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ALA to Conduct Survey on Digital Literacy, Community Needs

Based on an American Library Association release [Digital Inclusion Survey](#)

Starting this September, the [American Library Association \(ALA\) Office for Research & Statistics](#) and the [University of Maryland Information Policy & Access Center](#) will begin capturing information about the vital roles public libraries play in supporting digital inclusion. The *Digital Inclusion Survey* will take the pulse of public library service in the areas of digital literacy, economic and workforce development, civic engagement, educational support, health information and public access to the internet.

Funded by a three-year, National Leadership Grant award from the [Institute for Museum & Library Services \(IMLS\)](#), the study builds on the long-running [Public Library Funding & Technology Access Study](#), which provided a “state of the library” [report](#) on the technology resources brokered by libraries and the funding that enables free public access to these resources.

The survey will provide national and state estimates, but more importantly, will interactively show public libraries in context with community-level data (e.g., graduation and unemployment rates). Survey participants will be able to identify community impacts of library public computer and Internet access; identify gaps in technology services based on community needs and demographics; and demonstrate library contributions to community digital inclusion efforts.

Examples of how survey data can be used, as well as other information about the study, can be found at <http://digitalinclusion.umd.edu/>. The survey goes live Sept. 3, 2013. A follow up to this article will be published in the September 4th edition of *The Wednesday Word*.

Online Resources Available for Library Card Sign-up Month

[September is Library Card Sign-Up Month](#) It's time to plan for Library Card Sign-up Month happening this September. NBA All-Star forward Luol Deng of the Chicago Bulls has been named spokesman for 2013 National Library Card Sign-Up Month.

Indiana libraries can download promotional material such as digital, print and audio PSA's featuring Deng on the [Library Card Sign-up Month 2013 website](#). Also check out these [additional resources](#), such as sample press releases, bookmarks, programming ideas and the new "60 Ways to Use Your Library Card" feature.

Indiana libraries are also encouraged to follow atyourlibrary.org during Library Card Sign-up Month at the #lcsu13 and #librarycard hashtags and [like atyourlibrary.org](#) on Facebook. You are also welcome to submit your programming plans or additional questions to Megan McFarlane, campaign coordinator, at mmcfarlane@ala.org.

State Library, Net Literacy Offering Free Public Access CPUs

Register Today for Story Time Boot Camp

Register today for Story Time Boot Camp. Space is limited and many locations may fill up quickly. Visit the [WebJunction Indiana Online Calendar](#) to secure your spot.

Locations:

Rushville PL: 8/27 @ 9:00 AM

Carmel Clay PL: 9/5 @ 9:00 AM

Vermillion Co. PL: 9/12 @ 9:00 AM

Allen County PL: 9/17 @ 1:30 PM

Ohio Twp PL System: 9/18 @ Noon (CDT)

New Albany Floyd Co. PL: 9/26 @ 10:00 AM

Mooresville PL: 10/3 @ 9:00 AM

Jay County PL: 10/18 @ 9:30 AM

Remington Carpenter Twp PL: 10/30 @ 9:30 AM

[Upcoming Workshops, & Important Dates](#)

[New Director and Refresher Workshop](#)

When: August 20

Where: Indiana State Library

[2013 CYPD Conference](#)

When: August 25 & 26

Where: Marriott East - Indianapolis

[Storytime Boot Camp](#)

When: August 27 @ 9:00 AM

Where: Rushville Public Library

[2013 SAMS Conference](#)

When: September 19 & 20

Where: Pendleton Public Library

[ILF Annual Conference](#)


When: October 22 & 23

Where: Indiana Convention Center - Indianapolis

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Your Library Making News?
Email your news for inclusion in *The Wednesday Word*

 [SL Reference Hotline](#)

The Indiana State Library, in partnership  [Net Literacy](#) with Net Literacy, is offering free, rebuilt public access computers. These computers are available to any public, school, or institutional library in Indiana. Please visit Net Literacy's [website](#) to learn more about the organization and their efforts to improve digital literacy nationwide.

These refurbished computers are all running Windows 7 and have a minimum of 1GB ram, 40GB or larger hard drives, Ethernet cards, antivirus software and will be delivered ready to be connected to the Internet. A limited number of monitors are also available; both flat screen and CRT models.

To request computer(s) for your library, please complete [this brief questionnaire](#) by **August 20th, 2013**.

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