

Individual Awards

2026

Librarians

Award Name	Eligibility
Federation Leadership	ILF member, minimum of 5 years
Lifetime Achievement	ILF member, minimum of 10 years; minimum of 20 years in library services
Outstanding Librarian	ILF member; certified
Outstanding New Librarian	ILF member; certified, maximum of 3 years
Outstanding School Librarian	ILF/AISLE member; IN certified, minimum of 5 years
Outstanding New School Librarian	ILF/AISLE member; IN certified, maximum of 5 years
Peggy L. Pfeiffer AISLE Service	ILF/ AISLE member, minimum of previous 4 years

Library Staff

Award Name	Eligibility
Outstanding Library Staff	Non-certified; employed in any library, full or part-time

Library Support

Award Name	Eligibility
Federation Volunteer	Service to the ILF
Sena Kautz (Media Center Service) Merit	Non-media professional; contributions/services to media center

Institutional Awards 2026

Libraries

Award Name	Eligibility
Esther V. Burrin School Media Project	ILF/AISLE member

Library Outreach

Award Name	Eligibility
Outstanding Library	ILF institutional member; trustees listed for IN Library Trustees/ Supporter Assoc. (if applicable)
Programming	ILF institutional member; trustees listed for IN Library Trustees/ Supporter Assoc. (if applicable)
Sara Laughlin Marketing Award	ILF institutional member

Special Situations

Award Name	Eligibility
Collaboration Award	Open to any corporation, organization, library, or library consortium; maximum time lapse of 3 years
Partnership Award	Open to any corporation, organization, group, business contributor, or vendor; collaboration with IL

Individual & Institutional Awards

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Library Support

Award Name	Eligibility
Everyone Counts	ILF personal or institutional member
Hoosier Intellectual Freedom	ILF personal or institutional member or trustee member
Library Advocacy	Individual, state or federal legislator, corporate entity, or group; library advocate or patronage
Library Champion	Individual, corporate entity, or group who has rendered outstanding service IN libraries or media centers
Read Aloud Champion	Any professional or volunteer; read aloud to children birth to 18

Special Situations

Award Name	Eligibility
Tom Zupancic Literacy in Libraries	Advocate of literacy in libraries; collaborated with a library

Note- All awards in this category are given to **both** individuals and institutions unless noted.

Scholarship for Professional Development

Award Name	Eligibility
David Dickey Continuing Education Award	Currently employed at an institution for higher learning in Indiana in a faculty, staff, or librarian role. Research connection.

Scholarships for Higher Education

Scholarship Name	Eligibility
The Esther Schlundt Memorial Scholarship Fund	Entering or currently enrolled in an ALA- accredited graduate degree program in library and information science
The Sue Marsh Weller Memorial Scholarship Fund	Entering or currently enrolled in an ALA- accredited graduate study specializing in children's librarianship
The William Gresh Memorial Scholarship	Currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate certification program for Library Media Services; must meet current criteria for IDOE