

**Draft of Proposed
Indiana
Long-Range Plan
For Library Services
And Development:
1991-1996**

Indiana Library and Historical Board

The governing body of the Indiana State Library and the Indiana Historical Bureau
consists of five members appointed by the Governor
upon recommendations by library and historical agencies or associations.

Charles Bertram, Evansville
Recommendation of the Indiana Board of Education

James Mullin, Brookville
Recommendation of the Indiana Historical Society

Robert Trinkle, Bloomington
Recommendation of the Indiana Library Association

Ann Moreau, Indianapolis
Recommendation of the Governor

Donald Groenleer, Rochester
Recommendation of the Indiana Library Trustee Association

Charles Ray Ewick
Director, Indiana State Library

Audio Visual Services

The Indiana Film and Video Library Services Authority provides rotating collections of 16mm films and videotapes to more than 60 member libraries. ALSAs can participate in that service as well but may provide regionalized service to ALSA members. The Indiana State Library began a Video Dubbing Center program in 1980 that provides copies of videotapes, either free or at reasonable cost, to public libraries.

Regional Level

At the regional level, there are 9 independent Area Library Services Authorities, 50 federal and state document depository libraries, 30 State Data Center Affiliates, 5 Subregional Talking Book Libraries providing service for the blind and physically handicapped, and at least 4 cooperative automated circulation clusters involving 50 individual libraries. At the local level, there are 812 school, public, academic, and special libraries that share resources with one another regardless of ownership of the resources.

Library Services Authorities

There are nine independent Area Library Services Authorities that facilitate the sharing of resources on a regional basis. The ALSAs are geographically organized according to the 14 Economic Planning Districts of the state.

The ALSAs (and INCOLSA) were organized in the 1970s to promote the efficient, cooperative use of finances, personnel, materials, and property. To effect this, the ALSAs are the primary agents for the interlibrary, interjurisdictional exchange of materials and information needed by library users in their regions.

In FY 1989-90 ALSAs processed 105,489 interlibrary loans and information requests for patrons of the 749 participating school, academic, public, and special libraries. The success of these cooperatives can be measured by the increased communication between libraries of all types within the regions and the continuing education opportunities and individual consultation with members, all of which have led to improved local library service.

The ALSAs also provided in FY 1989-90, 1,247 individual consultations with librarians and

library trustees. The ALSAs assess the needs of the libraries in their regions and design programs to meet those needs and the state standards for minimal library services.

Government Documents and Information Depositories

Thousands of books, pamphlets, and microforms are published each year by the federal government and the State of Indiana. The crucial information contained in these materials is provided to Indiana's citizens through a network of document depository libraries; there are 35 federal document depository libraries and 12 state document depository libraries in Indiana which provide access to this wealth of government information.

State Data Center and Affiliates

The State Data Center Program is a federal-state partnership between the Indiana State Library, Indiana Department of Commerce, and Indiana University. Its purpose is to provide state and local access to statistical data (primarily census and state agency data) and facilitate this access through a regional network of affiliates located at ALSA Reference Centers and Regional Planning Commissions. Thousands of requests for needed statistical information have been handled through this program.

Related to this program is the Statistical Information System (STATIS), a statistical database developed by Indiana University and available to all citizens free of charge through public and university libraries.

The emergence of cooperative automated circulation clusters is a development in Indiana that has resulted in several projects involving nearly 50 libraries throughout the state. In each cluster the central computer is located in one of the participating libraries, and each library in the cluster has one or more terminals that access that system. For many libraries, this is the only cost-effective way to obtain the advantages of computerized circulation and an online catalog. Besides saving money and providing greater efficiency, there is the added advantage of increased resource sharing. It has been demonstrated that reciprocal borrowing and interlibrary loans increase significantly in areas with automated clusters.

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