
Indiana Libraries Change Lives: A Public Awareness Campaign

Libraries have the power to change lives! That was the concept behind this year's Indiana Library Federation public awareness campaign. Every day, libraries meet the needs of millions of people. For many, the library experience becomes an event that shapes their lives -- from checking out their first book to searching a database that helps them find a job; from doing genealogical research that completes their family tree to discovering an author who influences their personal philosophy -- libraries have long been a cornerstone of our communities.

The Indiana Libraries Change Lives campaign was designed to spotlight the vital role libraries play in our neighborhoods, schools, colleges, universities, and businesses. To spread this message, we utilized our most powerful resource -- the personal stories of library users. Many library users have stories that are most compelling, and these experiences are the most impressive evidence that we can present to convey the essential role libraries play.

Libraries around the state participated in this campaign and were generous enough to share their user's stories with us. This publication is the compilation of those stories. The Indiana Library Federation Public Awareness Committee would like to thank all of the Indiana libraries that were a part of this campaign, as well as the Indiana State Library. Without the support of these organizations and funding from the Library Services and Construction Act, this publication would not have been possible. We hope you will enjoy reading these stories as much as we enjoyed bringing them to you.

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