



Indiana Insights

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Application Changes: Parental Signatures now required for patrons under age 18!

Effective October 1, 2024, the Library of Congress has implemented a new policy that applies to both new applicants for NLS services and existing patrons under the age of 18. Following is a summary of the changes:

- To receive braille and talking-book service, **all new applicants** will be required to provide their **date of birth**.
- To be considered valid, new applications for persons under the age of 18 must include a **Parental Acknowledgment** for NLS Services and Devices, signed by the applicant's parent or legal guardian.
- Patrons enrolled prior to October 1, 2024, who are under the age of 18 and wish to continue to receive braille or talking-book service beyond January 1, 2025, will be required to provide a signed supplemental Parental Acknowledgment form.
- The new application is now available at:
<https://www.in.gov/library/tbbl/applications-for-free-library-service>
- The Indiana Talking Book and Braille Library has been reaching out to our younger patrons and their parents. If you have not been contacted or know your contact information is out of date, please contact us. If you have questions, we can be contacted at tbbl@library.in.gov or 800-622-4970 / 317-232-3684.

Adult Winter Reading Book Bingo*!

Talking Books will once again be hosting an adult winter reading program!

In this newsletter is the form to fill out to receive a bingo card. Send the form in to sign up for adult winter reading and you will receive your bingo card in the mail (ages 18 and up).

Winter is a great time to try something different, branch out, and discover a new favorite genre. Haven't read the classics since high school? Pick one up this winter! Friends with a westerns fan? Find something you can read together! With the various genres we have, there is something for everyone.

If you're still not sure where to start, contact us. We have extensive knowledge on the various genres and are happy to help you find something you will enjoy. If you have any questions about the winter reading, call Abby at 317-232-3738.

Keep track of the books you read **January 1st through February 28th**. However, book titles may be used only once per bingo card. You do not need to write your titles on the bingo card, simply mark the box.

Once the season is over, send us your completed card in the mail. Each bingo on your card will count as one entry to a prize raffle, and Blackout cards will be entered into an extra special raffle. Everyone who submits a card will win a prize. All cards must be submitted by **March 7th**.

*Thanks to the Washington Talking Book Library

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Perkins Brailers are now available for check out

What is a Perkins Brailier? It is a small metal device made to type braille. It is very similar to a typewriter but much smaller.

In November 2024 the Indiana Talking Book and Braille Library purchased two new Perkins Brailers. The purpose of this purchase was to make them available for our patrons to check out. Starting on January 2, 2025 they will be ready to circulate. Each brailier will come in a metal case with padding to protect the brailier during transit.

The standard check-out period will be two months with an option for one renewal of two more months. In order to check a Brailier out you will need to have an Evergreen Indiana library card. If you are a member of the Indiana Talking Book & Braille Library, you will automatically have an Evergreen Indiana card created for you if you would like to check-out a brailier. If you are not a member of the Talking Book & Braille Library, you will have to work with the circulation department at your local library or the Indiana State Library to have an Evergreen Indiana account created for you.

The Brailers will not be circulated with any type of supplies. Getting these is the responsibility of the patron checking out the brailier. The Brailers are able to type 42 cells per line and 26 lines per page. With a max paper size of 29.2 cm x 35.6 cm.

If you have any questions or are interested in borrowing one, please contact the Indiana Talking Book & Braille Library.

Are you paying for barcode tracking for your cartridge returns? If so, please know that we do not have the ability to scan these barcodes, and that the post office does not always pay attention to these barcodes on items that are sent free matter for the blind. So, we cannot guarantee the tracking is accurate. Also, these barcodes are very hard to get off our items.

The Indiana State Library turns 200

Did you know the Indiana State Library will be celebrating its Bicentennial in 2025?

The first official mention of a state library for Indiana is made in the Journal of the Constitutional Convention, when on June 28, 1816, the following resolution was adopted: "That it be recommended to the general assembly of the state of Indiana, to appropriate the money voluntarily given by the citizens of Harrison county to the state, to the purchase of books for a library for the use of the legislature and other officers of government; and that the said general assembly will, from time to time, make such appropriations for the increase of said library, as they may deem necessary."

The State Assembly did not take formal action until the first session after the capital was moved to Indianapolis. By an act approved February 11, 1825, the State Library was definitely established, an appropriation made, and the secretary of state designated as librarian. At this point the library was in the State House. In 1841 a law was approved making the library a separate institution, and in 1867 an act provided that the law' section of the library be placed under the control of the judges of the Supreme Court, an arrangement still in force. By an act of 1925 the State Library and the Public Library Commission were united and placed under one director, and the State Library thus formed, together with the Historical Bureau and the Legislative Reference Bureau, placed under one board called the Indiana Library and Historical Board.

It was the Library and Historical Board that engaged in securing an appropriation for a Library and Historical Building. The General Assembly in 1929 authorized a special levy in the expectation of raising about one million dollars for the cost of site and building. Governor Leslie appointed the Building Commission, and a site at the corner of Senate Avenue and Ohio Street was acquired in the summer of 1931. Pierre and Wright of Indianapolis were the architects selected, and plans were ready in March, 1932.

The original conception of the State Library as an institution for the use of legislators and state officials has never been lost, but a multitude of activities have gradually been added throughout the years to meet new needs and changing conditions. * from Indiana.gov/library

Adult Winter Reading: January 1st-February 28th

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number () _____

Email _____

Would you like the bingo card in braille? _____Y _____N

Would you like the bingo card digitally? _____Y _____N

Check the reading media you would like to use this winter:

Digital _____ Braille _____ Large Print _____ BARD _____

Do you have a machine borrowed from our library?

Yes _____ No _____ Using BARD Mobile Only _____

List titles and types of books you would like us to send you:

***Please Return by December 23rd**

To return the application, fold the letter in half, tape it shut, and put it in the mail.

Free Matter for the Blind

Please return to:

Talking Book and Braille Library

140 North Senate Ave

Indianapolis, IN

46204

Holiday Stories

All I Want for Christmas is a Cowboy, Clare, Jessica. (DB097122) Adult Fiction

Cass Horn is driving to Wyoming for a much-needed vacation when she crashes her car in a blizzard. Eli Pickett finds her unconscious and takes her back to his ranch. He can't help but fall for her, but Cass has lost her memory in the accident

Christmas Cake Murder, Fluke, Joanne. (DB093200, LP020915) Adult Mystery

It's Christmas years ago, and topping young Hannah Swensen's wish list is becoming the go-to baker in Lake Eden. While recreating a spectacular Christmas Ball in honor of Essie Granger, Hannah becomes enthralled by Essie's old notebooks about a woman escaping danger

A Christmas Memory, Evans, Richard Paul. (DB116527, LP022113) Adult Fiction

"It's 1967, and for Richard it's a time of heartbreak and turmoil. Within a few months, his brother, is killed in Vietnam; his father loses his job and moves the family to Utah; and his parents separate. When he is run down by bullies at his new school, he meets Mr. Foster, a neighbor who chases off the bullies. They become friends, and the man inspires Richard's love for books. Richard learns what truly matters: that forgiveness can heal the deepest wounds, and love endures long after the pain of loss subsides.

Eight Dates and Nights by Aldredge, Betsy. (DB118155) Young Adult Fiction

Hannah Levin is allergic to horses and tinsel. She's surrounded by both when she's snowed in at her grandmother's home in a small Texas town. Missing latkes and reliable Wi-Fi, Hannah wanders into an old deli where she meets the only other Jewish teen around: Noah, full of annoying, over the top festival of lights spirit that he's determined to share with Hannah, one Hanukkah sweater at a time. As days pass, Hannah begins to wonder if there's more to Hanukkah than she thought.

Eight Nights of Flirting, Reynolds, Hannah. (DB111033) Young Adult Fiction

Sixteen-year-old Shira is on a mission to find the perfect boyfriend over Hanukkah, but

after getting snowed in on Nantucket with her nemesis-slash-former-crush her plans begin to go off the rails

Have a Happy – a novel, Walter, Mildred Pitts. (DB033388) Children's Fiction

Chris wants a bicycle for his birthday, which falls on Christmas and always seems to go unnoticed. But his father is temporarily out of work. With the help of a large and supportive family, the help of friends, Chris has a happy birthday, a merry Christmas, and a wonderful Kwanzaa

Something to Celebrate, Mason, Jackson & Walker. (DB057518) Adult Fiction

Three stories of holiday romance by African American authors. As the New Year approaches in Monica Jackson's "Truly Everlasting," Trask and Felicia discover they are meant for each other. Others find love in "The First Noel" by Felicia Mason and Margie Walker's "Kwanzaa Kupendi." Some explicit descriptions of sex.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, Robinson, Barbara. (DB038118, BR016320) Children's Fiction

Everyone agrees that the Herdmans are the worst kids in the history of the world. When they hear about the free refreshments at Sunday school, the Herdmans not only show up, but also muscle their way into the lead roles of the annual Christmas pageant

The Christmas Bookshop, Colgate, Jenny. (DB105823, LP021715) Adult Fiction

Laid off from her department store job, Carmen has little cash and fewer options. She reluctantly moves in with her perfect sister, Sofia, to help out with Sofia's kids. She also takes a job with her sister's client, who needs help revitalizing his shabby Edinburgh bookshop in time for Christmas.

The Christmas Train, Baldacci, David. (DB055045, BR014463) Adult Fiction

Journalist Tom Langdon takes a cross-country train from the East Coast to Los Angeles to spend Christmas with his girlfriend. On the trip he meets a host of zany characters, including one who happens to be his former lover. Sparks fly until Tom's girlfriend shows up in Chicago

The People Remember Ibi Aanu Zobi. (DB105456, BRC01877) Juvenile

The author recounts the journey of African descendants in America by connecting their history to the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

The Santa Suit, Andrews, Mary Kay. (DB105314, LP021690) Adult Fiction

Newly divorced Ivy Perkins is looking for a change in her life and buys an old farmhouse, sight unseen. In a closet, Ivy finds an old Santa suit with a note in the pocket from a little girl who has a special Christmas wish.

Twelve Days of Christmas, Macomber, Debbie. (DB085811, LP020266) Adult Fiction

Julia Padden tries to spread joy in her life, especially around Christmas, but grouchy neighbor Cain Maddox doesn't seem to have the holiday spirit. Julia decides to chronicle her attempts to be nice to Cain in an online blog

Weather Girl, Solomon, Rachel Lynn. (DB106324) Adult Fiction

Meteorologist Ari Abrams looks up to her boss, weatherwoman Torrance Hale, but the constant bickering between Torrance and her ex-husband has her at her wit's end. She teams up with sports reporter Russell Barringer to solve their bosses' relationship issues.

Winter Nights, Hailstock, Hill & Ray. (DB052196) Adult Fiction

Three holiday romances featuring African Americans. "Until Christmas" Samantha becomes a housekeeper for Principal Rawlings and his twins. "Kwanzaa Angel" finds Erin being reintroduced to an old high school crush. "'Round Midnight" radio talk-show host Summer falls in love with her director. Some descriptions of sex.

Winter Solstice by Pilcher, Rosamunde. (DB050844, LP013552, BRC01692) Adult Fiction

Elfrida, a retired actress; Oscar, a recent widower; Carrie, recovering from a love affair; Lucy, Carrie's niece; and Sam, deserted by his wife, spend the winter solstice in a Scottish cottage, where they form a lasting bond that allows them to recover from their various challenges and losses

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Indiana Talking Book and Braille Library Calendar:

Tuesday	December 24, 2024	Library Closed
Wednesday	December 25, 2024	Library Closed
Wednesday	January 1, 2025	Library Closed
Monday	January 20, 2025	Library Closed
Friday	April 18, 2025	Library Closed

Indiana Talking Book and Braille Library Hours:

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Eastern Time)