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Indiana State Library and  
Indiana Public Libraries

# ANNUAL REPORT

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# A message from the Indiana State Librarian



Thank you for spending a few minutes with the 2022 State Library Annual Report. Libraries in Indiana continue to evolve, adapt and innovate to meet the literacy, information and recreational needs of Hoosiers.

This report includes details of how over \$3 million dollars in federal grants was spent at the local level to assist libraries preparing for and responding to needs of their customers. Libraries received funds to implement creative ways to deliver information and programming using technology and innovative solutions.

Hoosiers continue to rely upon INSPIRE for their critical information needs. INSPIRE is a collection of online academic databases and other information resources that can be accessed by Indiana residents. In 2022, over 168 million searches were completed at [INSPIRE.IN.GOV](https://inspire.in.gov). INSPIRE includes full-text magazine and journal articles, websites, pamphlets, images, almanacs, full-text historic newspapers, multimedia, library catalogs and much more. This resource is used by k-12 schools, higher education institutions and public libraries in the state.

Finally, the report highlights the Indiana Library Passport program, an example of libraries providing a fun and interesting outlet for their customers and communities. These types of programs enrich communities across the state and make Indiana a great place to live.

Sincerely,

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**Indiana State Librarian**



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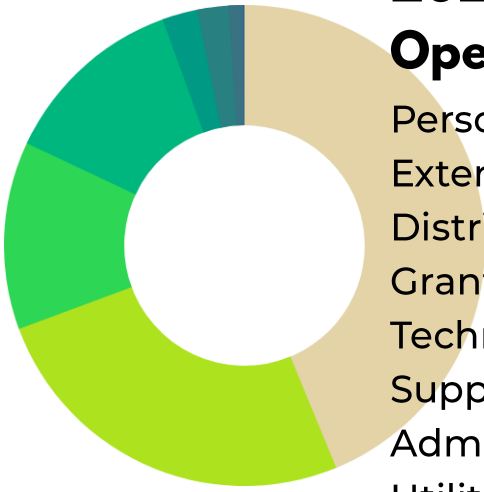
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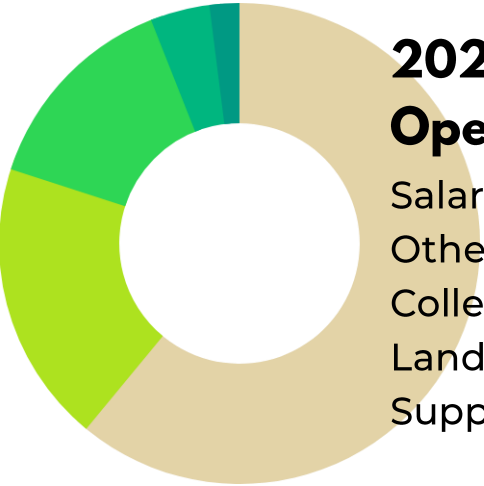
# Financial Reports

## 2022 Fiscal Year Indiana State Library Operating Expenditures



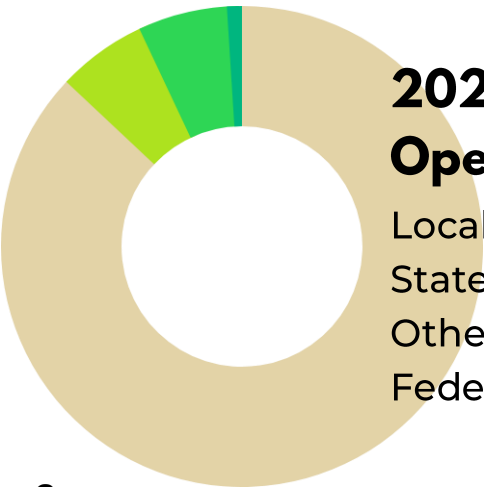
Personnel Services: \$4,929,990 (43.78%)  
External Services: \$2,882,534.45 (25.60%)  
Distribution/Other Gov. Units: \$1,420,818.45 (12.62%)  
Grants: \$1,406,727.88 (12.49%)  
Technology: \$266,394.90 (2.37%)  
Supplies, Materials and Parts: \$235,027.82 (2.09%)  
Administration and Operating: \$106,661.93 (0.95%)  
Utilities: \$10,423.25 (0.09%)  
Capital: \$2,898.45 (0.03%)

## 2022 Public Libraries Operating Expenditures



Salaries and Benefits: \$232,992,447 (61%)  
Other Services and Charges: \$74,323,755 (19%)  
Collection Expenditures: \$52,630,222 (14%)  
Land, Buildings and Furniture: \$17,009,999 (4%)  
Supplies: \$8,650,909 (2%)

## 2022 Public Libraries Operating Revenue



Local: \$378,265,539 (87%)  
State: \$27,917,941 (6%)  
Other: \$27,421,538 (6%)  
Federal: \$3,311,310 (1%)







## INSPIRE encourages lifelong learning

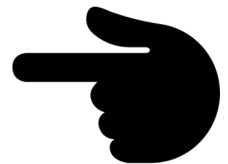


### 168 MILLION SEARCHES

In 2022, users performed 183,601,396 searches for academic articles, images, current news, newspaper articles and more.

### 3,020,613 FULL-TEXT SEARCHES COMPLETED

INSPIRE is a critical academic resource, providing vetted research materials for k-12 students and higher education institutions.



### 17,447 HOOSIERS ACCESSED ROSETTA STONE

More than 17,000 Indiana residents accessed level one of the language-learning program Rosetta Stone via INSPIRE.

### 79 DATABASES AVAILABLE FOR INDIANA RESIDENTS

A service of the Indiana State Library and supported by the Indiana General Assembly, INSPIRE is free for all Hoosiers.



### DID YOU KNOW?

Through INSPIRE, Hoosiers can access reviews from Consumer Reports, a nonprofit organization known for product testing.

# Indiana Library Passport launched



In 2022, the Indiana State Library launched the Indiana Library Passport, a digital experience that encourages everyone to visit libraries across the Hoosier state. The passport, open to Indiana residents and outside visitors alike, showcases more than 170 main libraries and branches – including more than 30 historical Carnegie libraries – in an easy, mobile-friendly way. Users accessed the passport to check in to a participating library using their phone’s location services. The passport includes stops at the Allen County Public Library, which features the Rolland Center for Lincoln

Research; the South Whitley Community Public Library, which features the Shultz Gem Collection; the Bartholomew County Public Library, which features architectural design by I. M. Pei and the Large Arch statue by Henry Moore; and many more.

More than 1,000 individuals signed up for the newly-launched passport by providing their name, email address and mobile phone number. A link was sent to their mobile phone, which added a button icon to their home screen. From there, users were free to begin visiting Hoosier libraries.

In addition to being a creative way to inspire people to visit the state's libraries, the passport automatically entered the user into a quarterly prize drawing every time they checked in to a library.

Prizes included memberships to Indiana Landmarks; gift certificates from regional and national restaurants and businesses; tickets and gift cards for historical theaters, such as the Historic Artcraft Theatre in Franklin and the Fowler Theatre in Fowler; and tickets to see the Indianapolis Indians.



2023 will see an upgraded version of the passport launch, along with new prizes from the Indiana State Fair, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, the Indiana State Museum, Conner Prairie, the City of South Bend, and many more. Additionally, the 2023 passport will include the opportunity to redeem earned points for a limited-edition Indiana Library Passport mug.





# Digital initiatives continue to grow

The Digital Initiatives Division of the Indiana Historical Bureau, a division of the Indiana State Library, continued to expand its offerings to the public through Indiana Memory and Hoosier State Chronicles in 2022. Regarding Indiana Memory, the number of digitization partners grew to 168 and the website was viewed over 846,000 times. Specifically, the State Library entered partnerships with Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, the Sherman Grinberg Film Library, Reveal Digital and the Knox County Public Library to provide researchers with a variety of different materials, including probate court records, prison newspapers and film newsreels.



One Indiana Memory contributor, the Lawrence County Museum of History, digitized an extensive photographic slide collection of one of its residents, James Guthrie. Guthrie, an amateur photographer and historian, was one of the organizers of Indiana's sesquicentennial celebrations in 1966. Over 1,300 images documenting sesquicentennial events, Northwest Territory history and Native American history have been added to the Museum's Indiana Memory collection. Digital Initiatives

also continued its partnerships with such great institutions as the Syracuse Public Library, the Danville Center Township Public Library and the Indiana Jewish Historical Society, who have all added to Indiana Memory in 2022.

The State Library's internal digital collections, which are a part of Indiana Memory, are growing as well, with the expansion of its company employee newsletters collection, genealogy collection and manuscripts collection, among others. Additionally, Digital Initiatives spearheaded the development of the State Library's collections on the Internet Archive, especially long-form book content like the House and Senate Journals of the Indiana General Assembly.

The Hoosier State Chronicles program continued to grow, maintaining its commitment to provide historic digitized newspapers to researchers. In 2022, the program added 124,673 pages of newly digitized newspapers, bringing its page count to nearly 1.4 million pages, and its website logged over 1.37 million page views. Hoosier State Chronicles has several new titles from Greencastle, Milford, Petersburg and Speedway, among others. The State Library also developed a partnership with the Indiana Jewish Post & Opinion to digitize all of its post-2005 newspapers, in cooperation with the National Library of Israel. These newspapers can be viewed at the Historical Jewish Press online platform, maintained by NLI, and will soon be included in Hoosier State Chronicles.



The Digital Initiatives Division celebrated its 15th year in 2022, and if the past is prologue, it will continue to provide researchers, historians, genealogists and the broader public with a diverse and ever-growing collection of digitized materials.

# Grant information

In the fall of 2021, the Indiana State Library received \$3.4 million dollars from the Institute for Museum and Library Services in emergency federal funding - the American Rescue Plan Act - to use in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. All but a handful of the ARPA sub-grants administered by the state library officially concluded in 2022. While all of the grant-related changes might have been made with COVID in mind, their positive impact is outlasting the worst of the pandemic.

Libraries tackled projects that would enable patrons to return to public spaces while still allowing for greater social distancing. Improvements were made to the grounds to allow patrons to enjoy library services outside, including increased Wi-Fi service, outdoor furniture and shade structures, solar charging benches and story walks. Equipment that could be used for outdoor programming, such as mobile projectors and screens, were popular purchases.



Inside the buildings, self-check kiosks and printers with Wi-Fi capabilities provided patrons ways to navigate the library with less physical interaction with staff when desired. Older, hard-to-clean furniture was replaced with more easily sanitized items. Meeting rooms were given technology upgrades, focused on allowing for staff and the community to make use of virtual programming and teleconferencing.

For those who were unable or unwilling to go to the library, libraries found new ways to go to them. While bookmobiles were backordered and hard to come by, some libraries outfitted vehicles in their fleet with upgrades such as shelving or mobile computing. Other libraries



opted for book bikes or laptop labs and awnings that could be easily set up for community events or card drives.

"Thanks to grant funding made possible by the Indiana State Library, our library has been able to increase its community engagement with a new book bike. We have taken it to festivals, ridden it to the elementary school, ridden it in parades and taken it to a trunk or treat event," said Austin Stroud, director of the Monon Town and Township Public Library.

Similarly, the Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library was able to use the grant funds to purchase equipment that allowed the library go out and serve the community.

"Thanks to this grant, we have been able to provide vital resources to the community. For instance, we were able to take grant-funded laptops into the community and register just



under 1,500 new library cardholders, many of them school-age kids. Also, we were able to enhance our digital literacy efforts by providing various library programs and engaging directly with the community through outreach efforts," said library director Montie Manning.

"Lowell Public Library is very pleased to share that we have installed outdoor service lockers for all three of our library branches with the funds from an ARPA grant," said library director Deborah Kristoff. "We originally purchased the lockers for patrons who did not want to come into the building because of COVID or other health issues. Then we were excited to use the lockers for our shift workers, so they could retrieve their library items 24 hours a day, seven days a week around their work schedules."



Overall, 79% of ARPA funds went directly to Indiana libraries. The Indiana State Library used the remaining 21% of the funds for statewide projects such as subsidizing InfoExpress fees and paying the service fees for the new Indiana Digital Library consortium, in which 203 of the 230 eligible libraries have opted to participate.

### About IMLS

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's libraries and museums. They advance, support and empower America's museums, libraries and related organizations through grant making, research and policy development. Their vision is a nation where museums and libraries work together to transform the lives of individuals and communities.

### At a glance...

**13** libraries used funds to increase Wi-Fi access.

**35** libraries made significant purchases to better the space outside of their buildings, including solar charging stations, shade structures, outdoor furniture and book lockers.

**36** libraries made significant purchases to improve the technology available in their meeting and programming spaces, including videoconferencing equipment, projectors and smartboards.

**23** libraries added digital content to their collection.

**241** laptop desktop computers were purchased.

**5** libraries installed story walks.

# Statistics

## Indiana Public Library and Indiana State Library Highlights



**49,359,200**

total materials circulated in public libraries, an 8.23% increase over 2021.



**4,115,000**

checkouts from the Indiana Digital Library, the statewide digital materials consortium.



**16,369,342**

Annual uses of wireless internet, a 9.37% increase from the previous year.



**72,962**

books and magazines downloaded through the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) service.



**1,769,276**

total in-person public library program attendees, a 82.35% increase over 2021.



**3,560**

virtual reference questions answered by the staff of the Indiana State Library.



**18,526,512**

annual library visits, a 21.31% increase over 2021.



**3,074**

total field trip and Indiana Young Readers Center program attendees at the Indiana State Library.



**7,112**

total public computers available for use, a 9.6% increase over the previous year.



**124,673**

new pages added to the Hoosier State Chronicles digital newspaper website in 2022.





# Resources



## INSPIRE

INSPIRE is a collection of academic databases and other information that can be

accessed for free by Indiana residents. INSPIRE is supported by the Indiana General Assembly through Build Indiana Funds, the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act and in partnership with Academic Libraries of Indiana.

<https://inspire.in.gov/>



## SRCS

Indiana's Statewide Remote Circulation Service is administered by the Indiana State Library and links the

catalogs of over 200 Indiana libraries into a single interface containing over 30 million items. Authorized users can search this combined catalog and request to have selected materials delivered to their home library using the InfoExpress courier.

<https://www.in.gov/library/SRCS.htm>



## InfoExpress

InfoExpress is the statewide library courier service provided by the Indiana State Library. Public library districts and school districts - along with academic, institutional and special libraries - are eligible to participate in the InfoExpress courier program.

<https://digital.statelib.lib.in.us/infoexpress/>



## Evergreen Indiana

Evergreen Indiana is a consortium of over 100

libraries located throughout Indiana that use the Evergreen integrated library system. Patrons of member libraries can use their Evergreen Indiana library card to view the catalogs and borrow materials from the other member libraries.

<https://www.in.gov/library/evergreen.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 the 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 people who are visually-impaired. They also assist in the purchase of materials and equipment vital to the continuing preservation of invaluable books, maps and reference materials, which make the history of Indiana accessible to all of its residents. Donate or learn more at [indianastatelibraryfdn.org/](http://indianastatelibraryfdn.org/).



## Volunteer Program

Indiana State Library volunteers have the opportunity to work with the library's many historic collections. The library can accommodate almost any schedule, with some positions even allowing for work from home. A background in library science or history is not necessary and the library will provide any training needed. Please visit the library's website for information on how available volunteer opportunities at the Indiana State Library.

<https://www.in.gov/library/about/volunteer/>



Indiana State Library

## Blogs

Keep up on a variety of library and history topics by reading the Indiana State Library's blog and the Indiana Historical Bureau's blog.

<https://blog.library.in.gov/>

<https://blog.history.in.gov/>

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