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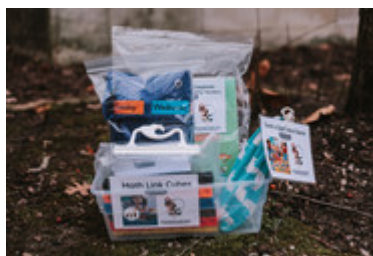
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Homeschool resource kits now available at North Manchester Public Library



The [North Manchester Public Library](#) now has Homeschool Resource Center kits available for check out. Whether a patron's child is homeschooled, hybrid, public or private, a plethora of resources to enhance their curiosity, wonder and knowledge are available behind the circulation desk.

The Microscope Set comes complete with slides, specimen slicer, a Petri dish and more. The

Upcoming workshops and important dates

[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

[Material and Program Challenges in the Public Library](#)

When: March 31, 10-11:30 a.m.
Where: Webinar

[Material and Program Challenges Roundtable Discussion - Option 1](#)

When: April 5, 1-2- p.m.
Where: Webinar

[Material and Program Challenges Roundtable Discussion - Option 2](#)

When: April 6, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Where: Webinar

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Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

[Genealogy Acquisitions Assistant](#)

Allen County Public Library

[Content Portfolio Specialist – Pharma](#)

Copyright Clearance Center

[Adult Services Library](#)

Greenwood Public Library

[Collection Development Librarian](#)

Hamilton East Public Library

[Administrative Assistant](#)

Indiana State Library

[Public Services Librarian](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

[Technical Services Librarian](#)

Middlebury Public Library

[Director of Youth Services](#)

Mooreville Public Library

[Public Services Director](#)

North Webster Community Public Library

[Public Services Librarian](#)

North Webster Community Public Library

[Youth Services Librarian](#)

North Webster Community Public Library

[Executive Director](#)

St. Joseph County Public Library

Telescope Set allows patrons to attach their phone to a telescope and use a Bluetooth remote to take pictures of the moon. The Molecular Organic Chemistry Kit shows one how to construct everything from ethanol to glucose to caffeine molecules. Younger children can practice sight word identification with fun games like Sight Word Bingo and Swat a Sight Word. Math and magic sets are also available.

"As someone who was homeschooled pre-k through high school - and is now a homeschool mom - I've been able to have a lot of conversations with homeschooling parents and grandparents in our community," said Sarah Morbitzer, Children's Department head. "Some may choose to homeschool short-term due to bully issues, learning challenges or COVID. Others are planning to homeschool for the elementary years or all the way through high school graduation. For all these families, we want to provide them with the tools and books that will make learning fun and meaningful."

The Children's Department reminds patrons that they are invited to go behind the circulation desk to browse the homeschool, parenting, Spanish and vision resources located there. "We want patrons to freely come and go in this space. Staff work there, but it is definitely a patron space as well. We want to see more of our patrons back there checking out all the cool things we have," Morbitzer said.

The library is located at 405 N. Market Street in North Manchester. Call 260-982-4773 for more information.

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

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

Where: Webinar

[Storytime Basics](#)

When: April 19, 1:30-3 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[Steps to Stay Safe from Cyber Threats](#)

When: April 26, 2-3 p.m.

Where: Webinar

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

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

Where: Webinar

[Summer Reading 2022 Roundtable Discussion](#)

When: May 4, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Webinar

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

When: May 11, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Canva Demo and Q & A](#)

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

Where: Webinar

[Government Information Day](#)

When: May 20, 8:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.

Where: Indiana State Library



Welcome to the Government Information Minute. Every other week, government information librarians at the Indiana State Library cover current resources on governmental data at the state, national and international levels, all to keep the public well-informed. Follow the Indiana State Data

[Community Outreach Professional Assistant \(part-time\)](#)

Warsaw Community Public Library

[Reference Department Manager](#)

Westchester Public Library

Those who would like an Indiana library job posting to be listed in the Wednesday Word should submit the position and its description to the Indiana State Library. Click [here](#) for submission guidelines and to submit.

In the news



[Survey responses support bond to help fund Allen County Public Library renovations and expansions](#)

Allen County Public Library

[Library resumes in-person events after two years of COVID accommodations](#)

Hancock County Public Library

[Indiana lawmakers abandon ban on 'harmful' library materials](#)

Indiana libraries

[Jasper County Public Library expands digital collection](#)

Jasper County Public Library

[New library opens in Whiteland](#)

Johnson County Public Library

[Vonnegut Museum in Indianapolis becoming Literary Landmark](#)

Kurt Vonnegut Museum and Library

[Ligonier library joins new e-book consortium](#)

Ligonier Public Library

'Material and Program Challenges in the Public Library' panel scheduled



On Thursday, March 31, from 10-11:30 a.m., the Indiana State Library will present "Material and Program Challenges in the Public Library."

In this panel, four librarians will share their experience with a variety of challenges. Book, display and program challenges, as well as experience with book banning groups will be discussed. Additionally, Cheri Harris, certification program director and legal consultant at the Indiana State Library, will go over a summary of key legal points to remember when dealing with challenges. Those who would like to submit a question to be included in the presentation, can do so [here](#). Time for questions will be allotted.

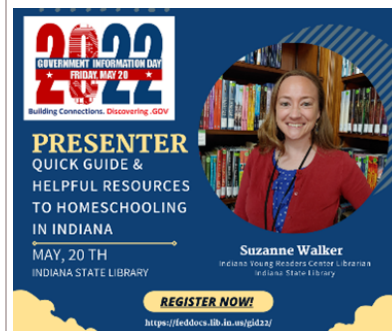
Panelists include Vanessa Martin of the Greensburg-Decatur County Contractual Public Library, Heather McNabb of the Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library, Brad Sowinski of the Alexandria Monroe Public Library and Juli Wald of the Middlebury Public Library.

The panel is eligible for two LEUs for Indiana library staff. Click [here](#) to register.

Please direct any questions about the program to [Courtney](#)

Center on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) and feel free to leave comments and suggestions.

Homeschooling resources program



On Friday, May 20, the Indiana State Library is hosting a free one-day library conference, Government Information Day 2022. One of the event's sessions is a talk by Indiana Young Readers Center librarian Suzanne Walker titled "Quick Guide and Helpful Resources to Homeschooling in Indiana." This 55-minute program - including a Q&A - will provide an overview on homeschooling in Indiana and online learning resources.

The talk will be helpful to anyone interested in learning about how homeschooling in Indiana works or finding quality online learning resources. When families decide to homeschool their children, it is up to them to locate appropriate programs and materials to educate their children. The state recommends families search the internet to find those options. Libraries can help serve those families by helping them identify available online learning options. The state's Department of Education offers helpful information online but is limited in consultation compared to a local library that serves a specific community.

Walker will outline how to navigate homeschooling and offer tips and techniques to incorporate educational resources from

[Valparaiso introduces 'Birds of Paradise'](#)
Porter County Public Library System

[Tyson Library will dive into 'Oceans of Possibilities' this summer](#)
Tyson Library

[WCPL patrons can borrow through new statewide e-book consortium](#)
Warsaw Community Public Library

Is your library making news?

[Email](#) news links for inclusion in the Wednesday Word's "In the news" section.

To be featured in the Wednesday Word, please [email](#) a press release and a photo.



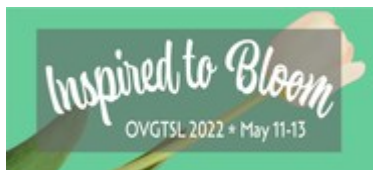
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[Brown](#), Southeast regional coordinator at the Indiana State Library.

Registration for 2022 Ohio Valley Group of Technical Services Librarians conference now open



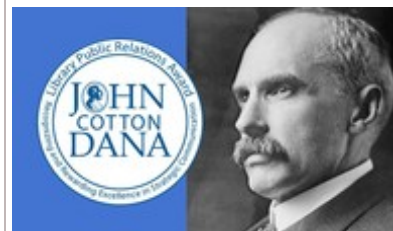
The Ohio Valley Group of Technical Services Librarians will meet for its annual conference, "Inspired to Bloom," in Bloomington on May 11-13. The hybrid conference will be held on the Indiana University Bloomington campus and online.

For nearly a century, OVGTSL conferences have provided fertile ground for idea interchange and inquiry. Moreover, the annual conference has long served as a source of support and inspiration to those with an affinity for technical services work.

The conference will include 18 sessions and two keynote speakers. Sessions include "Flourishing with the Introduction of Special and Unique Materials Cataloging," "Creating Empowered Catalogers," "An Overview of the MARC Format for Authorities," "Deciphering Mechanical Puzzles with the Jerry Slocum Mechanical Puzzle Collection" and more. The keynote speakers are Myung-Ja "MJ" K. Han, a professor and metadata librarian at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Pamela Seabolt, manager of engagement, consulting and training at Midwest Collaborative for Library Services. Click [here](#) to view the conference schedule.

government information. Click the link [here](#) to register to attend Government Information Day 2022 at the Indiana State Library. To learn more about the other sessions at GID22, please see the library's conference page [here](#).

John Cotton Dana Awards submission period ends April 1



The submission period for the 2022 John Cotton Dana Award closes on Friday, April 1. The [John Cotton Dana Award](#) is one of the most prestigious awards given to libraries and it honors outstanding library public relations. Up to eight \$10,000 awards will be provided by the [H.W. Wilson Foundation](#) in 2022.

Libraries of all types and sizes are encouraged to submit entries for a 2022 John Cotton Dana Award. Entries should highlight a strategic communications campaign from the past year. Previous winners have included rebranding efforts, promotion of archives and special collections, awareness campaigns, community partnerships and special events. Entries may be submitted by any library, friends group, consulting agency or service provider, unless they are represented on the John Cotton Dana Committee.

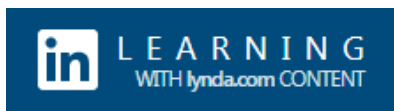
In recognition of their achievement, John Cotton Dana award winners receive a cash award from the H.W. Wilson Foundation. The John Cotton Dana Awards are presented at an elegant reception hosted by EBSCO held during the American

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

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Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning



Registration for in-person attendance is \$130 for the entire conference or \$110 for one day. The in-person registration deadline is April 10. Registration for virtual attendance is \$55 or \$25 for students. The virtual registration deadline is May 8. Click [here](#) to register.

Please email [Lori Duggan](#), OVGTSL treasurer, with any registration questions.

Library Association annual conference.

Click [here](#) for application details; click [here](#) for evaluation criteria; and click [here](#) to submit an application.

The awards are managed by Core: Leadership, Infrastructure, Futures. Award winners will be announced in June of 2022.

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