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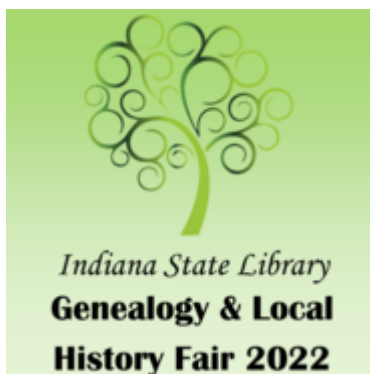
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Genealogy and Local History Fair returns to State Library this month



The Indiana State Library's popular Genealogy and Local History Fair will return in-person to downtown Indianapolis on Saturday, Oct. 22. The free event will take place from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the library's History Reference Room.

This year's theme is "Family Drama: Researching Your Complicated and Unconventional Ancestors." Presenters will use case studies to

Upcoming workshops and important dates

[Indiana Library Laws Refresher](#)

When: Oct. 17, 1:30 -2:30 p.m.
Where: Webinar

[Genealogy and Local History Fair](#)

When: Oct. 22, 10 a.m. -3:30 p.m.
Where: Indiana State Library

[Philosophy and Children's Literature](#)

When: Oct. 25, 2-3 p.m.
Where: Webinar

[What's Up Wednesday - Because We Matter](#)

When: Oct. 26, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

[Media Mentorship for Youth Services](#)

When: Oct. 27, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Where: Webinar

[2022 Institutional Libraries Workshop](#)

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Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

[Head of Youth Services and Programs](#)

Alexandrian Public Library

[Executive Director](#)

Argos Public Library

[Young People's Services Assistant](#)

Elkhart Public Library

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

Hancock County Public Library

[Executive Assistant](#)

Jeffersonville Township Public Library

[Library Director](#)

LaCrosse Public Library

[Executive Director](#)

North Webster Community Public Library

[Executive Director](#)

Peabody Public Library

[Adult and Teen Programming Librarian \(part-time\)](#)

Yorktown Public Library

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

illustrate research techniques and contextualize family stories within the larger scope of history.

Attendees will also be encouraged to visit the exhibition hall to collect information from genealogy and local history organizations and to shop the commercial vendors.

Daniel Hubbard will present "When a Life Becomes Myth" about an odd and dramatic family tale that showed a life slowly being converted to myth over generations. Hubbard will also present "Where the Murderers Roam," concerning family stories that are far more important than they seem on the surface.

Additional presenters include Erin Moulton, who will present "Death of a Showman," examining what happens when the subject of your genealogical research joins the carnival, moves across the country, reappears six years younger, marries a couple of times and then dies suddenly leaving a wave of confusion in his wake, and Robert Bowling, who will share his research concerning the history of grave robbing in central Indiana.

Click [here](#) to read more about the Genealogy and Local History Fair. Registration is not necessary to attend.

The Indiana State Library is located at 315 W. Ohio St. in downtown Indianapolis.

IEEE announces 2023 Science Kits for Public Libraries grant

SKPL

Science Kits for Public Libraries

When: Oct. 28, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Where: Indiana State Library

[What's Up Wednesday - Get INSPIRED: New Features in EBSCO Databases](#)

When: Nov. 9, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Annual Report and Bookkeeping Workshop](#)

When: Nov. 10, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Where: Indiana State Library and webinar

[Teen Services: Connected Learning Self-paced Course Virtual Wrap-up Discussion](#)

When: Nov. 15, 1:30 -3 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[All Together Now! CSLP 2023 Training and Roundtable - All Ages](#)

When: Nov. 29, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Logansport-Cass County Public Library

[All Together Now! CSLP 2023 Training and Roundtable - All Ages](#)

When: Dec. 6, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Tippecanoe County Public Library

[CSLP's Summer Symposium - Free National Virtual Conference on Summer Reading](#)

When: Dec. 8, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 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,

In the news



[Brownstown library board set to adopt 2023 budget](#)

Brownstown Public Library

[The Indianapolis Public Library offers free and low cost business resources](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

[Pumpkin painting planned at library](#)

Jackson County Public Library

[Not your grandpa's library](#)

Jeffersonville Township Public Library

[Kentland Library to host special Magic Don show](#)

Kentland Public Library

[Exhibit on Black Hoosiers coming to library](#)

Kokomo-Howard County Public Library

[Meet author Amy Shankland at Sheridan Public Library](#)

Sheridan 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.

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Region 4's Science Kits for Public Libraries Grant program is offering up to \$2,000 in funding to public libraries to establish a circulating science kits collection. Libraries must be located within Region 4, which includes all of Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Wisconsin and northerly portions of Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Nebraska and South Dakota.

The application form will be available Nov. 1 on the SKPL website, and library submissions will be accepted until Jan. 16, 2023. Libraries that have previously applied for the grant, but did not receive funding, are invited to submit again.

Public libraries have a long tradition of building stronger communities by providing life-long learning opportunities for children and teens. The SKPL Team is honored to have the opportunity to enrich the services that public libraries offer. SKPL enables children, parents and teachers the chance to borrow library kits for hands-on STEM learning at home or in the classroom.

Visit the [SKPL website](#) for the application form, submission details and a map of Region 4.

Ghost Hunting Kits offered at Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library



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.

Department of Homeland Security genealogy



U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

There are very few folks who have worked the desk at a library and not fielded a question about genealogy. There are also likely very few who have directed the inquiring patron to the Department of Homeland Security for answers. Yet, the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 8, Aliens and Nationality, 103.38-40, explains in detail its genealogy fee-for-service program and includes a list of the records available to potential patrons. These records are designated in section 103.39 and include Naturalization Certificate Files, 1906-1956; Microfilmed Alien Registration Forms, 1940-1944; Visa Files, 1924-1944; Registry Files, 1929-1944; and Alien Files numbered below 8 million.

Specifics on requesting records are as exact as the material found at Homeland Security. The Department accepts requests for deceased persons only, and it requires a separate form be completed for each request. Forms, along with more information about the program, can be found [here](#). If one is not sure if the government has information on a person, one may submit an index-search request.

Though the window of records is limited in temporal scope, the material is particularly useful to those tracing family members who



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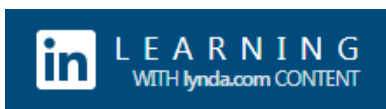
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Indiana library employees who would like to contribute a guest blog, please send an [email](#) with an idea.

Miss an issue of the Wednesday Word?

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

Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning



At the Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library, it's officially spooky season and Ghost Hunting Kits have been added to the library's Library of Things collection.

Director Montie Manning heard about the concept of ghost hunting kits from another library and had the idea to bring them to the Plainfield library. Each kit comes equipped with an electromagnetic field reader, two walkie-talkies, a video recorder and a flashlight. Supernatural enthusiasts will be able to check out a kit with their library card and go on all sorts of paranormal adventures.

Not only does the library offer Ghost Hunting Kits, but it's also a great resource for novice and seasoned paranormal hunters. "We have several nonfiction books, either with instructions on ghost hunting or about true hauntings and paranormal investigations. In addition to our regular nonfiction collection, we have over a dozen books about haunted locations in Indiana in our Indiana Room collection that amateur ghost hunters can read about," explained Lauren McPike, materials and acquisition services manager. "We do ask that any patron who would like to use our ghost hunting kits in any of these places please obtain permission first, though."

For more information about the ghost hunting kits, contact the Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library at 317-839-6602 or visit the [library's website](#).

arrived in the United States during the first half of the 20th century. For those seeking more information about the code, it can be found [here](#).

Reminder: 2022 Annual Report and Bookkeeping Workshop scheduled for Nov. 10



There is still time to sign up for the 2022 Annual Report and Bookkeeping Workshop for public library directors, business managers, bookkeepers, treasurers and library trustees. This year's workshop will be held on Thursday, Nov. 10 from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., both in person and via Zoom. The workshop includes a presentation on the 2022 Annual Report for Public Libraries, as well as an update from the State Board of Accounts on end of year actions and financial and budgetary changes that will be helpful in the accounting process.

For more information about the workshop - including the schedule and - and to register for the in-person session, click [here](#). To register for the online session, click [here](#).

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