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Statehood Day 2016

On Dec. 11, 1816, Indiana was admitted as the 19th state to join the Union. On Friday, Dec. 9, 2016, hundreds of fourth graders will celebrate Indiana's 200th birthday at four locations in downtown Indianapolis. Statehood Day events will take place at the Indiana Statehouse, the Indiana State Museum, the Indiana Historical Society and the Indiana State Library. Students will enjoy fun and educational activities at each organization and attend a formal ceremony with guest speakers from state government.

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.

November documents

Indiana Library Jobs

[Information Services Assistant (part-time/15 hrs per week)](#)
Brownsburg Public Library

[Information Services Assistant (part-time/24 hrs per week)](#)
Brownsburg Public Library

[Head of Information Technology](#)
Porter County Public Library System

[Circulation Clerk (part-time)](#)
Speedway Public Library

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

In The News

[Library gives teens chance to celebrate culture](#)
Bedford Public Library

The top four winners of the Statehood Day Essay Contest, supported by the Indiana Center for the Book, will read aloud their essays and be awarded prizes at each location during the formal ceremonies. This year's contest theme is Bicentennial and Beyond and students wrote about how they celebrated Indiana's Bicentennial and what they envision for the future of Indiana.

Events at the Indiana State Library will include tours of the new Indiana Young Readers Center and Statehouse Education Center. Students will also have the opportunity to hear presentations by historical figures from Indiana, including President Abraham Lincoln, portrayed by Danny Russel, and James Whitcomb Riley, portrayed by Professor Watermelon.

All four Statehood Day locations are booked for this year's events, but if you are interested in learning more about Statehood Day or the Statehood Day Essay Contest feel free to contact Christy Franzman, Indiana Young Readers Center librarian at the Indiana State Library, cfranzman@library.in.gov.

November is International Jewish Genealogy Month

This November historical events and their associated documents bring to mind the origins and founding of America. Our modern celebration of Thanksgiving traces its origins to the people of Plymouth Colony and to [The Mayflower Compact](#), a document signed aboard the ship Mayflower in November 1620, which set forth principles of tolerance and liberty for the government of their new colony in the new world. The mural illustrating the event is located in the [Cox Corridors](#), Great Experiment Hall of the [U.S. Capitol Building](#). "The Mayflower Compact," 1620, painted by artist Allyn Cox, depicts Pilgrim leader William Brewster signing the document with John Standish, the colony's military leader, standing to the left. This compact served as Plymouth Colony's official Constitution for over 70 years; it could be considered a prototype for the Constitutional Republic that the independent colonies would form together as the United States of America.

In October of 1789, during his first year as the nation's first president, George Washington recommended in a [Thanksgiving Proclamation](#) that the people of the United States observe a day of public thanksgiving and prayer on Thursday, the 26th day of November. With the Civil War still raging, [The Gettysburg Address](#) was delivered by President Lincoln Abraham Lincoln on November 19, 1863, at the dedication of the Soldiers' National Cemetery at Gettysburg. President Lincoln's message, a mere two minutes long, would become one of the most famous speeches in American history. The origin of

[Author, Emmy winner to speak at library](#)
Hancock County Public Library

[Herron Art Library hosting public reception and lecture on papermaking in the Islamic world](#)
Herron Art Library

[New large print books](#)
Indiana State library

[After decades of debate, Jasper getting new library](#)
Jasper Public Library

[German American pledges $500,000 to support Jasper Public Library](#)
Jasper Public Library

[Butler team wins library research competition](#)
Parrish Library (Purdue University)

Is Your Library Making News?

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

Upcoming Workshops & Important Dates

[Spreading the Word: Taking Early Literacy Messages to the Street](#)
When: November 17, 2016, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Where: Webinar

[Free Book Giveaway for Non-Profits](#)
When: November 21, 2016, 8:30 am - 11:00 am
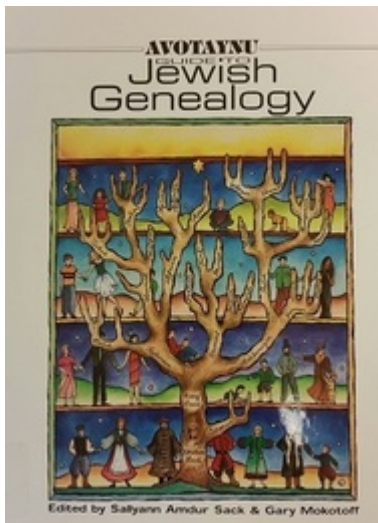Where: Indianapolis Public Library Service Center

[Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Fall Workshop](#)
When: November 21, 2016, 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Where: Indiana State Library

[Tools/Tips/Trends: eReader Round Up](#)
When: November 22, 2016, 2:00 pm

The International Jewish Genealogy month is celebrated during the Hebrew month of Cheshvan. For 2016, the civil dates are Nov. 1 to Nov. 30, 2016. At the Indiana State Library we have many resources to help you start or further your Jewish genealogy research.

"Avotaynu Guide to Jewish Genealogy" is a comprehensive book that's great for both beginners and more intermediate researchers. The book covers not only how to get started, but it also contains research topics such as Holocaust records, Jewish naming patterns, the history of surnames and variant place names. The guide also includes different resources, both within the U.S. and internationally, appendixes containing charts and mini how to guides and maps.

"Sourcebook for Jewish Genealogies and Family Histories" is a bibliography of family sources sorted by surname. It also lists whether the information can be found in an institution or general work. Additionally, it cross-references variant spellings due to pronunciation.

"A Field Guide to Visiting a Jewish Cemetery" is a great resource for someone interested in Jewish cemeteries and deciphering their family's graves. The guide goes into

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Thanksgiving as an American national holiday is found in [Lincoln's Thanksgiving Presidential Proclamation](#), "to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving."

Search for and view the full-text of a multitude documents important to the founding of the United States in the digital collection from [The Avalon Project, Documents in Law, History and Diplomacy](#). Sub-collections of note include [Colonial Charters](#), [The Federalist papers](#), and [The American Constitution](#).

Dec. 12 marks 40th anniversary of State Data Center program

This year marks Indiana's 200th birthday and the state's 40th anniversary of participation in the Census Bureau's State Data Center (SDC) program. The Indianapolis SDC office was the first in the nation to provide free data and reference assistance to the public.

We would like to honor these two key events in history as we begin to prepare Indiana citizens for the 2020 Census.

On Dec. 12, Indiana State Data Center affiliates and the public will be invited to a one-day historical celebration and kick-off event at the Indiana State Library.

During this event, we will hear about the history of data services and GIS at

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- 3:00 pm
Where: Webinar

Maker Space Petting Zoo
When: November 30, 2016, 2:00 pm
- 3:00 pm
Where Johnson County Public
Library - Franklin Branch

Evergreen Indiana Basic Circulation
When: December 6, 2016, 9:00 am -
12:00 pm
Where: Indiana State Library

Evergreen Indiana Holds Training
When: December 6, 2016, 1:00 pm -
3:00 pm
Where: Indiana State Library

Evergreen Indiana - Basic Cataloging
When: December 8, 2016, 9:00 am -
12:00 pm
Where: Indiana State Library

Evergreen Indiana - Local
Administration
When: December 8, 2016, 1:00 pm -
3:00 pm
Where: Indiana State Library

INSPIRE Train the Trainer
When: December 8, 2016, 2:00 pm -
3:30 pm
Where: Huntington City-Township
Public Library

40th Anniversary of the State Data
Center Program
When: Monday, December 12, 2016,
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Where: Indiana State Library

Professional development survey

detail about the meanings behind monuments and tombstones and their decoration, where a person might be buried in the different sections of a cemetery and simple translations.

"Judaica in the Slavic Realm, Slavica in the Judaic Realm: Repositories, Collections, Projects, Publications" covers Jewish collections found in Russian and Eastern European institutions often overlooked by researchers. It could be particularly helpful to those doing research in the former Soviet empire.

These resources, along with others, can be found in the Indiana State Library online catalog.

Invitation: LSTA Focus Groups

You are cordially invited to attend a 90-minute focus group session to discuss the benefits of the programs the Indiana State Library offers using federal funds received through the Library Services and Technology Act's Grants to States program.

Every five years, the Indiana State Library conducts an evaluation of its implementation of the LSTA program in fulfillment of the requirements of the Museums and Libraries Act. The LSTA Grants to States program is a federal program that provides funding to each state on a population-driven formula. Federal funding for the program in Indiana is approximately $3.1 million per year. Decisions regarding how available funds are spent are made at the state level; however, expenditures must be consistent with the purposes and

national and state levels from speakers from the U.S. Census Bureau in D.C. and Chicago, the Indiana State Demographer and Phil Worrall, Executive Director of the Indiana Geographic Information Council.
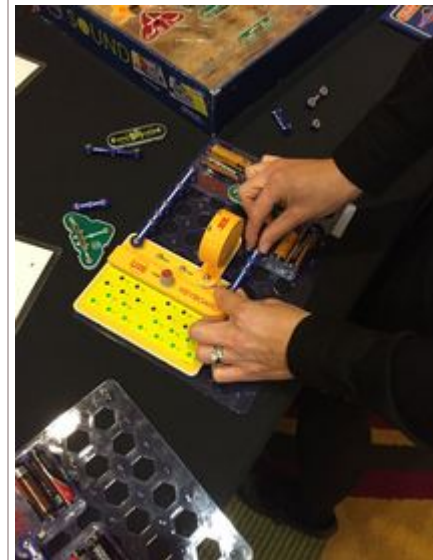
All are welcome. Snacks and coffee will be provided.

Registration is open! Sign up here!

Please share with anyone you know who is interested in Indiana data and geography: teachers, librarians, historians, colleagues and friends.

Contact Katie Springer at kspringer@library.in.gov with any questions.

State library makerspace kit at ILF

On Nov. 9, 2016, the Indiana State Library's Professional Development Office (PDO) hosted a digital playground at this year's annual Indiana Library Federation (ILF) conference in Indianapolis.

On display were several items from the library's makerspace kit, including Dash the Wonder Workshop robot, Snap Circuits and the WeDo Lego robots. These kits allow library patrons do everything from programming a robot to building an optical theremin.

The Indiana State Library is conducting a survey about professional development in Indiana libraries and what we can do to serve you all better. This survey is intended to be taken by all library staff members. Please share widely with others in your library and encourage them to fill the survey out. We anticipate it taking anywhere from 5-15 minutes to complete. To reiterate, if you work in a library in Indiana, we'd like you to take this survey.

Take the survey here

The survey will close at 8:00 AM Eastern time on November 28, 2016.

Free training on lynda.com

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priorities that are established nationally. LSTA currently helps to support a variety of important projects including licensing of online databases, summer reading and service innovation efforts.

The Indiana State Library is working with QualityMetrics, a library consulting firm, to conduct its evaluation. They will be holding focus group sessions on Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2016 at the following locations:

Mishawaka Penn Harris Public Library (10-11:30 A.M.)
209 Lincolnway E,
Mishawaka, IN 46544

Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library, (South) (9-10:30 A.M. Central time)
200 SE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Evansville, IN 47713

Mooresville Public Library (3-4:30 P.M.)
220 W. Harrison StreetMooresville, IN 46158

Please consider attending and sign up via the following form.

Registration will be limited to approximately 12 participants per location.

In addition to the focus group, or if you are unable to attend, we will also conduct a survey in the coming weeks. Please contact Jen Clifton (jclifton@library.in.gov) if you have any questions.

Professional Development Librarian Kimberly Brown-Harden said the makerspace kit was very well-received. "The response to the digital playground was great. ILF attendees thought our displays were really cool and asked how they could get them into their own libraries."

If you would like more information on how to get makerspace kits into your library, or information about makerspace kits in general, please contact Suzanne Walker at SuWalker@library.IN.gov.

Indiana Library Federation Special Services Award winner

Congratulations to this year's Indiana Library Federation Special Services Award winner, Suzanne Walker of the Indiana State Library. Walker received the award for her continuing efforts on Indiana's bicentennial celebration at the state library and for her work supporting children with the Indiana Center for the Book. Walker was also recognized for her support of libraries statewide.

"I'm thrilled to be recognized by the Awards Committee at the Indiana Library Federation. Many of us at the Indiana State Library work tirelessly to

support libraries all over Indiana. It feels great to know that I am appreciated by the very people I try to help every day," Walker said upon receiving the award.

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