



Indiana Insights

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Vision Expo is returning to the Indiana State Library

On Saturday, Sept. 13, the Indiana Talking Book and Braille Library will present Vision Expo, an event that provides resources and information for individuals with vision loss, families of individuals with vision loss and service providers. This year, many returning, as well as several new vendors and organizations, will be available for attendees to meet.

A new addition to this year's event is the game room. The room will be set up so participants of Vision Expo will be able to play some of the new accessible games that the Talking Book and Braille Library now has in its collection. These games include braille-adapted versions of Monopoly, Scrabble and Uno, in addition to large print and braille playing cards. Soon after Vision Expo, these games will be available for library patrons.

There will also be a door prize raffle and a Vision Expo tote bag giveaway.

Save the Date - Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025 for Vision Expo 2025





Summer Reading Program Application

(Talking Book and Braille Library patrons of all ages are eligible)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number () _____

Email (if you have one) _____

Name of Parent or Guardian (if patron is under 18) _____

Daytime Phone Number () _____

Materials in Braille? _____Y _____N

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

Free Matter for the Blind

Please return to:

**Talking Book and Braille Library
140 North Senate Ave
Indianapolis, IN
46204**

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

Books about famous Hoosiers

“When the Game Was Ours” by Larry Bird (DB070080)

Former NBA basketball players Larry Bird of the Boston Celtics and Earvin "Magic" Johnson of the L.A. Lakers describe their professional rivalry, which began in a 1979 college championship game.

“The Office BFFs : Tales of The Office from Two Best Friends Who Were There” by Jenna Fischer (DB108814)

An intimate, behind-the-scenes celebration of “The Office” co-stars Jenna Fischer and Angela Kinsey's friendship, and an insiders' view of Pam Beesly, Angela Martin and the iconic TV show.

“Skywriting: A Life out of the Blue” by Jane Pauley (DB058891)

Award-winning television news anchorwoman's autobiography, in which she pens her "personal process of discovery" from an upbringing in Indiana to success on the “Today” and “Dateline” shows. Discusses her adult-onset bipolar disorder and family life with husband Garry Trudeau and their three children.

“One Man's Vision: The Life of Automotive Pioneer Ralph R. Teetor” by Marjorie Teetor Meyer (DBC12167, BR010592)

Inventor of cruise control, member of the Automotive Hall of Fame, Ralph Teetor was one of Indiana's great industrial pioneers. He had been blind since the age of five.

“Fighting for Equality: A Life of May Wright Sewall” by Ray E. Boomhower (DBC13510)

A biography aimed at young readers, showcases Sewall's important contributions to the history of Indianapolis, Indiana, the United States and the world.

“Madam C. J. Walker: The Beauty Boss” by Janel Rodriguez. (DB115427)

Madam C. J. Walker was an entrepreneur, philanthropist and political and social activist. She is recorded as the first female self-made millionaire in America.

“Major Taylor : World Cycling Champion” by Charles R. Smith, Jr.

(DBC29256)

A biography-in-verse of legendary African American cyclist Marshall "Major" Taylor from Indianapolis and the Six-Day Race. For grades two through four.

“Miss Colfax's Light” by Aimee Bissonette (DBC11088)

The true story of Harriet Colfax, who became the Michigan City Lighthouse keeper at the age of 37 and kept the job for the next 43 years.

Books set in Indiana

“The Bookseller’s Promise” by Beth Wiseman (DB123034, LP021936)

The first novel of Beth Wiseman's new Amish Bookstore series, set in Montgomery, Indiana, promises love and rare books.

“Home to Harmony” by Philip Gulley (DB059650, LP014529)

Set in fictional Harmony, Indiana. Quaker minister Sam Gardner and his family move back to Sam's small Midwestern hometown where Sam becomes the new minister.

“In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash” by Jean Shepherd (DB048446)

Ralph returns to the Indiana mill town of Hammond where he grew up. When he walks into his childhood friend's bar, the two reminisce about their boyhood, which included Red Ryder BB guns, fishing, the Chicago World's Fair, Fibber McGee and Molly.

“The Rabbit Hutch” by Tess Gunty (DB109788, BR024629)

The automobile industry has abandoned Vacca Vale, Indiana, leaving the residents behind, too. In a run-down apartment building on the edge of town, commonly known as the Rabbit Hutch, a number of people now reside quietly, looking for ways to live in a dying city.

“Turtles All the Way Down” by John Green (DB089542, BR022186)

Set in Indianapolis, Indiana, 16-year-old Aza never intended to pursue the

mystery of a fugitive billionaire Russell Pickett, but there's a \$100,000 reward at stake, and her best and most fearless friend, Daisy, is eager to investigate.

“The Mighty Miss Malone” by Christopher Paul Curtis (DB078108, BR02422)
With the love and determination befitting the "world's greatest family," 12-year-old Deza Malone, her older brother Jimmie and their parents endure tough times in Gary, Indiana, and later in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression.

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Indiana Talking Book and Braille Library Calendar:

Monday	May 26, 2025	Library Closed
Friday	July 4, 2025	Library Closed
Monday	Sept. 1, 2025	Library Closed

Indiana Talking Book and Braille Library hours:

Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Eastern Time