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Preserving the history of the Indiana State Library



Recently in the ISL Conservation Lab our Conservator, Rebecca Shindel, completed treatment on four original editions of the Indianapolis Sunday Star from September 23, 1934 featuring a front page story on the opening of the new Indiana State Library.

Because newspapers are made from lower-quality wood pulp paper, they deteriorate rapidly and become very brittle with age. These four copies were stored in our collections out of the light and in a relatively stable environment for 80 years, so they are luckily in better condition than most newspapers would be at their age.

To unfold the copies safely and to reduce the possibility of the paper flaking and tearing along the fold lines, the papers are gently humidified over many hours to relax them and reduce the danger of damage. They are then gently pressed overnight to help them stay flat so that they can be stored and viewed safely. To see a series of pictures that were taken of the process [click here](#).

Indiana Library Leadership Academy 2014 Conference Part 2



As mentioned in last week's article, one of the hallmarks of participation in the Indiana Library Leadership Academy (InLLA) in addition to leadership training is the creation of a capstone project. The new InLLA cohort spent time assessing the strengths and challenges of the library community in Indiana in order to create these projects. The new projects for the upcoming cycle are described below. From July 2014 to July 2015, follow the #InLLA discussion and stay current on project progress on Twitter!

The Indiana State Library is very proud to support the Indiana Library Leadership Academy which has brought intensive leadership training and networking opportunities to 52 library leaders from public, academic, school and special library environments across the state of Indiana.

Demystifying Distance Education

Create a means of communication and translation of student's needs for accessing academic institution's online resources through a customizable template and a website with basic information and best practices.

Group Members: James Bell, Anderson University and Eleanor Nave, Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

September Library Card Sign-up Month Resources Now Available Online



It's time to start preparing for Library Card Sign-up Month which takes place in September. The campaign is designed to remind parents and children that a library card is an essential component for school success. The legendary American comic book creator [Stan Lee has been named Honorary Chair](#) for the 2014 National Library Card Sign-up Month.

Download promotional material including print PSA's featuring the co-creator of the Marvel Universes most popular superheroes Spider-Man, the X-Men, and Iron Man on the [Library Card Sign-up Month website](#). There are also [additional resources](#) including sample press releases, bookmarks, programming ideas, and Facebook cover art available designed to remind people of all the resources available free with a library card.

To stay up to date with all the activities during Library Card Sign-up Month visit the [@your library website](#), and follow @your library on [Facebook](#). Check out other great ways to use your library card, such as [60 ways to use your library card](#), and [Connect with your kids @ your library Family Activity Guide \(PDE\)](#), and [blog](#).

You are also welcome to submit your programming plans or additional questions to Megan McFarlane, campaign coordinator, at mmcfarlane@ala.org

Indiana Library Jobs



[Assistant Library Director](#)
Peru Public Library

[Bookkeeper/Treasurer \(Part-Time\)](#)
Bloomfield-Eastern Greene County
Public Library

[Children's Department Manager](#)
Hamilton North Public Library

[Collections Archivist](#)
IUPUI University Library

[Instructional Services Librarian](#)
IUPUI University Library

[Interim Director](#)
Roachdale Franklin Township Public
Library

[Library Director](#)
Starke County Public Library System

[Public Services specialist \(Part Time\)](#)
Muncie Public Library

[Reference Librarian](#)
Carmel Clay Public Library

[Reference Librarian \(Part Time\)](#)
Goshen Public Library

To see the complete list of current
openings listed on the ISL
[Continuing Education Jobs page](#) click
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["Kin Killin' Kin"](#)
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festival](#)
Union City Public Library

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awarded LSTA grant](#)
Washington Carnegie Public Library

National Library News

[Why the Public Library Beats
Amazon—for Now](#)
The Wall Street Journal

Let's Do Lunch

In an effort to help more libraries in the state of Indiana collaborate with local agencies to provide summer meals for youth in need. Lauri Chandler and Katie Springer will be researching communities throughout the state during this year to provide condensed information on how to get started and partnering options. If a library is ready to make summer meals available in their area, consider Let's Do Lunch your Library/Lunch Lady Consultants and utilize their resources or contact them for further information at the Let's Do Lunch website:

www.bookblogfun.doodlekit.com

Group Members: Lauri Chandler, Vigo County Public Library and Katie Springer, Indiana State Library

Library Lifeline

The Library Lifeline will provide first response social services assistance according to need and region. Areas of information will include: Homelessness & Hunger, Substance Abuse & Addictions, Family Support & Parenting, and Housing & Utilities. The database/website will be easily accessible, quick to navigate, and will include ways in which libraries and organizations can better work together to assure that the information is shared throughout the community. We don't have to answer these kind of questions all of the time, but when the need arises, we'll be able to make a difference immediately.

Group Members: Beth Davidson, Dunkirk Public Library and Emily Ellis, Greenwood Public Library

Staff recognition LEAD Awards (Library Excellence, Achievement, and Dedication Awards)

Members of this group seek to give library staff—not just librarians, but all types of library staff—throughout the state of Indiana increased recognition for their accomplishments. We will do this by creating a recognition newsletter or recognition column in an existing newsletter, and host a Library Academy Awards ceremony once per year to honor those who have made an especially positive impacts in their libraries.

Group Members: Angela Eck, Allen County Public Library and Cheryl Smith, East Chicago Public Library

LITEboxIN

Technology training and education of library staff is like the elephant in the room. We all struggle with getting staff up to speed with technology to assist patrons, but none of us have the resources or time to deal with it. That is where

Register by August 15th to attend the Genealogy for Night Owls August 20th event



The Indiana State Library is hosting a unique event to help Hoosiers discover their family history. Genealogy for Night Owls is a chance to get one-on-one assistance from State Library subject experts. The event will include opportunities for extra research time, library orientation and collection tours, Ask-An-Expert sessions, and more!

[Registration is required by August 15](#) for this unique and free event at the Indiana State Library. To view a copy of the event poster [click here](#).

Upcoming Workshops & Important Dates

[InfoExpress Renewal Period](#)
When: Now - August 31

[ACPL Library Camp 2014](#)
When: August 19
Where: Allen County Public Library

[Genealogy for Night Owls](#)
When: August 20
Where: Indiana State Library

[CYPD Conference](#)
When: August 24 & 25
Where: Marriot East Indianapolis

[Copyright Conference](#)
When: September 12, 2014
Where: Indiana State Library

[SAMS Conference](#)
When: September 18 & 19
Where: Greensburg-Decatur PL

[Indiana Vision Expo](#)
When: September 27
Where: Indiana State Library

[Friends of Indiana Libraries \(FOIL\) Conference](#)
When: October 22, 2014
Where: Melton Public Library

[Genealogy & Local History Fair](#)
When: October 25, 2014
Where: Indiana State Library

[ILF Annual Conference](#)
When: November 17-19
Where: Marriot East Indianapolis

View free LEU opportunities from:

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LITEBoxIN comes into play. Built using the concept of a Library Box (a small, low-powered webservice), funds will be raised through partnerships with vendors to send a box full of training resources and access to thousands of books on the public domain to every library in Indiana. Regular updates will be delivered after that via a flash drive. This project hopes to launch with a small pilot of 15-20 libraries in January 2015, once funding has been established. If you are interested in this pilot project, contact Jonathan Gaskill director@fulco.lib.in.us, or Austin Stroud astroud@bloomfield.lib.in.us for more information.

Group Members: Jonathan Gaskill, Fulton County Public Library and Austin Stroud, Bloomfield Eastern Greene County Public Library



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