

2014

**INDIANA STATE LIBRARY
ANNUAL REPORT**

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



Opening Statement From State Librarian Jacob Speer:

The Indiana State Library (ISL) has served the citizens of Indiana since 1825 and our mission statement reflects our commitment to Hoosiers:

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

Just a few steps away from the Indiana Statehouse, the ISL is open to the public for a variety of needs including but not limited to: genealogy, Indiana history, preservation, rare books and manuscripts, reference and government services, Talking Books and Braille library, as well as the State Data Center.

I want to thank you for spending a few minutes to learn about the activities at the ISL and how we are positively impacting the community. We appreciate your support and hope you visit soon.

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Indiana State Library

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The magnificent limestone building housing the Indiana State Library and the Indiana Historical Bureau was dedicated in 1934. Within the building are beautiful stained glass windows, colorful murals, walnut-paneled walls, brass accents, and wood carvings. The building is a showcase in itself, an incredible example of early 1930s American architecture constructed with Indiana limestone, sandstone, and walnut.

Tours are available to the public Monday through Friday and include an Architecture Tour, "Pursuit of Pride" Children's Tour, and a Researcher's Tour. Each tour is customized to fit your schedule and interests. Please call the library to schedule group or individual tours.

Librarians collect and preserve all types of information, data, and materials about the state of Indiana. The library's professional staff is available to assist with research questions, offer expertise on a variety of subject matters, and provide general guidance and information about materials in the library's collections.

Collections & Statewide Services:

- Evergreen
- Genealogy Collection
- Government Documents
- Hoosier State Chronicles
- Indiana Collection
- Indiana Memory
- Indiana State Data Center
- INSPIRE.in.gov
- Rare Books & Manuscripts
- Statewide Services
- Talking Books & Braille Library

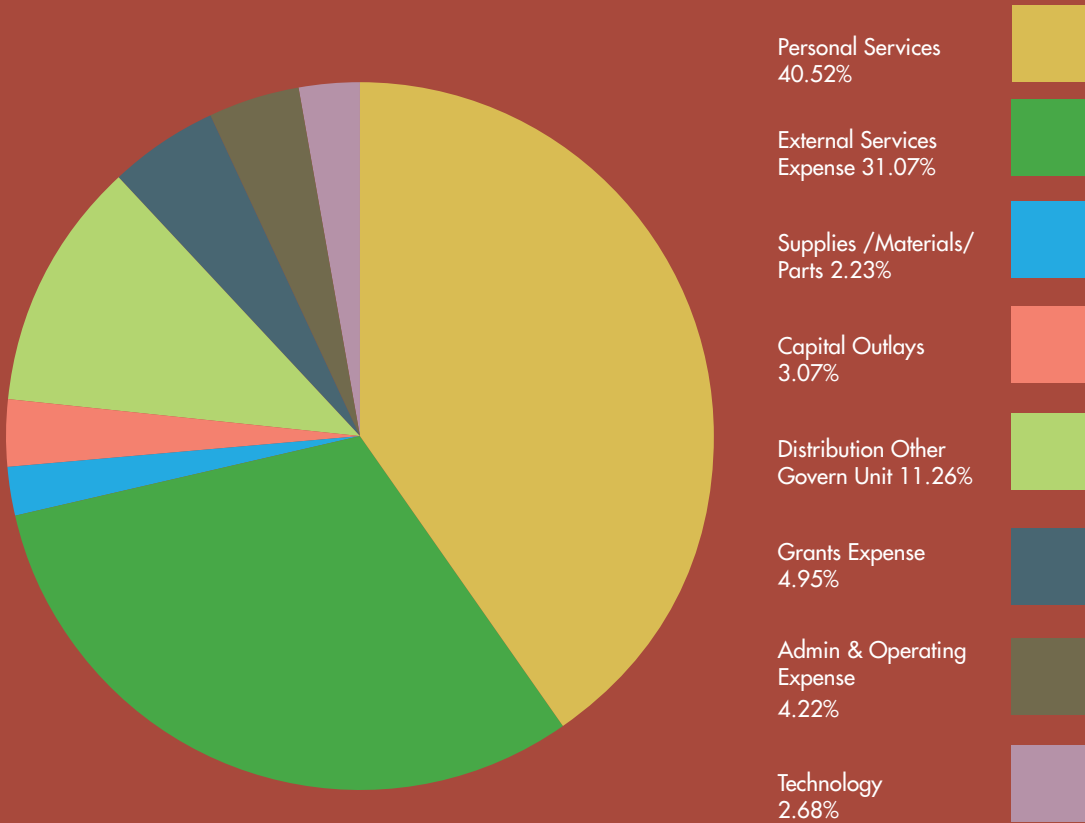
Indiana State Library staff are available during regular business hours to answer questions in-person, by email (*ask-a-librarian*), or live chat.

Web: <http://www.in.gov/library/ask.htm>

Phone: 317-232-3675

Toll Free: 1-866-683-0008

Indiana State Library 2014 Fiscal Year Expenditures



Statistics & Highlights

Total visitors: 54,934

Total items circulated: 361,171

Items circulated for the visually impaired: 263,848

Reference questions answered: 47,262

Number of searches on ISL databases (including INSPIRE): Over 125 million

Number of items in the Rare Books & Manuscripts collection: 3,000,000

Students that have visited on fourth grade fieldtrips in 2014: 2,058

Event attendance grew by 49.7% from 2013 to 2014

Over 7,000 newspaper titles dating back to 1804 from all 92 counties



2014 Public Services Testimonials

"This is not the first time I have used the ISL and I will surely continue to use it, tout it recommend it and promote it in any and all ways that I can."

– Genealogy Patron

"Was amazed at the prompt, relevant and courteous service that the librarian provided, including some additional sources that can be pursued."

– Indiana Division Patron

"I have found the people I have dealt with at this facility to be extremely courteous and have gone beyond what could be expected to help me find a solution to what I am seeking. I only wish I could find this level of courtesy and service with all I contact." – Genealogy Patron

"The reference librarian has gone above and beyond to assist me. She really really tried and did give me some excellent references. She was above excellent. This service that your library provides is state of the art and a great asset to your state."

– Reference Patron

"Thank you so much for the services you provide. They filled my mother's days with pleasure. Bless you for your work." – Talking Books Patron

"You have no way of knowing and measuring what your dedicated work means to our mother. It is like traveling, learning, and exploring every day." – Talking Books Patron

"The talking book program was the best gift I ever gave my mother!"
– Talking Books Patron

"The Librarian for the Indiana Collection at the Indiana State Library, was extremely thorough and responsive. Not only did she find the article about my mother that I had been seeking, but she also found an additional article about my mother that I never knew existed. My mom was just recently moved to hospice care so this is an extremely difficult time for me. The librarian made everything so much easier as I now have the much-needed reference materials to help me construct an accurate obituary that does justice to my mother's life."

– Indiana Division Patron

"My husband is legally blind and has Parkinson's Disease and is not really able to get out. He wants you to know how much he loves getting the digital books. Thank you so much for sending them to him!"

– Talking Books Patron

"This was handled very efficiently and speedily. The librarian went above and beyond in obtaining for me the information I requested."

– Indiana Division Patron

"The librarian who assisted me with my request, was simply fantastic. He always got back to me quickly and provided me with good information and options." – Manuscripts Patron

"Talking books gave her hours of pleasure. It is a wonderful service and I boast about it to anyone that will listen." – Talking Books Patron



What's new in 2014?

There have been a lot of exciting developments at the Indiana State Library in 2014. One of those developments was the creation of a preservation lab on the fourth floor of the building.

The mission of Indiana State Library preservation lab is to improve and ensure long-term, ongoing access to the collections of the Indiana State Library. The department, staffed by one full-time Conservator and one part-time Federal Work Study Program student, fulfills this primary goal by providing conservation treatments of collections items and implementing preventive care and administrative policies. The Conservator also provides information and training to the statewide library community and, on occasion, the general public through consultations and workshops.

Conservation treatment of the Indiana State Library's collections previously took place at the Indiana State Archives. The decision to build a conservation lab on site at the ISL was driven by an increasing demand for treatment work as well as the need to have the Conservator in the library full time to allow consultation with library staff whenever needed. The Martha E. Wright Conservation Lab allows the Conservator to provide highly specialized treatments for a variety of materials, extending the life of the ISL collections so that researchers can continue to use them for generations to come. The lab also assists in facilitating digitization initiatives, as some items require conservation treatment before they can be digitized if they are torn, heavily soiled, or extremely brittle.

Coming Soon:

To celebrate Indiana's Bicentennial, the Indiana State Library is adding two new spaces. The first is the Indiana Young Readers Center which will be a room filled with collection items along with some fun, hands-on educational activities focused on Indiana Author's or about Indiana. The second space is a partnership with the Department of Administration to create an Education Center to introduce the visitors of the Government Center to what State Government does for all Hoosiers.



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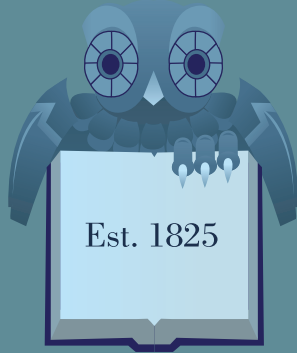
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