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Dear Hoosier Library Professionals,

It is with great excitement that we announce the official launch of [*Crossroads: The Journal of Indiana Libraries*](#).

As a work in progress for several years, *Crossroads* is a peer reviewed, open access scholarly journal that is published by the Indiana Library Federation (ILF) in partnership with Indiana Academic Library Association (IALA), [Indiana Black Librarians Network \(IBLN\)](#), [Academic Libraries of Indiana \(ALI\)](#), and [Private Academic Library Network of Indiana \(PALNI\)](#). It is the successor to [Indiana Libraries](#), a peer-reviewed journal published by the ILF from 1981 to 2016, but it is distinctive in that it is a reflection of the current shape and culture of the ILF.

While *Crossroads* is published by the ILF, *Crossroads* is collectively our/your journal. The scope of suitable topics is intentionally broad so as to encompass most topics that touch upon the study, practices, and policies of librarianship that impact Indiana libraries, Indiana librarians and information professionals, and Indiana library patrons. It emphasizes diversity through publishing content relevant to and created by all types of Indiana libraries (K-12, public, academic, specialty), and is intended to represent your professional perspectives and expertise. The journal features a broad representation of work types - research articles, editorials, essays, professional notes, and letters. This variety is designed to provide an assortment of low to high threshold means of communication that facilitate contributions by all of our information professionals and from all types of libraries across the state and beyond.

During this period of increasing destabilization, shrinking budgets, and threats to privacy and intellectual freedom, there has never been a better time for libraries to share their ideas, collaborate, and drive improvements to the critical services we provide for all of our disparate communities. We hope that you will find this journal informative and useful in the commission of your work. We hope that what you read will generate new ideas and compel you [to share your stories, research, and thoughts](#). And we hope it will amplify your voices and emphasize the topics that are most relevant to you.

Please join me in celebrating the launch of our new journal.

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