

We only use cookies that are necessary for this site to function to provide you with the best experience. The controller of this site may choose to place supplementary cookies to support additional functionality such as support analytics, and has an obligation to disclose these cookies. Learn more in our [Cookie Statement](#).



# Indiana State Library

## Wednesday Word | March 2, 2022

Indiana State Library sent this bulletin at 03/02/2022 01:30 PM EST

[Having trouble viewing this email? View it as a Web page.](#)



### In This Issue

- [Indiana library jobs](#)
- [In the news](#)
- [Indiana ranked 15th as a 'best state for public libraries'](#)
- [Indiana Genealogical Society to hold annual conference in early April](#)
- [Kokomo library uncovers new details about local Black history](#)
- [Upcoming workshops and important dates](#)
- [National Weather Service](#)
- [Blog Spotlight for March: Lake County Public Library](#)

Subscribe to our newsletter

### Indiana ranked 15th as a 'best state for public libraries'



A recent article, "[Best states for public libraries](#)," written by John Harrington for 24/7 Wall St., has Indiana [ranked 15 out of 50](#) as an outstanding state for libraries. "Northeastern and Midwestern states account for most of America's best library systems," Harrington wrote.

Using data from the Institute of Museum and Library Service's most recently released [Public Library Survey](#), the ranking - according to Harrington - is due to Indiana being 10th in the country in total books and documents with

### Upcoming workshops and important dates

[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](#)

When: March 15, 2-3 p.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

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

## Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

### [Senior Lincoln Librarian](#)

Allen County Public Library

### [Children's Services Librarian](#)

Anderson Public Library

### [Library Director](#)

Bicknell-Vigo Township Public Library

### [Interlibrary Loan Assistant \(part-time\)](#)

Hamilton East Public Library

### [Senior Database Analyst](#)

Indiana State Library

### [Public Services Librarian - Adult Focus](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

### [Health Sciences Librarian](#)

IUPUI University Library

### [Library Assistant – Youth Services \(part-time\)](#)

Plainfield-Guilford Township 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

21,183,322, or 3.4 per person, and 13th in visits at 4.9 per person, among other metrics. 24/7 Wall St. gave Indiana an index score of 2.27, placing the Hoosier state in between New York at 16 and Illinois at 14.

Additionally, Indiana ranks number two, only trailing Ohio, in collection expenditures per capita, at \$7.80.

"Each state's libraries were ranked on an index of the number of outlets, visits, youth and young adult programs, paid staff, books, and files and collections per capita for the year 2019," Harrington wrote. The data was reviewed by 24/7 Tempo, a member of the 24/7 Wall St. Media Network.

## Indiana Genealogical Society to hold annual conference in early April



The Indiana Genealogical Society will hold its annual conference on April 1-2. The free virtual conference is open to everyone.

On Friday, April 1, four sessions will be presented by Indiana genealogists and librarians Ron Darrah, Sarah Kirby, Allison DePrey Singleton and Curt Witcher. On Saturday, April 2, David Lambert, from the New England Genealogical and Historical Society, will present four separate sessions. Additionally, the

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

Where: Webinar

### [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



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

## National Weather Service



[Library unveils new stress-reducing features](#)

Christopher Center Library at Valparaiso University

[Library joins statewide consortium for digital materials](#)

Eckhart Public Library

[Elkhart, Goshen Public Libraries cancel overdue fees, excuse prior debts](#)

Elkhart Public Library and Goshen Public Library

[Local teens are invited to join a library committee](#)

Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

[Frankfort Public Library offers March art classes](#)

Frankfort Community Public Library

[New picture book app entrances young readers](#)

Greenwood Public Library

[HMMPL selected as impact award recipient](#)

Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Library

[Jeffersonville Library adds an LGBTQ+ section](#)

Jeffersonville Township Public Library

[Chandler Public Library holds grand re-opening after renovations](#)

Newburgh Chandler Public Library

['Everglades of the North' will be screened at Roselawn library](#)

Newton County Public Library

IGS annual meeting will be held on Saturday.

The conference will be conducted remotely via Zoom and is sponsored by VIVID-PIX. Logon information and guidance for downloading the Zoom app will be sent to registered attendees prior to the conference. Click [here](#) to register for Friday and click [here](#) to register for Saturday. Sessions are eligible for LEUs and TLEUs for Indiana library staff.

Click [here](#) for more information about the conference, including session names, descriptions and times.

## **Kokomo library uncovers new details about local Black history**



The Kokomo-Howard County Public Library's Genealogy and Local History Department has unearthed a piece of local Black history that no one's talked about for more than 100 years; all because of an article a KHCPL employee found about a woman chasing off robbers who were trying to steal chickens from her family's farm in Kokomo.

Gil Porter, a local history writer and part-time KHCPL genealogy and local history assistant, was researching the department's Black history archive when he discovered the article. He continued digging for information because he wanted to know more about the woman and the farm. Consulting other sources, he soon discovered that the farm was one of the lots on which Kokomo's original high school building sits. The lot at the



[Weather.gov](#) is the website of the National Weather Service and worth a visit from anyone who is interested in forecasts, safety, weather events and learning more about the climate. The site is easy to navigate and allows one to click on any location in the country to see what is happening there in terms of weather. Hoosiers might be envious to read that it is sunny and 80 degrees Fahrenheit in Miami, but knowing that it won't get above zero degrees Fahrenheit in North Dakota for a couple of weeks might ease the pain while shoveling snow.

The site provides active alerts, daily briefings, a newsroom and education downloads. For the historian, it provides information on past weather, heating and cooling days, records and astronomical data. The site also offers safety tips on riptides, tornados, hurricanes, heatwaves, tsunamis and more. The amateur meteorologist will find links to satellites, air quality statistics and radar, while students can click on the education tab to discover more about climates in the United States and around the world.

So, as spring break nears and March "hath perced to the roote and bathed every veyne in swich licour" - as Geoffrey Chaucer wrote - consider [weather.gov](#) as a necessary stop when planning a weekend trip or a pilgrimage.



### 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.



### 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.

### Miss an issue of the Wednesday Word?

Back issues of the Wednesday Word are available [here](#).

time was owned by the family of the first Black graduate of Kokomo High School.

This story is now part of the new African American Notables online collection. KHCPL is searching its records and asking residents to submit photos and documents as it works to document and digitize local Black history and to make it available for free worldwide via access through the Indiana State Library's [Indiana Memory](#) site and the [Howard County Memory Project](#).

"Richard Brown was in the graduating class of 1883," said Amy Russell, head of KHCPL's Genealogy and Local History Department. "The previous high school building was located across Superior Street from its present location, and the area where today's building sits was a neighborhood known as 'Brown's Alley.' "

Brown's Alley, according to early 20th century federal census data, was home to at least four families, two white and two Black. "Brown's Alley was named for Richard's parents, Abram and Naomi, and Richard lived there in the late 1870s until he graduated," Russell said. Naomi is the one who used a broom stick to beat three robbers who were trying to steal her chickens.

The press release continues [here](#).

The African American Notables project was made possible by a \$12,500 grant in June 2021 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the Indiana State Library.

### Blog Spotlight for March: Lake County Public Library



This month's featured blog comes from the Lake County Public Library.

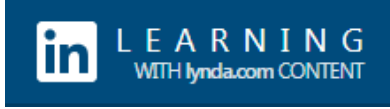
"The Lake County Public Library has a reader's advisory blog. It's a Tumblr, so we share book posts from other blogs, as well as create our own posts. Each of our reader's advisors has their own tag that people can follow if they decide they like a particular person's taste in books. We recommend books from all genres," said Robin Johnsen, webmaster and technology marketing specialist.

While searching the blog for advice on books to read, users may come across the occasional recipe. Found under the Garrick's Recs tag, a [recent post](#) featured the recipe for the "Garden of Eden (Edumb) Burger" from "The Bob's Burger's Burger Book," a book based on the animated Fox television show.

The Lake County Public Library's blog can be found [here](#). Additionally, the library has an Every Child Ready to Read blog that can be viewed [here](#). According to the main page, the Every Child Ready to Read blog is a "collection of books, activities and more designed to help your child develop important pre-reading skills."

Libraries interested in having their blog featured in a future issue of Wednesday Word should contact [John Wekluk](#), communications director at the Indiana State Library.

**Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning**



Blogs are showcased in the first newsletter of each month.

© 2022 Indiana State Library. All rights reserved. The trademarks used herein are the trademarks of their respective owners.

Indiana State Library, 315 W. Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202. [www.in.gov/library/](http://www.in.gov/library/)

The Wednesday Word is a free publication of the Indiana State Library. Past issues are archived at the [State Library's Newsroom](#).

SUBSCRIBER SERVICES:

[Manage Preferences](#) | [Delete Profile](#) | [Help](#)

**Subscribe to updates from Indiana State Library**

Email Address  e.g. name@example.com

**Share Bulletin**



Powered by



[Privacy Policy](#) | [Cookie Statement](#) | [Help](#)