

## Letter Supporting Library Union in Indianapolis

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Dear Indianapolis-Marion County Library Board Members Gregory Jordan, Louis Mahern, Gary Meyer, Peter Pizarro, Mary Lou Rothe and Sarah Taylor:

The Progressive Librarians Guild, a national organization of public, academic, and special librarians, urges the Indianapolis-Marion County Library Board recognize the request for union representation made by its library workers. It is our understanding that a majority of these workers have expressed support for a union, and the next proper step is to verify the majority support and begin negotiations with the workers' union.

Collective bargaining is not only a right, it is a reasonable and fair practice. Libraries work better when staff has a voice in library policies that directly affect them as employees. Library workers are marginalized enough as it is; very often union representation is the only mechanism they have to assure equitable treatment and respect on the job. Please don't deny these workers that opportunity.

Thank you.

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How you can help link:  
<http://indylibraryunion.org/how.html>