

EPIC•MRA STATEWIDE POLL – APRIL 2026

__01. Are you currently registered to vote in Indiana?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (3) Undecided/Refused

__02. Overall, how would you rate the job that your local public library is doing providing programs, services, and a broad-ranging, quality collection of books and other materials to their patrons? Would you give your local public library a positive rating of excellent or pretty good, or a negative rating of just fair or poor?

- (1) Excellent
- (2) Pretty good
- (3) Just fair
- (4) Poor
- (5) I do not have a local public library
- (6) Undecided/Refused

__03. How often do you or one or more members of your household use the programs and services of your local public library?

- (1) Frequently
- (2) Occasionally
- (3) Never
- (4) Undecided/Refused

Of the following, which describes reasons you visit your local public library? Please answer yes or no for each. The first one is...

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>UND/REF</u>
_04A. To check out books	(1)	(2)	(3)
_04B. To access the internet	(1)	(2)	(3)
_04C. For a mobile hotspot	(1)	(2)	(3)
_04D. To check out materials other than books	(1)	(2)	(3)
_04E. To attend programs	(1)	(2)	(3)
_04F. To access social services/community resources	(1)	(2)	(3)
_04G. Kids programming/events/play space	(1)	(2)	(3)
_04H. Quiet space for reading/study	(1)	(2)	(3)
_04I. Printing/copier/fax	(1)	(2)	(3)
_04J. Other (<i>please specify</i>): _____	(1)	(2)	(3)

__05. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: “Every individual in Indiana should have access to a local public library?”

- (1) Strongly agree

- (2) Somewhat agree
- (3) Somewhat disagree
- (4) Strongly disagree
- (5) Undecided/Refused

_06. How capable are librarians in deciding which books and reading materials should be included in library collections?

- (1) Very capable
- (2) Mostly capable
- (3) Somewhat capable
- (4) Not capable at all
- (5) Undecided/Refused

_07. Which of the following statements best describes your overall view about banning books in libraries?

- (1) There is absolutely no time when a book should be banned
- (2) There are sometimes when banning a book may be appropriate
- (3) There are many inappropriate books that should be banned
- (4) Undecided/Refused

For each of the following types of books, please tell me if you think they should always be banned, sometimes banned, or never banned? Books that include ...?

	<u>Always banned</u>	<u>Sometimes banned</u>	<u>Never banned</u>	<u>UND/ REF</u>
_08. Political ideas you disagree with?	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
_09. Discussions about race or slavery?	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
_10. Criticisms of people and events in U.S. history?	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
_11. Discussions about sex, gender identity or sexual orientation?	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

_12. Would you support or oppose laws that would make librarians criminally liable for including materials some people find objectionable?

- (1) Strongly supports
- (2) Somewhat support
- (3) Somewhat oppose
- (4) Strongly oppose
- (5) Undecided/Refused

_13. Should public library boards continue to be unaffiliated with a political party, or does it not matter?

- (1) Library Boards should not be politically affiliated
- (2) It does not matter

(3) Undecided/Refused

Of the following, where do you think children are likely to be exposed to or acquire objectionable material? Please answer yes or no for each. The first one is...

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>UND/REF</u>
_14A. In school	(1)	(2)	(3)
_14B. In school libraries	(1)	(2)	(3)
_14C. In public libraries	(1)	(2)	(3)
_14D. On the internet	(1)	(2)	(3)
_14E. From friends	(1)	(2)	(3)
_14F. Social media	(1)	(2)	(3)
_14G. Their phones	(1)	(2)	(3)
_14H. TV and movies	(1)	(2)	(3)
_14I. Video games	(1)	(2)	(3)

_15. At what age do you believe children should be able to begin selecting their own library materials?

AGE: _____

Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statements. The first one is ...

	<u>Strong Agree</u>	<u>Smwt Agree</u>	<u>Smwt Disagree</u>	<u>Strong Disagree</u>	<u>UND REF</u>
_16. Individuals have the right to choose materials for their own children.	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
_17. Patrons have the right to access their child's checkout history.	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
_18. Individuals do not have the right to dictate the choice of library materials for others.	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
_19. Library collections should reflect the entire community.	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
_20. Freedom of speech is a core value for libraries.	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
_21. Age-appropriate books on sex education or human body development should be included in collections for their intended audience.	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
_22. Age-appropriate books that include representation of the LGBTQ+ population should be included in collections for their intended audience.	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)

__23. If your elected officials supported banning books, would that make you more or less likely to vote for them, or would this issue not influence your vote one way or the other?

- (1) Much more likely to vote for that person
- (2) Somewhat more likely to vote for that person
- (3) No influence on way or the other
- (4) Somewhat less likely to vote for that person
- (5) Much less likely to vote for that person
- (6) Undecided/Refused

__24. The Dolly Parton Imagination Library provides free books every month from birth to age 5 for children and families and is a core component of access to reading material for preschool students. How important is it to you that the state restores budget support for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library so that children continue to have this access?

- (1) Very important
- (2) Somewhat important
- (3) Only a little important
- (4) Not important at all
- (5) Undecided/Refused

__25. INSPIRE is a statewide funded online service that provides many resources including college test prep, various research databases, workforce development, and learning tools for school aged children. Funding was reduced significantly for the 2025-2026 fiscal year by the state legislature. How important is it to you that the state restores budget support for this service?

- (1) Very important
- (2) Somewhat important
- (3) Only a little important
- (4) Not important at all
- (5) Undecided/Refused

__26. Do you support or oppose maintaining the current budget for sustaining your local public library services?

- (1) Strongly supports
- (2) Somewhat support
- (3) Somewhat oppose
- (4) Strongly oppose
- (5) I do not have a local public library
- (6) Undecided/Refused

__27. If maintaining library budgets required slightly higher local taxes, would you support or oppose slightly higher local taxes for that purpose?

- (1) Strongly supports
- (2) Somewhat support

- (3) Somewhat oppose
- (4) Strongly oppose
- (5) Undecided/Refused

__28. Do you think decisions about public library budgets should primarily be made by locally appointed library boards, or by county or city/town fiscal bodies?

- (1) Library boards
- (2) County or city/town fiscal bodies
- (3) Both equally
- (4) Undecided/Refused

__29. How confident are you that local public libraries use taxpayer revenue efficiently?

- (1) Very confident
- (2) Somewhat confident
- (3) Only a little confident
- (4) Not confident at all
- (5) Undecided/Refused

__30. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "Access to a local public library affects where I choose to purchase or rent a home."

- (1) Strongly agree
- (2) Somewhat agree
- (3) Somewhat disagree
- (4) Strongly disagree
- (5) Undecided/Refused

__31. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "The value of the services I receive from my public library exceeds the personal investment I pay in taxes to support the library."

- (1) Strongly agree
- (2) Somewhat agree
- (3) Somewhat disagree
- (4) Strongly disagree
- (5) Undecided/Refused

__32. Do you support or oppose requiring every Indiana public school district to employ at least one full-time licensed school librarian?

- (1) Strongly support
- (2) Somewhat support
- (3) Somewhat oppose
- (4) Strongly oppose
- (5) Undecided/Refused

__33. If this required additional state funding, would you still support it?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (3) Undecided/Refused

__34. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "Licensed school librarians have a meaningful impact on students' reading achievement."

- (1) Strongly agree
- (2) Somewhat agree
- (3) Somewhat disagree
- (4) Strongly disagree
- (5) Undecided/Refused

__35. Do you have school-age children aged 18 or younger living in your household?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (3) Undecided/Refused

__36. Which of the following best describes the community where you reside?

- (1) Rural
- (2) Urban
- (3) Suburban
- (4) Undecided/Refused

__37. Could you please tell me in what year you were born?

- (1) 18 to 34 years **(1992 to 2008)**
- (2) 35 to 49 **(1977 to 1991)**
- (3) 50 to 64 **(1962 to 1976)**
- (4) 65 and over **(1961 or before)**
- (5) Undecided/Refused

__38. What is the last grade or level of schooling you completed?

- (1) 1st to 11th Grade
- (2) High School Graduate
- (3) Non-college post high school (technical training)
- (4) Some college
- (5) College graduate
- (6) Post graduate school
- (7) Undecided/Refused

__39. What is your religion -- Protestant, Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim or some their religion?

- (1) Protestant (**Methodist, Baptist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, or Episcopalian**)
- (2) Roman Catholic or Catholic
- (3) Eastern Orthodox
- (4) Jewish
- (5) Muslim
- (6) Other
- (7) Christian – Non Denominational (*volunteered*)
- (8) None (*volunteered*)
- (9) Undecided/Refused

__40. Which of the following racial or ethnic groups best describes you - White, African American or Black, Hispanic or Latino, Asian, Native American, of two or more races, or some other group or race?

- (1) White
- (2) African American/Black
- (3) Hispanic or Latino (Puerto Rican, Mexican American etc.)
- (4) Asian
- (5) Native American
- (6) Two or more races/Of mixed race
- (7) Other
- (8) Undecided/Refused

__41. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a Republican or a Democrat?

(IF DEM) Do you consider yourself a strong Democrat or a not very strong Democrat?

(IF INDEP) Do you consider yourself closer to the Republican or Democratic Party?

(IF REP) Do you consider yourself a strong Republican or not a very strong Republican?

- (1) Strong Democrat
- (2) Not Strong Democrat
- (3) Independent-Lean Democrat
- (4) Independent
- (5) Independent-Lean Republican
- (6) Not Strong Republican
- (7) Strong Republican
- (8) Other
- (9) Undecided/Refused

__42. Would you please tell me in which of the following categories your total yearly household income falls; including everyone in the household? Please stop me when I get to the category that applies to you?

- (1) Under \$25,000
- (2) \$25,000 to \$50,000
- (3) \$50,000 to \$75,000
- (4) \$75,000 to \$100,000
- (5) \$100,000 to \$150,000
- (6) Over \$150,000
- (7) Retired

(8) Undecided/Refused

__43. Do you consider yourself part of the LGBTQ+ community?

(1) Yes

(2) No

(3) Undecided/Refused

__44. How do you describe your gender?

(1) Man/Male

(2) Woman/Female

(3) Transgender

(4) Non-binary

(5) Agender

(6) Other (*please specify*): _____

(9) Undecided/Refused