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Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award program guide now available



A new program guide that goes along with the Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award for the 2022 cycle is now available to download [here](#).

In its eighth year, the literacy award recognizes picture books that serve an important role in the first years of a child's life and encourages parents, caregivers and very young children to interact together with exceptional picture books.

Upcoming workshops and important dates

[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

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

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

Where: Webinar

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Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

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Hamilton East Public Library

[Social Media Specialist](#)

Hancock County Public Library

[Bookmobile Driver and Librarian](#)

LaGrange County Public Library

[Library Director](#)

Lawrenceburg Public Library District

[Adult Services Coordinator](#)

Mitchell Community Public Library

[Heritage Collection Specialist \(part-time\)](#)

Nappanee Public Library

[Circulation Clerk](#)

Speedway Public Library

[Finance Specialist](#)

St. Joe County Public Library

[Patron Access Services Manager](#)

Tipton County Public Library

[Digital Archives Librarian](#)

Wabash College

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.

The 2022 nominees are "Find Fergus" by Mike Boldt, "Grace and Box" by Indiana author Kim Howard, "Now Now, Cow" by Tammi Sauer and illustrated by Indiana illustrator Troy Cummings, "One-Osaurus, Two-Osaurus" by Kim Norman and "We All Play" by Julie Flett.

Voting is limited to children who live in Indiana and who are under age 6 as of July 31. It is expected that most Indiana children will require help from a parent, caregiver or librarian. Children should circle their favorite Firefly nominee on their ballot and turn it in to their local voting location.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the award - including voting rules and deadlines - and to access the ballot, labels, activity sheets and voting forms.

Please contact [Suzanne Walker](#), director of the Indiana Center for the Book, with any questions and to receive additional Firefly Award social media materials.

Frankfort Community Public Library now has Wi-Fi hotspots for check out



The Frankfort Community Public Library now has 30 Wi-Fi hotspots available for circulation. Each hotspot can be checked out for two weeks and can connect multiple devices to the internet. All ages are eligible; patrons simply need to bring their library card to the

[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 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.

Imperial Atlas and Art Folio of Wayne County Indiana

In the news



[Local libraries eliminate fines](#)

Greenwood Public Library and Johnson County Public Library

[United Way of Central Indiana donates 990 books for Read Across America Day](#)

Boone and Hamilton County libraries

[Muncie Public Library's Katie Lehman honored by national leadership program](#)

Muncie Public Library

[North Webster joins statewide consortium to share items](#)

North Webster Community Public Library

[NCPL directors firm up complaint policies](#)

Noble County Public Library

[Library board approves social service agency digital cards](#)

Warsaw Community Public Library

[Community Easter egg hunt planned for April 9 at Willard Library](#)

Willard Library

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circulation desk. Community members can also place a hold on a hotspot on the library's [website](#) by searching "mobile hotspot" and making a request with an FCPL library card number.

"The closings during the pandemic really emphasized the need for access at home for so many of our patrons. We expanded the range of our Wi-Fi outside the buildings at all our locations to help people while we were closed. This grant has allowed us to take that access one step further. Patrons can now check out the internet from the library and take it with them," said Jen Casey, assistant director.

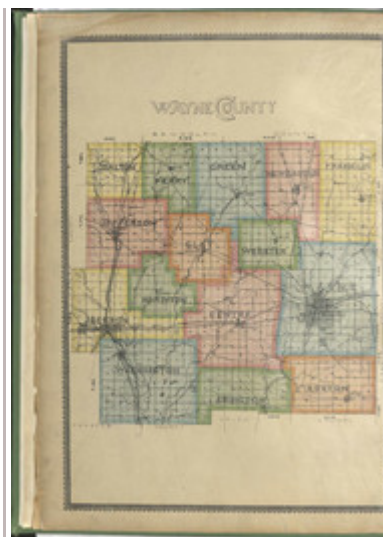
The hotspots were purchased through the federally-funded Emergency Connectivity Fund, a federal government program administered by the Federal Communications Commission and set up in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information about the hotspots - or the library's many other offerings - please contact FCPL [via email](#) or call 765-654-8746.

'Effective Staff Development on Any Budget' announced as April What's Up Wednesday topic



As part of the Indiana State Library's What's up Wednesday



The Indiana State Library looks at a lot of illustrated historical atlases. They all have the same general format. There are typically illustrations of fancy farms, prosperous people, lovely maps of the townships showing landowners and some historical material about the county and the United States. There were a handful of publishers of these kinds of atlases for Indiana counties: Ogle, Beers, Baskin, Griffing and Kingman.

It turns out there was also a historical atlas startup out of Richmond for a short time. They made atlases for Wayne and Vigo Counties. The Rerick Brothers published out of Richmond, but they're not from Richmond. The Rerick family were newspaper men, owning and editing the LaGrange Standard for some 60 years between father and son. Another son owned and edited the Kendallville Sun. The brothers, Rowland and John D., set up shop in Richmond around 1893, trying their hand at publishing local historical volumes.

The State Library has only one of their atlases, the Imperial Atlas and Art Folio of Wayne County Indiana. It's an almanac, of sorts, and an atlas, like the many illustrated atlases of the day. However, this volume has additional details making it particularly interesting.



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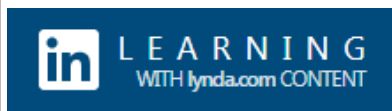
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Indiana library employees who would like to contribute a guest blog, please send an [email](#) with an idea.

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Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning



series, "Effective Staff Development on Any Budget" will be presented on Wednesday, April 27 from 10-11 a.m.

Effective staff development doesn't have to involve expensive conferences, big-name presenters or elaborate training software.

Instead, libraries can support staff learning by providing regular opportunities for staff to explore new skills in a brain-friendly environment. In this session, participants will learn about key elements of effective learning design, how to make learning a priority and how to identify which library problems require a training solution.

"Effective Staff Development on Any Budget" will be presented by Tiffany Hayes, library development director for the South Carolina State Library. Hayes holds a master of library and information science degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and has been with the South Carolina State Library since 2017.

Click [here](#) to read more about the session and click [here](#) to register. The free webinar will be held via Zoom and is eligible for one LEU for Indiana library staff.

Please contact [Courtney Brown](#), Southeast regional coordinator at the Indiana State Library, with any questions about the "Effective Staff Development on Any Budget" presentation.

There are actual photographs of prominent citizens. The township maps show apparent stands of trees scattered across crop land. This rich historical volume is rare and worth sharing. Click [here](#) to see the atlas in its entirety.

Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library's 8th annual Arts Gala to be held in April



On April 29-30, the Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library will host its eighth annual Arts Gala. This year's Gala will benefit the library's new vehicle.

Handmade original artwork in a variety of media and styles, created by local and regional artists, will be for sale. A special Starlight Reception will be held on Friday, April 29 from 6:30-9 p.m. During the exclusive event, attendees will have the opportunity to purchase artfully-crafted original artwork while enjoying a variety of beers and wines and light refreshments. Live music will be provided by the Plainfield High School Orchestra.

The Gala will open to the public on Saturday, April 30 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, visit the library's [Arts Gala website](#) or call 317-839-6602.

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