

Every Day Advocacy

**Building relationships with local
officials and organizations**

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Indiana Library Federation leads, educates, and advocates to advance library services for the benefit of Indiana residents.



INTRODUCTIONS

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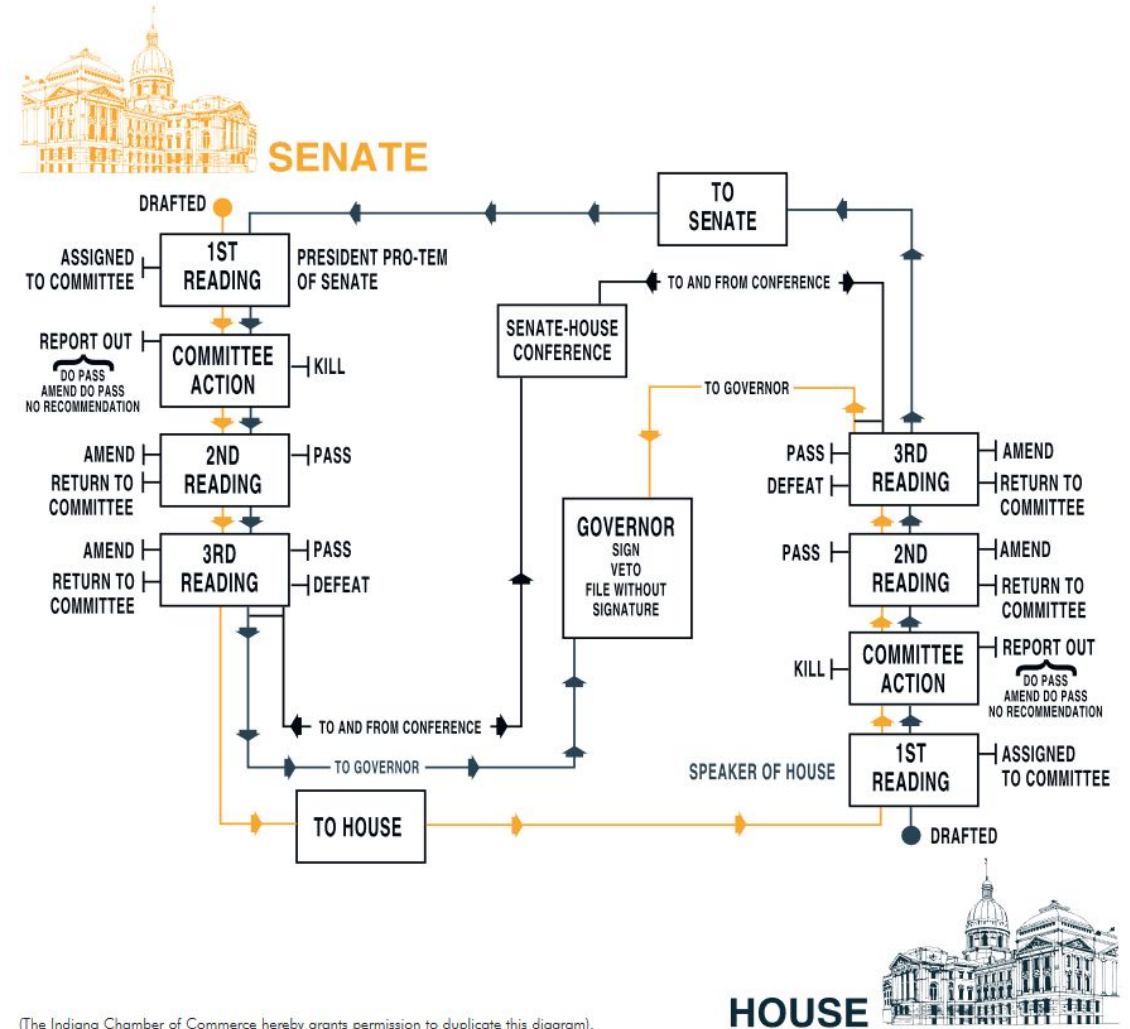
LEGISLATIVE OVERVIEW

- **2 parts of the General Assembly: House and Senate**
- **100 Representatives (serve 2-year terms)**
- **50 Senators (serve 4-year terms)**
- **District maps available at: iga.in.gov/information/**
- **Odd years = Long Session-Budget year**
- **Even years = Short Session**

LEGISLATIVE OVERVIEW

- Legislative process of the IN General Assembly is complex
- It isn't over until Sine Die

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WHO ARE YOUR STATE LEGISLATORS?

- **Find your legislator:**
iga.in.gov/information/find-legislators
- **1 Representative and 1 Senator that represents you and where you reside and work**
- **Legislative Mapping Survey for ILF**



RECENT LEGISLATION

- **HEA 1447 (2023) Education Matters, Effective January 1, 2024**
 - Requires schools to have challenge policy, catalog available on school website, removes education defense for schools
- **HB 1221 (2024) Matters that are obscene or harmful to minors**
- **SEA 202 (2024) State Educational Matters. Effective July 1, 2024**
 - Affects academic librarians—professors must foster an environment of intellectual diversity or face discipline, threatens tenure, threatens academic freedom
- **SB 32 (2024) Library funding**

ANTICIPATED LEGISLATION

- **Senator Tomes: Public Library Funding or Public Library taxing authority**
- **Harmful materials, public libraries added to HEA 1447**
- **Property tax reform**

ILF: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Advocacy Committee

- **Taft Public Affairs Group**
- **Meets year round**
- **Educational webinars, training, and conference sessions**
- **ILF Statehouse Day, TBD Winter 2025**

ILF: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Grassroots Pro-Library Campaign

Hawthorne: Development of a grassroots pro-library campaign

- Counterbalance to Purple for Parents and Mom's for Liberty social media
- Sourcing community supporters
- Building support
- Fundraising



ILF: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Intellectual Freedom Committee

- Educational webinars, training, and conference sessions
- Mock book challenges
- Partnership with ISBA

ILF IF Resources



YOU: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

- **Become a personal member of ILF and be an active member**
- **Advocate for your library to be an institutional member of ILF**
- **Inform yourself**
 - **Library Advocacy Update**
 - **Look for “Calls to Action” on library listservs**
 - **Follow ILF Social Media**
 - **Pay attention to your local news outlets**
 - **ILF Advocacy updates on ILFwebsite:
<https://inlf.memberclicks.net/advocacy>**

YOU: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

- **Join INFREADOM group and share it with others**
- **Attend ILF Statehouse Day**
- **Attend ILF Regional and Annual Conference**
- **Develop your “elevator speech”-share data and stories**

EVERYDAY ADVOCACY SCENARIO

A friend mentions the great audiobook they are listening to on the Audible App.

EVERYDAY ADVOCACY SCENARIO

- **Libby App**
- **Local library digital resources**
- **Indiana Digital Library-statewide resource sharing**

EVERYDAY ADVOCACY SCENARIO

“I can’t believe all the nonsense about booking banning. I remember all the fights about that in the 80’s when I was growing up.”

EVERYDAY ADVOCACY SCENARIO

- **Collection Development Policies**
- **Reconsideration of Materials**
- **Public Libraries have materials to suit the entire community**
- **INFREEDOM**

EVERYDAY ADVOCACY SCENARIO

Your next door neighbor sees you working in the yard as they are opening their mail. They come to ask you why the library appears on their tax bill.

EVERYDAY ADVOCACY SCENARIO

- **Libraries are government taxing entities that receive a portion of the local property taxes.**
- **Inform them of all of the services and resources that the library provides!**

EVERYDAY ADVOCACY SCENARIO

You are part of a library committee planning a ribbon cutting ceremony for the library's new outdoor learning space.

EVERYDAY ADVOCACY SCENARIO

- **Invite local legislators to join you**
- **Invite local government officials too**
- **Did you have a company/organization sponsor or receive a grant? Ask them to come too! OR, ask organizations/businesses to sponsor something for the space.**
- **Set up areas around the space to highlight resources (i.e. STEM programs)**

EVERYDAY ADVOCACY SCENARIO

Your senior neighbor remarks that she has been lonely and feeling disconnected after the loss of her husband last year.

EVERYDAY ADVOCACY SCENARIO

- **Suggest attending library programs! (i.e. book clubs, craft programs)**
- **Creative Aging Programming (Crown Point)**

QUESTIONS?

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