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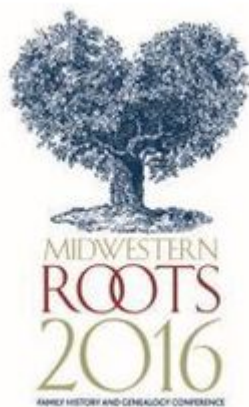


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### #YourStory at Midwestern Roots 2016 Conference



The Midwestern Roots Family History and Genealogy Conference will be held July 15-16, 2016 at the Indianapolis Marriott East. Preconference events take place on July 14. You won't want to miss this event hosted by the Indiana Historical Society! This year's conference is appropriately themed, #YourStory. The conference is excited to host Jennifer Alford, Jen Baldwin, Lisa Louise Cooke, CeCe Moore,



Hello, and welcome to the Government Information Minute.

This bi-weekly column is brought to you by the Government Information Librarians at the [Indiana State Library](#). We cover current resources on Govt Info at local, state, national, and international levels. It's all for you, to keep you updated and well-informed! Suggestions and comments welcome. Check out more Indiana Govt Info updates on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

## Indiana Library Jobs



### [Library Director](#)

Carmel Clay Public Library

### [Digital Initiatives Librarian](#)

Crawfordsville District Public Library

### [Adult Services Manager](#)

Kendallville Public Library

### [Assistant Director/Reference](#)

Sullivan County Public Library

To see the complete list of current openings listed on the ISL Continuing Education Jobs page click [here](#)

## In The News



### [Teddy Bear Concert series at Avon library](#)

Avon-Washington Township Public Library

### [Bedford Public Library Presents Indiana Jim Reptile Experience June 30](#)

Bedford Public Library

### [Wallace to celebrate bicentennial this weekend](#)

Covington-Veedersburg Public Library

### [Genealogy research help offered at Danville library](#)

Juliana Szucs, Curt B. Witcher and many more distinguished national, regional, and local speakers!

The opening session on Friday by Curt B. Witcher, Your Story, Our History: The Power and Value of Story, will surely have attendees excited about our place in state and national history.

CeCe Moore will launch the Saturday sessions with her presentation, Telling Stories with DNA from “Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.”

Pre-conference activities include a variety of workshops offered in addition to research opportunities at any number of local genealogical research facilities including county libraries, area museums, and national organizations. Look for a complete list of facilities on the conference website.

The conference will host more than 30 sessions, many of which will spotlight online resources and changing and emerging technologies that are impacting the way genealogists research their family history. In addition, there will be sessions discussing legal genealogy, DNA, the use of Evernote in genealogy, African-American genealogy, finding female ancestors, how to work your own “genealogical cold case,” “metes and bounds surveys,” treasures at the National Archives, and genealogy and GIS, just to name a few. You can view the brochure with a complete listing of speakers and sessions [here](#).

Once again, the conference will host the Family History Market and Book Fair, allowing ample time in the schedule to peruse the resources from national, regional, and local history exhibitors in the Exhibit Hall.

Whether your time permits attendance for all three days or just a portion of the conference, you will find a registration option to suit your needs. Librarians may earn continuing education credits from this conference.

## Declaration of Independence



By June 28, 1776, which was 240 years ago this week, Thomas Jefferson had completed the draft of the Declaration of Independence. Using the National Archives [Charters of Freedom](#) website, you can view images of the [original Declaration](#) and read a [transcription](#) of the complete text. Download a [high-resolution image](#) for your library, classroom, or organization.

The Virginia Declaration of Rights, written by [George Mason](#), influenced Jefferson’s writing of the opening paragraphs of the Declaration of Independence. View a transcript of the [Virginian Declaration](#) here. This document provided the new country with a model for the Bill of Rights. Read more about the Bill of Rights [here](#).

## 4th of July by the Numbers

Danville Public Library

[Hancock County \(Indiana\) Public Library Completes Digitization Grant](#)  
Hancock County Public Library

[See the Gutenberg Bible, 32,000 3D Mechanical Puzzles and a Lock of Edgar Allen Poe's Hair at This Rare Library](#)

Indiana University Library's Lilly Library

[50K grant helping library digitize more county records](#)  
Knox County Public Library

[Kurt Vonnegut Legacy Stalled: Library Needs \\$750K, 'Cat's Cradle' By Noah Hawley Pilot Date Unknown](#)  
Kurt Vonnegut Library

[Library gears up for state bicentennial](#)  
La Porte County Public

[Local facilities get Green Initiative Awards](#)  
Muncie Public Library

[Library Plans Groundbreaking Ceremony to Commemorate Start of Remodeling Project](#)  
Owen County Public Library

[Plainfield-Guilford Twp. Library unveils its new Book Bike](#)  
Plainfield-Guilford Twp. Library

[Spotlight: Tom Woodfin, Eckhart fountain fundraiser auction](#)  
Eckhart Public Library

[Tipton festival featuring the art of Indiana](#)  
Tipton County Library

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## Is Your Library Making News?

[Email](#) your news for inclusion in The Wednesday Word

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## Congratulations to the Peabody Public Library

To learn more and to register click [here](#) or call (317) 232-1882.

Register before June 30, 2016 for early registration prices!

Follow @IndianaHistory on Twitter and stay up-to-date on Midwestern Roots with the hashtags #MWR16 and #YourStory.

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## Seeking Public Library Stories

The Indiana State Library is collecting stories from public libraries to highlight in our 2015 Indiana Public Libraries Annual Report booklet. We are interested in the creative and fun things happening in your library. If you would like to share what you are doing please complete this short survey. Your information will help us create a report that is representative of the work libraries in Indiana complete.

A link to the survey can be found by clicking [here](#).

Please complete the survey by **Friday July 8, 2016**.

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## GenCon 2016 for librarians



GenCon is the largest convention for tabletop gaming in all of North America. It has been held in Indianapolis since 2003 and attracts approximately 60,000 attendees. This year, GenCon will be held August 4-7, 2016 at the Indianapolis Convention Center.

Many libraries are keen to learn more about tabletop gaming and to



By July 1779, there were an estimated **2.5 million people** living in the newly independent United States. Today, the most recent estimated population of the United States (July 2015) is **321,418,820**. So, over the last 240 years, the nation has grown to almost **130 times** its original population. This means, on average, the nation's population has grown **50% per year** of nationhood. That is an impressive rate of change!

Indiana had a population of about **147,000 in 1820**, at the time of the first Census after statehood. By 2010, the state's population was **6,483,802, which is about 44 times its population** near statehood. This means that Indiana had an average annual growth rate of **about 23%**.

For more 4th of July numbers, see the Census Bureau's [Fourth of July](#) webpage.

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## Stay safe this summer



Fireworks season has arrived, and the State Fire Marshal is reminding all Hoosiers to be mindful of



The Peabody Public Library has been nominated and won Business of the Month for June 2016 by the Whitley County Chamber of Commerce.

**Free training on lynda.com**



Access to Lyrasis courses ends June 30.

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incorporate this increasingly popular activity in their library programming. In order to accommodate interested libraries, GenCon will hold a special Trade Day on Wednesday August 3, 2016. Trade Day will provide “hands-on training to educators, librarians and experienced retailers.” In order to obtain a Trade Day badge, librarians will need to provide proof of employment. Library Education Units are available to those who attend.

For more information on Trade Day, click [here](#).

**Upcoming Rock Star Start Up Trainings**



Through the generous dedication of some of you awesome public librarians out there, the Indiana State Library is pleased to be able to offer three Rock Star Trainings around the state this fall. At this time we are unable to add additional trainings but if there is interest, we encourage other libraries around the state to offer similar trainings or strumming Round Tables.

Do you have a ukulele hanging out at your library with no one to play it? Have you tried to learn but gave up? Want to brush up on the basics? Join strumming librarians as they share the **basics** of ukulele play for beginners. You **MUST** bring the required instrument to this training. Classes are small and will fill up quickly so register today. Registration is required. These classes are eligible for LEUs.

**Details:**

fireworks laws when celebrating this summer. [See the full press release here](#). Always follow [fireworks safety tips and laws](#) to ensure a safe Fourth of July celebration. For more information on local ordinances and fireworks limitations, contact your local officials

Boating Safety starts with you. Whether you use a fishing boat, powerboat, canoe or kayak, Indiana Conservation Officers encourage all boaters to understand all the current rules of Hoosier waterways. Educate yourself and stay safe out on the water with resources provided by clicking [here](#). For safety information and stats from the U.S. Coast Guard, visit the webpage of its [Boating Safety Division](#) and Boat Responsibly.

You may think that only the ocean has dangerous currents like rip tides, but similar strong currents also occur in the Great Lakes. Beachgoers and swimmers should pay attention to the weather forecast and warnings posted by local officials. Learn more about these dangerous lake currents [here](#). The Centers for Disease Control want you to know that many [water-related injuries](#) and drownings can be prevented; [get the facts](#).

For additional summer safety tips, visit <http://www.GetPrepared.in.gov>. Tip sheets include information about Severe Weather, Amusement Ride Safety, Flooding, Dry Weather, and Extreme Heat.

**Upcoming Workshops & Important Dates**

[Evergreen Indiana Basic Cataloging](#)  
When: June 30, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Where: Indiana State Library



August 8 – **Brownsburg Public Library** / Trainer: Emily Fleischer / Instrument Covered: **Ukulele** ONLY / Time: 10:00 – 11:30 AM EST / LEUs: 2

Registration Link for Brownsburg can be found [here](#).

August 9 – **Elkhart Public Library** / Trainer: Allison McLean / Instrument Covered: **Ukulele** ONLY / Time: 10:00 – 11:00 AM EST / LEU: 1

Registration Link for Elkhart can be found [here](#).

September 9 – **Hagerstown Public Library** / Trainers: Ruth Frasur and Angela Dubinger / Instruments Covered: **Ukulele** and **Guitar** / Time: 10:00 – 11:00 / LEU: 1

Registration Link for Hagerstown can be found [here](#).

Register today!

[Evergreen Indiana - Local Administration](#)

When: June 30, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
Where: Indiana State Library

[Do I Really Belong Here?? fitting in \(or not\) with Your Company's Culture](#)

When: July 13, 2016  
Where: Webinar

[Midwestern Roots Conference by the Indiana Historical Society](#)

When: July 14-16th  
Where: Indianapolis Marriot East

[Libraries and the Children of Indiana Nature Park](#)

When: July 19, 2016, 10:00 am - 11:00 am  
Where: Webinar

[Ask an Expert Webinar: Active Shooter webinar](#)

When: August 2, 2016  
Where: Webinar

[Ask an Expert: Incorporating Yoga into Library Programming](#)

When: August 3, 2016  
Where: Webinar

[The Difference is You! Conference](#)

When: August 10, 2016  
Where: Indianapolis Public Library - Central Library

[INSIRSI User's Group Annual Meeting](#)

When: August 12, 2016, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Where: Library Services Center at the Indianapolis Public Library

[CYPD Children & Young People's Division Conference](#)

When: August 21 - 22  
Where: Indianapolis Marriott East

[INSPIRE for Grades 6-12](#)

When: August 24, 2016, 9:30 - 10:30 am  
Where: Webinar

[INSPIRE for Grades 6-12](#)

When: August 30, 2016, 3:00 --

		4:00 pm Where: Webinar
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