

Indiana Library Public Opinion Polling Project

Understanding how Hoosiers view, value, and use libraries to strengthen advocacy, communications, and community engagement across Indiana.

Hoosiers Trust Public Libraries

75%

Librarians are capable of selecting books and library materials

74%

Support keeping public library boards nonpartisan

71%

Are confident public libraries use taxpayer dollars efficiently

Public Libraries are Essential Community Infrastructure

98%

Every Hoosier should have access to a local public library

73%

Positive job rating

65%

Public library users

School Librarians Matter

91%

Support requiring every Indiana public school district to employ at least one licensed school librarian

91%

Believe licensed school librarians positively impact reading achievement

Public Libraries Serve Real Community Needs

83%

Check out books

55%

Check out other materials

53%

Use quiet study and reading space

48%

Attend programs and events

45%

Attend children's programming

44%

Use printing, copying, and faxing

33%

Use community resources

32%

Use internet access

Support for Public Libraries Includes Support for Funding

83%

Support maintaining public library budgets

76%

Support slightly higher taxes if needed to fund public library services

72%

Believe public libraries provide greater value than cost

Choice Matters

98%

Parents should have the right to choose materials for their own children

86%

Others should not dictate library choices for other families

Public and School Libraries Reflect and Serve the Whole Community

91%

Agree library collections should reflect the entire community

97%

Agree freedom of speech is a core library value

Statewide Library Programs Matter

88%

Support restoring state funding for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

87%

Support restoring state funding for INSPIRE Indiana (Educational Databases)

Oppose Criminalizing Librarians

88%

Indiana residents overwhelmingly oppose laws that would make librarians criminally liable for including materials some individuals may find objectionable

800
Indiana Residents Surveyed
93%
Are registered voters

+/- 3.5%

Margin of Error

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