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Laying of the State Library's cornerstone. October 20, 1932

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UNDER THE FOLD

Cornerstone Sheds Light on State Library Achievements & Challenges

Like most publicly-funded entities, Indiana libraries and cultural organizations are required to stretch each taxpayer dollar, thus making philanthropic support a significant piece of the overall funding pie. Likewise, the Indiana State Library is excited about this new opportunity to dedicate further resources toward efforts to promote reading, enhance statewide library services, and preserve Indiana history.

The State Library has always been one of the Indiana's best kept secrets. Through the Foundation, we can enable more Hoosiers to discover and benefit from the many programs, services and unique collections of the State Library. The Foundation provides a new revenue stream for the Library's collections, including some of the largest collections of Indiana history, genealogy, and newspapers in the nation, and also for statewide library services used by millions of Hoosiers.

I would like to thank Senator Beverly Gard, former Governor Mitch Daniels and the Indiana General Assembly for passing this important legislation that will embolden the statewide library community's efforts toward being a national leader in the provision of library services.

Sincerely,

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THE INDIANA STATE LIBRARY

Open for Exploration

The Indiana State Library was established in 1825 and houses vast collections with over two million volumes and three million manuscripts, as well as thousands of maps, federal documents, microfilm, and more. Just as the Library of Congress serves as the historical repository for our nation, the State Library is responsible for collecting and preserving all types of information and data about Indiana. The State Library proudly maintains two of the largest Indiana history and genealogy collections in the world. Discover the Indiana State Library and unearth centuries of historical Hoosier treasures.

robert g. barcus, chairman

Chairman's Corner

I am pleased to present you with the debut edition of Cornerstone, the official magazine of the Indiana State Library Foundation. It is an honor to serve as the first Chairman of the Board of Trustees. My fellow board members and I look forward to building a solid foundation that will enable the Indiana State Library to offer enhanced library services and literary initiatives that benefit all Hoosiers.

The cover of this magazine illustrates Governor Harry G. Leslie laying the cornerstone of the Indiana State Library & Historical Building on October 20, 1932. Just as this building has provided generations of Hoosiers vast collections of history and knowledge, the Foundation Board now begins laying the cornerstone for a nonprofit organization designed to enhance the programs and services of the Indiana State Library for generations to come.

I invite you to read our mission and consider supporting this unique and worthwhile organization. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Robert G. Barcus
Chairman, Indiana State Library Foundation

INDIANA STATE LIBRARY FOUNDATION MISSION:
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Dr. James P. Fadely

Dr. James P. Fadely has taught U.S., European, Latin American, Asian, and African history at the middle school, high school, and college (Indiana University-Indianapolis, Butler University, and the University of Indianapolis) levels. He also has served as Director of Admission and Financial Aid, Director of Marketing and Public Relations, and assistant to the Head of School at four independent college preparatory schools.

For the past decade, he has been the Director of College Counseling at University High School of Indiana. He served on the executive board of the Indiana Association for College Admission Counseling (IACAC) and served as the chair of the IACAC Government Relations Committee. He is actively involved in college admission issues at the national level, working on Capitol Hill during the past three NACAC Legislative Conferences.

Dr. Fadely received a B.A. in history at Hanover College and M.A. and Ph.D. at Indiana Univ., Bloomington. He resides in Indianapolis with his wife, Sally, and their two children.

Sarah W. Otte, MLS

Mrs. Sarah (Sally) W. Otte is a retired librarian, working for various libraries in Central Indiana throughout her career, including the Eli Lilly Research Laboratories, Scientific Library. She is currently also serving on the Boards of The Indianapolis Foundation, Central Indiana Community foundation, English Foundation, Propylaeum Historic Foundation and the Children's Corner Nursery School. She formerly served on boards for several civic organizations such as the Junior League of Indianapolis, Indiana Landmarks, Indianapolis Marion County Public Library, Indiana Library Trustee Association, Indiana Library Federation, and Indiana State Library & Historical Board, among others.

Born and raised in Mississippi, Mrs. Otte received a B.A. in English and B.S. Chemistry from the University of Mississippi. She received her Master of Library Science from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Mrs. Otte is married to Frank J. Otte, US Federal Bankruptcy Judge, Indiana Southern district. They reside in Indianapolis and have three adult children, a daughter-in-law, two sons-in-law and eight grandchildren.

Jonathan J. Myers, Esq.

Jonathan J. Myers has been a member of the Indiana Library and Historical Board (ILHB) since 2008 and currently serves as the Board's Vice President. Mr. Myers is Senior Counsel in the Fort Wayne offices of Lincoln Financial Group, where he provides legal advice to all of Lincoln Financial's business units on procurement, information technology and data privacy issues.

Mr. Myers graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1983, with a B.A. in Government and International Studies and received his J.D. from Indiana University—Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 1986. Mr. Myers has been a trustee of the Peabody Public Library in Columbia City, Indiana since 1998 and was appointed to the ILHB by former Governor Mitch Daniels in 2008. He was appointed to serve as a trustee of the Indiana State Library Foundation in 2012 and currently serves as the Foundation's Treasurer.

Mr. Myers has three adult children and lives with his wife, Soultana, in Columbia City.

State Library Genealogy Named "Best State Website" by Family Tree Magazine

By Diane Sharp, Genealogy Collection Supervisor

We strive to build an online presence that complements the State Library's extensive Genealogy Collection.
~ Roberta Brooker, State Librarian

Family Tree Magazine, America's #1 family history publication recently recognized the Indiana State Library Genealogy Collection among the "2012 Best State Websites." This is the second-consecutive year the State Library has received this designation. The Genealogy Collection's website offers several features and resources that can assist visitors with their family history research. The website highlights statewide indexes to marriages, deaths, biographies and newspapers, as well as vital records and indexes for each of Indiana's 92 counties.

"We are very grateful to Family Tree Magazine for recognizing the State Library's online genealogy resources in consecutive years," said Roberta L. Brooker, State Librarian of Indiana. "Our goal is to provide Hoosiers with instant access to the considerable Genealogy resources at the State Library. This designation will certainly connect more researchers to our collections."

The Genealogy Collection has developed over time to become one of the largest collections of family history information in the Midwest. In addition to its abundant online resources, the collection includes over 40,000 printed items as well as microfilmed federal census records, Indiana county records, passenger lists, military pension information and hundreds of CDs with family history information. The emphasis of the collection is on Indiana and bordering states, as well as eastern and southern states. Resources for Native American and African-American family history research are also available.

"We strive to build an online presence that complements the State Library's extensive Genealogy Collection," said Brooker. "We want family history researchers to understand what is available and how to utilize our Genealogy Collection via online resources, reference assistance or in-house and statewide programming."

Additional assistance is available for online researchers via the Ask-A-Librarian service, which offers phone, email and live chat options. The State Library also offers Family History Tours at least twice monthly, as well as several family history workshops. A complete listing of State Library events and workshops may be viewed online at library.IN.gov.

Retired Talking Books Librarian Receives National Honor

Maggie Ansty, Talking Books Supervisor

Carole Rose, retired Talking Books Librarian at the Indiana State Library, won the 2012 Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA) Francis Joseph Campbell Award for her outstanding contributions to the advancement of library service for blind and physically handicapped people.

Rose served as a librarian at the Indiana Talking Book and Braille Library from 1965 until her retirement in 2011. Since 1972, she coordinated the library's summer reading program. She also served as coordinator for the Indiana Vision Expo, the largest low-vision tradeshow in the Midwest, from 2006-2011. She was a grant writer for two successful grants: $950,000 from the Ruth Lilly Philanthropic Foundation to support the recording of books and magazine articles with Indiana connections; and a $2,000 Choose Children grant from Alpha Xi Delta Foundation to expand the large print and Braille book collections.

"Being both a friend and colleague of Carole's for over two decades, I can attest to her invaluable contributions to library services for Hoosiers with vision loss," said Roberta Brooker, State Librarian. "She has empowered so many people through advising and offering living proof that individuals with vision loss can live normal and productive lives just as any other member of society."

Carole continues to make a tremendous impact on both the Indiana Talking Book & Braille Library (TBBL) and the entire statewide low-vision community. The Indiana TBBL today is a reflection of Carole's 46 years of dedicated service. Nearly all its programs and services were either developed or administered by Carole. Carole continues to be a leader and advocate for the thousands of Hoosiers whose lives she has touched in some way over the years.

The Campbell Award, which includes a citation and a medal, is co-sponsored by ASCLA, Keystone Automated Systems and the Southern Conference of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Carole was honored at a dinner at the 2012 American Library Association annual meeting in Anaheim, CA.

Carole Rose greets attendees at the Indiana Vision Expo. Carole founded the annual event to raise awareness for programs and services that benefit Hoosiers with vision loss.

Learn more at indianavisionexpo.org

It Just Makes Census

Featured Collection

Data Center Collection: Indiana's epicenter for state and federal stats and information.

By Katherine Springer, State Data Center Coordinator, Indiana State Library

Censuses have been taken in the United States since Colonial times. The first known count of people in the United States was the Virginia Census, taken in Jamestown and described in a 1995 article "The Virginia Census of 1619," by William Thorndale, from the Magazine of Virginia Genealogy, available in the library's Genealogy Collection.

The Indiana State Library is home to the Indiana State Data Center, a program that began as a partnership between the U.S. Census Bureau and State of Indiana employees in 1976. The Census Bureau and the State wanted to establish a better foundation for communication about statistical data available to the public. The result was a national-state program developed by the Census Bureau officially in 1978 based on the Indiana's pilot program. In 1988, Indiana added the Business and Industry Data Center Program (BIDC) to meet the needs of local business communities for economic data. It provides businesses with education and access to Census Bureau data and products in addition to statistical resources. National-state SDC-BIDC partnerships now exist in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the island areas.

Today, the State Library is proud to house one of the most comprehensive historical Data Center collections in the nation.

The Virginia Census of 1624 and 1625, taken in Jamestown, was called the Virginia Muster. It counted residents; described their arrival to the colony; named family members; and counted stores of provisions (food); arsenal; livestock; and houses. A total of 1218 people were named. During the Constitutional Convention, the framers of the U.S. Constitution included one section of the document that provided for an enumeration of all inhabitants of the new country, with the ideas of representative government and taxation in mind. This count would serve as a basis for the apportionment of U.S. House of Representatives among the states and enable the U.S. government to tax on the basis of population. Hence, the first U.S. Census was taken in 1790, in accordance with Article 1 of the Constitution, which provided that enumerations take place every ten years. This remains the case today.

The Census Taker (1940)
By Norman Rockwell

The State Library's Data Center collection makes historical and current statistical resources available to patrons via federal, state, and local sources in print, CD-Rom, map, and electronic formats. The library's North Room on the 2nd floor is home to the Data Center's physical collection. Its primary focus is on decennial census data from the U.S. Census Bureau. It also includes a wide variety of statistical government information reference sources. Much of this collection circulates with permission.

We are particularly proud of the access we provide to resources from before and during the Pre-Civil War Era. The Data Center collection provides public access to the 1790 U.S. Census and each subsequent Census through the recently released 1940 edition. Print volumes from early Censuses make up the majority of items in the collection. Additional federal and state statistical sources, maps and microform resources complete the collection.

Preserving Our Past For Our Future

~ Connie Rendfeld, Digital Initiatives Librarian

When the Indiana State Library became the 25th state National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP), our goal was to create public access to historic-significant Indiana newspapers that were endanger of disappearing from public record. A $293,157 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) is enabling the State Library to digitize a significant piece of its extensive issue collection of Indiana newspapers—some of which date back to pre-statehood.

The purpose of the NDNP, a partnership between the NEH, the Library of Congress and participating states to provide enhanced access to American newspapers published between 1836 and 1922. An advisory group, consisting of the Indiana Commission on Public Records, Indiana Historical Bureau, Ball State University, Hoosier State Press Foundation, Indiana Historical Society, Indiana University School of Journalism and Indiana University—Purdue University Indianapolis, was created to develop criteria for inclusion of historic papers and ultimately select the newspapers to be digitized. Many of the Indiana newspapers digitized as part of this two-year project have already been added to the Library of Congress' Chronicling America Database (chroniclingamerica.loc.gov) and soon will be added to the State Library's Indiana Memory portal (indianamemory.org).

A year into the project, the State Library has already successfully digitized several intriguing and, in one case, groundbreaking additions to the NDNP. In September 2012, Indiana was the first state within the 32-state initiative to begin digitizing a German-language publication. In February 2013, the Indiana Tribüne was the first German-American paper to be digitized and snt to Chronicling America. Since the NDNP's project beginnings, nearly seven years ago, the Library of Congress could not accept German-printed newspapers because the font type commonly used during the 19th and 20th centuries (Fraktur) represented significant challenges when conducting Optical Character Recognition (OCR). OCR enables the end-user the ability to research digitally-created newspapers with advanced word-search engines.) Fortunately, OCR software and technology have made significant advances over the years and now allow Fraktur font-based German newspapers' a unique opportunity for ingestion by the Library of Congress.

Visit indiananewspapers.wordpress.com to learn more about the Indiana Historic Newspaper Digitization Project

With easier access to these documents (often ignored in research because of their inaccessibility) historians will have the ability to gain new and more accurate perspectives on life in this country. The digitization of the Indiana Tribüne will help provide those perspectives."

~ Giles R. Hoyt, Ph.D., Professor emeritus, Director emeritus, IUPUI Max Kade German-American Center

Thanks to the generosity of a central-Indiana resident, the Indiana State Library recently acquired an incredibly unique and eclectic collection of classic children's books.

No Kidding Around

Gift of vintage children's books becomes core of collection.

By Brent Abercrombie, Manuscripts & Rare Books Librarian

The Richard & Harriet Thomas Collection comprises approximately 270 volumes containing numerous age-old favorites. Hoosiers may fondly recall many of these classics from their own childhoods, such as: A Child's Garden of Verses, by Robert Louis Stevenson; Raggedy Ann Stories, by Johnny Gruelle; The Story of Ferdinand, by Munro Leaf; The Velveteen Rabbit, by Margery Williams; and Fairy Tales, by Hans Christian Andersen. Additionally, there are several items of historical note such as McGuffey's Fifth Eclectic Reader circa 1879, a Silicate Book Slate No. 18 that students of the time used to practice their lessons. Another rare inclusion is a salesmen's sample book circa 1893 with the following titles bound together: *Childhood's Happy Hours*; *Perfect Jewels*; *Oliver Optics New Story Book*; and *Stories of Bible Heroes*.

"The State Library is extremely grateful for this invaluable contribution by Mrs. Harriet Thomas," said Roberta L. Brooker, State Librarian. "Rare gifts such as the Richard & Harriet Thomas Collection ensure future generations of Hoosiers have access to timeless literary classics."

The extensiveness of the Thomas Collection makes it a core component of the Children's Collection. The State Library only began to actively collect children's and young adult literature in 2010.

Harriet Thomas, and her late husband Richard, were avid readers, book collectors and world travelers. The couple would call upon antiquarian bookstores in large metropolitan cities such as New York, London, and Paris in search of unique accompaniments to their collection. They had a particular fondness for first editions and books that were heavily illustrated with lavish artwork by such notable artists as Howard Pyle, N.C. Wyeth and Robert Lawson. Harriet explained that her collecting interest in children's literature was due to the raising and nurturing of her own children and the wish to provide them with rich material to encourage them in their reading.

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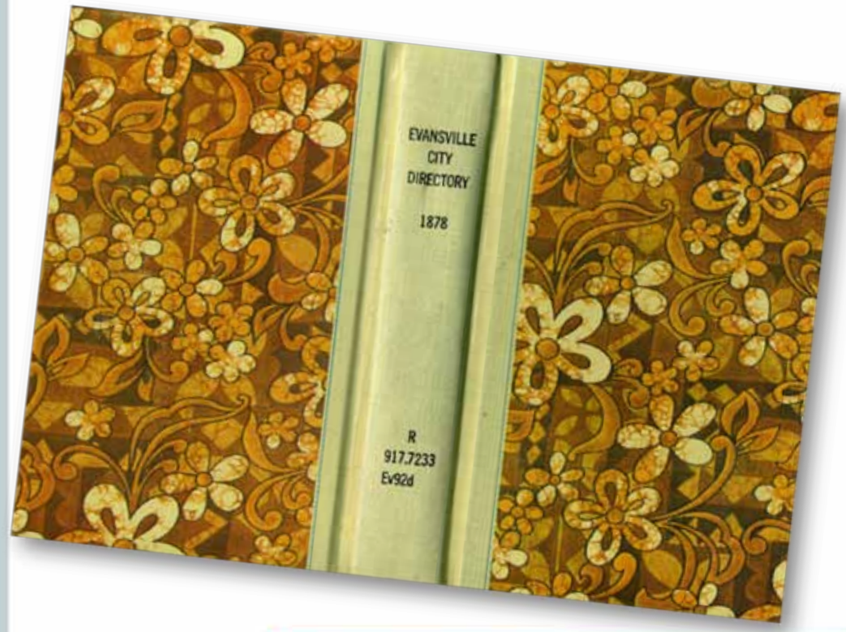

HELP PRESERVE OUR HOOSIER HERITAGE

City Directories

By Stephanie Gowler, Indiana State Library Conservator

City and county directories, housed in the Indiana Collection, are incredibly useful resources for family history researchers. The State Library has hundreds of city directories from locations statewide.

These resources would benefit from more focused preservation efforts. Your contributions, no matter how modest, could help us repair, re-house and reformat these invaluable pieces of Indiana history and preserve them for future generations.

Specifically, the State Library can use philanthropic funding to use towards necessary supplies and equipment, and temporary staff and interns to assist with project.

More Endangered Collections

- Historic Maps
- Oversized Materials (storage solutions)
- County Histories
- Cage/Holliday Collection
- Rolled Mylar Maps
- Indy Star Re-Wrapping Project
- Parchment Treaties
- Architectural Drawings

PLANNING A HISTORIC BIRTHDAY BASH
INDIANA STATE BICENTENNIAL: 1816-2016

Behind the scenes the Bicentennial Commission is moving full-speed ahead with the help of the State Library Foundation

The new Indiana Bicentennial license plate replaced the blue background "torch" plate beginning December 27, 2012 as the standard option for Hoosier motorists. Many readers have probably already noticed the new plates on thousands of vehicles across the state.

The plates are designed to pay tribute to the state's upcoming bicentennial and raise awareness about upcoming statewide bicentennial celebrations.

Officially initiated in to statehood in 1816, Indiana will celebrate its Bicentennial Anniversary in 2016. While that year may seem far in the distance, the Indiana Bicentennial Commission, which was formed in 2011, has been busily preparing and planning for this fast-approaching yearlong celebration with the help of the Indiana State Library and State Library Foundation.

The State Library Foundation has been selected as the fiscal agent of the Bicentennial effort and the State Library building is now home to the Bicentennial's staff and used for commission board meetings.

The commission, headed by former Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman and former US Representative Lee Hamilton, consists of thirteen other Hoosiers. This diverse group represents a wide variety of community and business leaders from across the state, involving state leaders all the way from Gary to Bloomington. The committee members work in higher education institutions, non-profits, and prestigious corporations all across the state, giving the commission an assorted and vibrant knowledge of all the facets of Indiana.

"The focus is going to be to take this idea of the Bicentennial out on the road and make sure that all Hoosiers know about it," said Christopher Jensen, Executive Director of the Indiana Bicentennial Commission. "We want to get the message out that 2016 is the Bicentennial Year."

While the preliminary planning for the commission and Bicentennial is still in its infancy, certain programs such as the Bicentennial Nature Trust have been announced to the general public. The Nature Trust is designed to be a matching grant program to fund environmental initiatives such as land preservation and the purchasing of land. This $20 million trust is intended to be spread out across the entirety of Indiana, with each project capping at $300,000. The idea is that all the money will be distributed by the Bicentennial year, so applications are currently being accepted through the Department of Natural Resources.

BICENTENNIAL *Nature* TRUST

In addition to the Bicentennial Nature Trust, more programs dealing with higher education, K-12 education, and our thriving automobile racing culture will be planned and announced as the Bicentennial celebration grows closer.

The goal of this Bicentennial Year is to have 100% participation from all communities in Indiana, inspiring and encouraging all Hoosiers to celebrate our statehood and the rich talents, diversity, and history that make up Indiana.

More information about this exciting time in Indiana's history is available online at

www.in.gov/indiana2016/

Bicentennial Nature Trust Grants in Your Community

The BNT is designed to encourage local participation, so each project requires a 1:1 match. The match could be provided by the Community Foundation, local non-profit or philanthropic organizations, private or corporate donors, or a bargain sale.

To ensure availability of funds for a wide variety of projects in every corner of the state, a cap of $300,000 has been set for the BNT portion of individual project. BNT funds may only be used for the acquisition of land and cannot be used for capital improvements, stewardship, or programming.

The program is flexible to allow local ownership and management of acquired properties. In these instances, the state purchases a Conservation Easement to protect the property forever.

About the Indiana Bicentennial Commission

In December 2011, Governor Mitch Daniels appointed a fifteen member commission, chaired by former Lt. Governor Becky Skillman and former Congressman Lee Hamilton, to oversee the planning and execution of a statewide celebration for Indiana's 200th birthday. Indiana's 2016 Bicentennial celebration aims to honor our state's 200 years of history, but do so in a modern way that engages all 6.5 million Hoosiers and leaves a lasting legacy for future generations. The commission will encourage each community in Indiana to take part in this unique celebration.

MEMBERS OF THE INDIANA BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION:

- **Former Lt. Governor Becky Skillman (Co-chair)**
- **Former Congressman Lee Hamilton (Co-chair)**
- **Judge Sarah Evans Barker**
- **Dr. Howard Cohen**
- **Stephen L. Ferguson**
- **Tony George**
- **P.E. MacAllister**
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- **Mary McConnell**
- **C. James McCormick**
- **State Senator Jim Merritt**
- **Ellen M. Rosenthal**
- **Justice Randall T. Shepard**

INDIANA CENTER FOR THE BOOK

McMullan Family Foundation Donation Leads Way for Indiana Youth Literary Day at the Indiana State Library

the James & Madeleine McMullan FAMILY FOUNDATION

A day full of creative writing and celebration of young Hoosier writers has been preserved thanks to the generosity of the James & Madeleine McMullan Family Foundation. After the Indiana Center for the Book's popular Letters About Literature program lost its major national donor, the McMullans stepped in to ensure that the State Library had the resources necessary to continue recognizing hundreds of Indiana's most promising writers.

Margaret McMullan, an award-winning young-adult author, has headlined the annual Letters About Literature Awards Ceremony on several occasions. The Indiana State Library hosts over 300 students and proud family members for the event annually.

"Margaret McMullan has been an invaluable advocate and partner of Letters About Literature and the Indiana Center for the Book over the past five years," said Suzanne Walker, Director of the Indiana Center for the Book. "Thanks to the significant contribution of the McMullan Foundation we can continue honoring young writers and are also able to enhance the Awards Ceremony through offering a complementary day of creative writing programs."

In addition to the Awards Ceremony, the State Library hosted its inaugural Youth Literary Day on April 27, 2013. Approximately 50 Hoosier students participated in a late-morning creative writing workshop series headlined by McMullan, her fellow University of Evansville faculty member Robert Griffith, and other notable Hoosier writers.

"It has always been the vision of State Librarian Roberta Brooker to have an educational and interactive event that corresponds with the Letters About Literature Awards Ceremony," said Walker. "We are extremely grateful to the McMullan Foundation and the National Center for the Book in the Library of Congress for enabling the State Library to grow this special program."

ABOUT LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE

The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, in cooperation with the Indiana Center for the Book, annually invites readers in grades 4 through 12 to enter Letters About Literature, a national reading-writing contest. Readers are instructed to write a personal letter to an author, living or dead, from any genre--fiction, nonfiction, or poetry, contemporary or classic--explaining how that author's work changed the student's way of thinking about the world or themselves. The top essayists are invited to attend an awards ceremony each April.

ABOUT THE 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. It 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. Learn more at

www.centerforthebook.org

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KNAPP SELECTED TO EXCLUSIVE GLOBAL COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY CONNECTIVITY

Wendy Knapp, the Indiana State Library's Associate Director for Statewide Library Services, recently attended the 2013 Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) Global Libraries Peer Learning Meeting held in Cape Town, South Africa in April. Wendy is just one of three state agency representatives to be honored with this opportunity. She attended as a delegate of Chief Officers of State Library Agencies and participated in forum discussions with other librarians from around the world.

"This is a great honor for Wendy and we're fortunate to have her represent COSLA and the State of Indiana at this important meeting of global library leaders," said Roberta L. Brooker, State Librarian of Indiana. "Wendy has been a valuable leader at the Indiana State Library for over seven years and her extensive knowledge of implementing statewide library services was surely valued by meeting attendees."

The BMGF's Global Libraries program supports efforts to supply and maintain free public access to computers and the Internet in ten countries worldwide. According to the BMGF, in today's digital age, quick and easy access to information and knowledge can transform the lives of individuals and strengthen communities. Yet, approximately 5 billion people—almost 90 percent of the world's population—do not have access to computers and the Internet.

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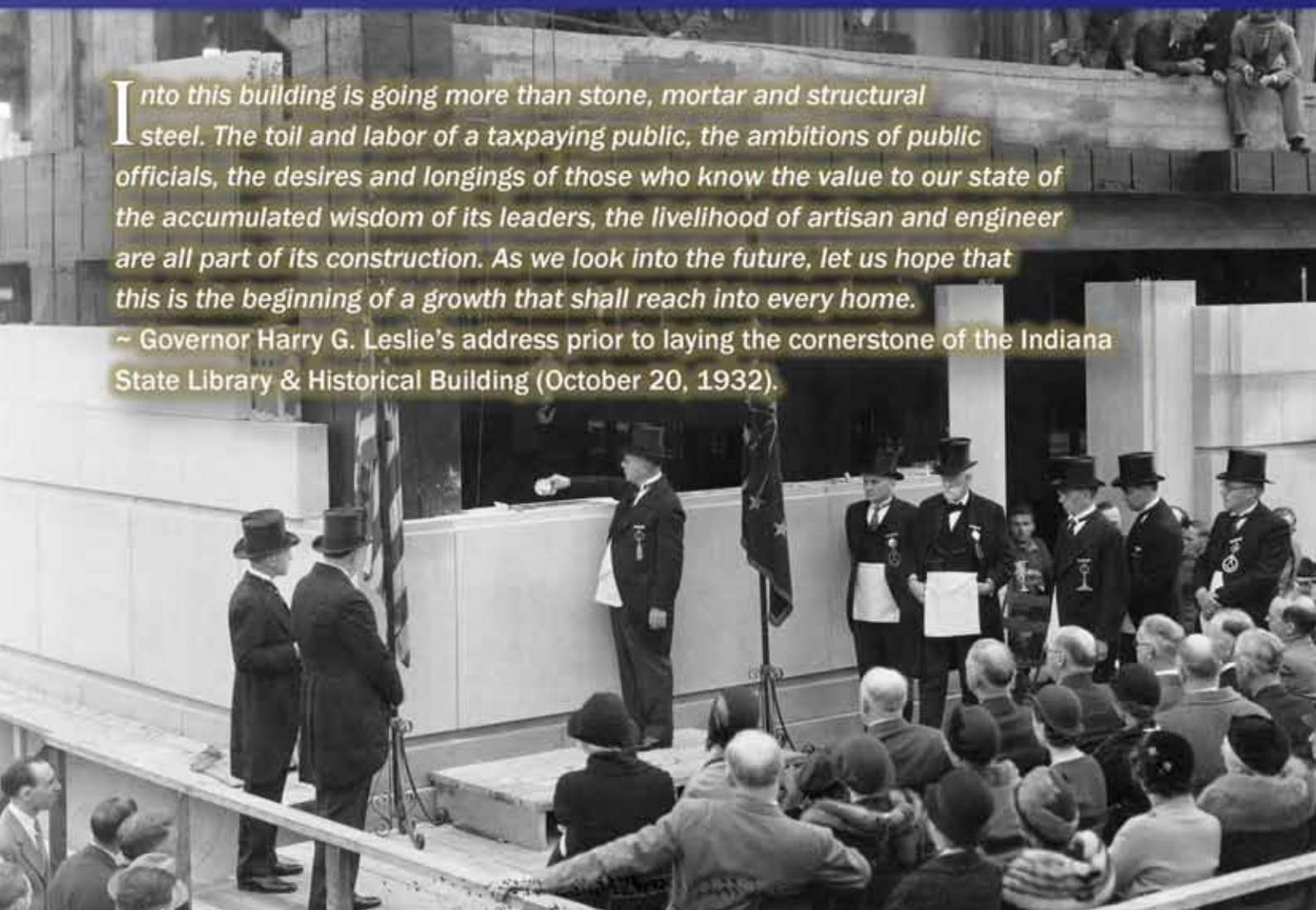

Into this building is going more than stone, mortar and structural steel. The toil and labor of a taxpaying public, the ambitions of public officials, the desires and longings of those who know the value to our state of the accumulated wisdom of its leaders, the livelihood of artisan and engineer are all part of its construction. As we look into the future, let us hope that this is the beginning of a growth that shall reach into every home.

~ Governor Harry G. Leslie's address prior to laying the cornerstone of the Indiana State Library & Historical Building (October 20, 1932).