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New statewide e-book consortium announced



The Indiana State Library has announced the formation of a new statewide e-book consortium, the Indiana Digital Library, launching on March 1. Nearly 200 public libraries in the state will all share the [OverDrive](#) platform to create a statewide consortium of e-books and magazines. This new consortium - made up of libraries that serve populations under 150,000 - will benefit libraries, taxpayers and library users. Patrons of consortium member libraries will have the ability to borrow materials from both their own library's collections and the member library collections. The State Library is paying the platform fees for the

Upcoming workshops and important dates

[Building Community Engagement and Awareness Through Little Free Library - NEW DATE!](#)

When: Feb. 24, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Summer Reading 2022 Roundtable Discussion](#)

When: March 1, 1-2 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[Getting Started with Marketplace - Indiana Digital Library \(Overdrive\) - NEW DATE!](#)

When: March 2, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[What's Up Wednesday - Get INSPIRED](#)

When: March 9, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Come As You Are: Getting Started with EDI Committees in Your Library](#)

Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

[Information Services Manager](#)

Anderson Public Library

[Technical Services Department Manager](#)

Avon-Washington Township Public Library

[Adult Services Librarian](#)

Huntington City-Township Public Library

[Program Specialist \(Adult Focus\)](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

[Program Specialist \(Immigrant Outreach Focus\)](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

[Adult Services Director](#)

North Webster Community Public Library

[Youth Services Coordinator](#)

Sullivan County Public Library

If you would like your Indiana library job posting to be listed in the Wednesday Word, the position and its description must be submitted to the Indiana State Library. Click [here](#) for submission guidelines and to submit.

In the news

consortium and 100% of the member libraries' fees will be spent on materials.

A volunteer library team will also assist with collection development for libraries and will help ensure the efficient usage of the consortium's funds. Libraries may either purchase titles for their collection on their own or may choose to assign their funds to the collection development team.

"The new Indiana Digital Library consortium will be a great service and benefit to Indiana libraries and the customers of Indiana libraries. This collaboration is a great example of Indiana libraries working together to provide high quality services to library users," said Jake Speer, State Librarian.

More information about the consortium may be found on the consortium's [website](#).

Call for ILF 2022 programs



The Indiana Library Federation is currently seeking program proposals for both of its 2022 conferences: the Youth Services Conference, which will be held on Aug. 21-22 at the Embassy Suites in Plainfield, and the Annual Conference, which will be held on Nov. 14-15 at the Marriott East in Indianapolis. "Libraries: The Place to Be" is the theme for 2022.

Libraries have a long history of providing a gateway to the communities they serve for innovation, information and access to knowledge and culture. In 2021, libraries resiliently showed a path forward. Now in 2022, the path

When: March 15, 2-3 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[Indiana 211 and Libraries](#)

When: March 16, 2022, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Curating and Maintaining Vibrant Collections for Users with Print Disabilities](#)

When: March 17, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[What's Up Wednesday - The Ins and Outs of On and Offboarding](#)

When: March 30, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[What's Up Wednesday - Get INSPIRED](#)

When: April 13, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[What's Up Wednesday: Effective Staff Development on Any Budget](#)

When: April 27, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar



Welcome to Digital Collection Highlights. Every other week, librarians at the Indiana State Library share images from the library's ever-growing digital collections. Visit the [Digital Collections](#) page to view the latest additions.

'Circle for War Relief' essay



[Carmel library's 100-book challenges encourage secondary students to read](#)

Carmel Clay Public Library

[Library offers oral history service](#)
Eckhart Public Library

[Community thanks Evansville Police Department through 'Hearts for Heroes' program](#)
Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

[HMMPL obtains land for Whitestown branch](#)
Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library

[Little builders create at Cass County Library's Lego Club](#)
Logansport-Cass County Public Library

[Library, Cope partner for celebration of reading and nature](#)
Morrisson-Reeves Library

[Fretz appointed to North Webster Library Board](#)
North Webster Community Public Library

[Swing style dance class offered at Plymouth Public Library](#)
Plymouth Public Library

[Library program covers local railroad history](#)
South Whitley Community Public Library

[Warsaw library establishing card system for some agencies](#)
Warsaw Community Public Library

leads back to the library, the place to be.

ILF invites interested individuals to submit a program proposal. Program topics could support the following areas: operations, strategic planning, advocacy, intellectual freedom, etc. Standard session length is 50 minutes, but may increase based on level of content and method of delivery. All program submissions will be reviewed by the appropriate conference committee.

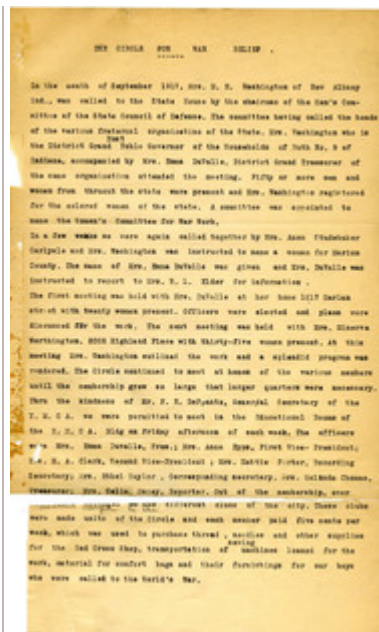
Proposals are due by March 31. Click [here](#) to submit a proposal. The form serves as a joint call for programs for Indiana Library Federation's professional development events in 2022. Notifications of acceptance will be sent on April 27-29.

Please contact [Sarah Eller](#), ILF associate executive director, with any questions regarding the program submission process.

Jasper-Dubois County Public Library branch awarded funds to host a 'World of Wonders' Community Read



The [Dubois Branch Library](#) of the Jasper-Dubois County Public Library has been awarded a Community Read grant of \$750 from Indiana Humanities to participate in a statewide read of Aimee Nezhukumatathil's "World of Wonders: In Praise of Fireflies, Whale Sharks, and Other Astonishments." Thirty other communities will be reading the book as part of [One State / One Story](#): World of Wonders.



The "[Circle for War Relief](#)" essay is part of the Indiana War Records, Colored Section (ISL_RBM_So730) documents from the Indiana State Library's Rare Books and Manuscripts Division. This compilation was written by Indianapolis educator, social activist and officer, Lt. EW Diggs, and is part of the [World War I and the Hoosier Experience digital collection](#).

Diggs begins with an essay about the Senate Avenue YMCA, which at the time was the hub of African American society in Indianapolis. Next is a history of the DuValle Red Cross Unit of Indianapolis and a page describing War Work information. There are also lists of African American Army training attendees, and a list of military servicemen sent to Fisk University for training. Diggs then includes lists of African American military servicemen sent to Camp Zachary Taylor, Camp Dodge and Camp Custer, as well as of those who enlisted outside Indianapolis.

The "Circle for War Relief" essay recounts the 1917 organization of women's Circle groups that sold Liberty Bonds, sewed comfort bags and other duties for the Indiana

*Please consult local news sources and library websites for the latest information on the closures of libraries and the cancellations of scheduled library events and programs in relation to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

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State Library blog



Follow the [Indiana State Library's blog](#) for weekly posts covering all aspects of the State Library.

Indiana library employees who would like to contribute a guest blog, please send an [email](#) with an idea.

The Dubois Branch Library will host multiple community programs tied to the book during 2022, including two public book discussions. The library has received 30 books and assorted materials - like bookmarks and posters - to promote the programs.

Nezhukumatathil's collection of short essays explores the wonders of nature which defy easy depiction.

"We are excited to have selected 'World of Wonders' for our third One State / One Story," said Keira Amstutz, president and CEO of Indiana Humanities. "We think Nezhukumatathil's beautiful and thought-provoking essays will spark conversations among Hoosiers about our natural world and our place in it."

The dates for the book discussions are Monday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, March 31 at 11 a.m. Stop by the library to sign up for one of these sessions and to pick up a copy of the book. Anyone in the county may take part. Other events that go along with this grant include "Falling Blossoms: Exploring Environment through Haiku" on Monday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. and "Native American Plant Traditions: Plants for Food, Medicine and Technology" on Friday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m.

One State / One Story: World of Wonders is an initiative designed by Indiana Humanities, in partnership with the Indiana State Library and Indiana Center for the Book, to encourage Hoosiers to read and engage deeply with a book as part of a statewide conversation tied to Indiana Humanities' current theme.

The Dubois Branch Library is part of the Jasper-Dubois County Public Library system in Dubois County. It was funded and built through grants and donations and has been serving

troops. Led by Minerva Washington and Emma DuValle, the Circle for War Relief in Marion County was very successful in gathering women from local organizations, such as churches, lodges and embroidery leagues to help with war relief.

Further on in the collection is a list of Indianapolis African American individuals and organizations who purchased Liberty Bonds. Because the lowest denomination for Liberty Bonds was \$50, some chose to buy 25 cent thrift stamps to save up to buy a bond. There is a handwritten note before the lists indicating that the list is not comprehensive but is instead an attempt to recognize every possible contributor to the war effort. The formation of the Circle groups and the lists of Liberty Bonds purchasers speak of the true devotion the African American women's community had to their troops and to Indiana's war effort.

INSPIRE health and medicine resources webinar scheduled



On Wednesday, March 9 from 10-11 a.m., as part of the "What's Up Wednesday - Get INSPIRED" series, the Indiana State Library will present "What's Up Wednesday - Get INSPIRED: Health and Medicine Resources."

In this webinar, George Bergstrom, Southwest regional coordinator at the Indiana State Library, will explore the various database options within INSPIRE for use with health or medicine research requests. Attendees are encouraged to bring questions.

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Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning



the small, rural community since 2012. The library is located at 5506 E. Main St. in Dubois.

[Indiana Humanities](#) is funded in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities and Lilly Endowment, Inc.

Click [here](#) to register for "What's Up Wednesday - Get INSPIRED: Health and Medicine Resources." The webinar is eligible for one LEU for Indiana Library staff. A recording of the webinar can be requested using this [form](#).

Please contact [George Bergstrom](#) with any questions about "What's Up Wednesday - Get INSPIRED: Health and Medicine Resources."

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