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## Media Release

### **Bloomfield-Eastern Greene County Public Library Wins IGS Electronic Database Award**

**Bloomfield, IN, May 23, 2018:** At the Indiana Genealogical Society (IGS) Annual Conference at IU-Southeast (New Albany) on April 28, the Bloomfield Library was awarded \$500 as this year's recipient of the IGS Electronic Database Award. This award is in recognition of the Library's contributions to the IGS website and preservation of records for Indiana.

Local History/Genealogy and Cataloging Librarian, Mary Witte, spearheaded the Library's efforts to start digitizing more items over the past year. "We are thrilled to be recognized for the work we have done at the library. It's encouraging to continue on this path moving forward," said Witte. The Library was awarded a digitization kit in 2017 from IGS that allowed their electronic database efforts to get started. This included a laptop and flatbed scanner at no cost to the Library other than committing to sending IGS five databases within one year. Witte also was appointed by the IGS Board as the official Greene County Genealogist for her work in Bloomfield. The Library plans to use this money for future digitization and preservation projects.

Library Director, Austin Stroud, added "Local history and genealogy is a big part of our 2017-2019 Strategic Plan. We are excited to have \$500 more to spend on these efforts in the coming days ahead." Interested in learning more about the work the Library is doing where local history and genealogy is concerned? Feel free to contact Mary Witte at [mwitte@bloomfield.lib.in.us](mailto:mwitte@bloomfield.lib.in.us), by calling the library 812-384-4125, or stopping by for an appointment.

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