized the book enough for safe circulation.



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Indiana State Library Divisions

Reference

Celebrating Constitution Day at the Indiana State Library

September 17, 2015 is Constitution Day (or Citizenship Day), an American federal observance that recognizes the adoption of the United States Constitution and commemorates those who have become U.S. citizens. The date signifies the day in 1787 when 37 delegates at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia signed the document. The present holiday was created in 2004 with the passage of an amendment, by Senator Robert Byrd from West Virginia, to the omnibus spending bill.

Previously known as “Citizenship Day,” the holiday was formally renamed “Constitution Day and Citizenship Day.” 2015 marked the 226th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution.



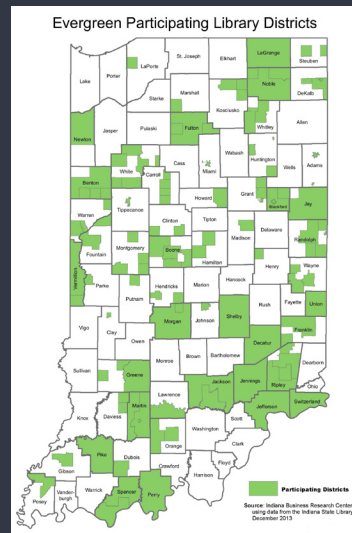
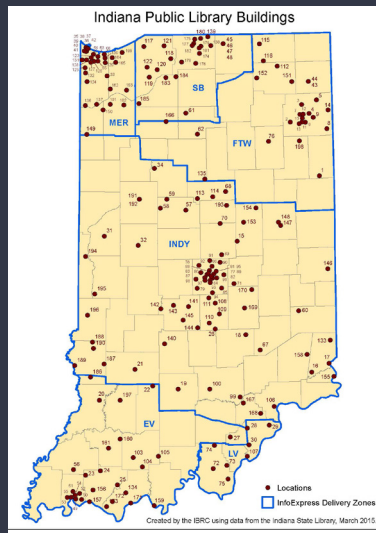
The Federal Documents Coordinator in Reference and Government Services Division created a fun and engaging exhibit celebrating Constitution Day at the Indiana State Library. ISL exhibited a framed replica of the Constitution along with interactive games, puzzles and gave away English and Spanish pocket-sized Constitutions. The Indiana State Data Center collects and distributes through data files and/or maps federal, state and

local level statistical resources both historic and current. The state library provides data and training services to all sectors of the community including government agencies, businesses, academia, nonprofit organizations and private citizens. The library's products and services are used in marketing, economic development, community planning and analysis, grant writing, business start-ups and much more. In the past year, the data center has provided statistical information

on many aspects of health care including the number of insured/uninsured Hoosiers, disability by county, nursing home data and data on assisted living centers. The data center has provided stats about retail businesses, labor unions, minority employees and manufacturers along with information about professions as diverse as librarians, chefs, cooks and cosmetologists. Our most popular requests are those concerning demographic data. The library's have gathered data and created

maps for every aspect of population to economics and housing from Total Population by County showing population density to tracking the African-American population at the neighborhood-level in Indianapolis for 1910-1950 to language spoken at home to poverty level data for many Indiana counties. Using this data the data center can create maps for our patrons on a map plotter.

The data center assisted the Library Development Office by creating these topical maps:



Testimonials:

ISL is a marvelous resource for historical research such as I'm conducting. Access to professional, courteous, knowledgeable staff is critical for efficient searching and review of research materials. Thanks much.

- Reference Patron

Daina Bohr is very helpful, courteous and professional. She has been a tremendous help to me. I recently retired from the John Steinbeck Library after 32 years of service and in my opinion Daina Bohr is an example of excellent library service. You are fortunate to have her working with your library. Thank you again.

- Reference Patron

<http://www.in.gov/library/reference.htm>

<http://www.in.gov/library/feddeposit.htm>

<http://www.in.gov/library/isdc.htm>



Indiana State Library Divisions

Indiana Division

Digitization is an ongoing project. In 2015, the Indiana Division added 85 titles to the library's digital collections. Most notably the following collections grew by leaps and bounds: the Indiana State Agency Documents, Indiana State Library Maps and Indiana State Library Trade Catalogs.

<http://www.in.gov/library/indiana.html>
<http://www.in.gov/library/4067.htm>

Indiana State Library Digital Collections
<http://digitalcollections.library.in.gov>





Testimonials

Justin Davis was very helpful courteous and helpful this 75-year-old man get the information. He made me feel like a pro at this. – Indiana Patron

The librarian that helped me was incredible. I had been searching for this info for over 40 years. – Indiana Patron

The Indiana Division houses the largest collection of Indiana newspapers in the nation. In 2015, the library absorbed over 20,000 reels of newspaper masters. These masters, which date from the early 19th century to the present, will be duplicated and digitized, thus growing the library's already immense collection.

New in 2016

There are several bicentennial projects going on at the Indiana State Library including the ISL bison, Young Readers Center, Indiana Statehouse Education Center, Hoosier State Chronicles and many more. For more information about ISL's Bicentennial projects <http://www.in.gov/library/5451.htm>



Cookie, the ISL Bison will be designed and painted by Indiana artist Troy Fiechter and is just one of the ways the Indiana State Library will be celebrating the Bicentennial. Cookie is named after the first state librarian John A. Cook.

Additional Resources

Volunteer Program

The Indiana State Library Volunteer Program allows the public to take a behind the scenes look at the State Library and to be a part of preserving and making accessible Indiana's rich history. Volunteering at the State Library is also an excellent opportunity to gain valuable work experience in the field of library science.

Volunteers have the opportunity to work with the Indiana State Library's many historic collections, all housed in a beautiful 1930s Art Deco building in downtown Indianapolis. Our hours are flexible and we can accommodate almost any schedule. We even have positions which allow volunteers to work from home for even more flexibility. A background in library science or history is not necessary and the library will provide any training needed for a volunteer position.

<http://www.in.gov/library/volunteer.htm>

Indiana State Library Foundation

The mission of the Indiana State Library Foundation is to serve the citizens of Indiana through the support, enhancement and promotion of activities of the Indiana State Library, their programs and collections and to aid in the development of programs benefiting individuals and libraries throughout the state.

Donations help provide content and services to the visually impaired. They also assist in the purchase of materials and equipment vital to the continuing preservation of invaluable books, maps, and reference material which make the history of Indiana accessible to all of its residents.



To donate or to learn more

<http://indianastatelibraryfdn.org/home.html>

If you would like information on what is available at the Indiana State Library, please visit us in person or go to www.in.gov/library to learn more. The Indiana State Library has a vast collection of Federal Documents, Genealogy Collections, Indiana History, Manuscripts & Rare Books, Preservation & Conservation Services, Reference & Government Services, State Data Center & Document, as well as the Talking Books & Braille Library. A variety of online resources are also available to Indiana residents on our website.

If you are a patron with a general question, please visit our home page at <http://www.in.gov/library>

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Digital Resources

The latest news about the Indiana State library
Indiana State Library Blog (<http://blog.library.in.gov>)

INSPIRE-Indiana's Virtual Library
INSPIRE (<http://inspire.in.gov>)

The collection of historical Indiana images and documents
Indiana Memory (<https://digital.library.in.gov>)

The collection of historical Indiana newspapers
Hoosier State Chronicles (<https://newspapers.library.in.gov>)

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