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Book Discussion Resources and Storytime Kits

Circulating Kit Program for Libraries and Schools

<https://www.in.gov/library/services-for-libraries/kits/>

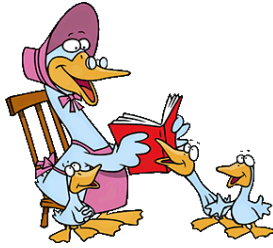
The Indiana State Library's Indiana Young Readers Center provides five types of kits for use by public library youth librarians and teachers across the state of Indiana: **Book Club Kits, LEGO Kits, DUPLO Kits, Storytime Kits, and Indiana Escape Experience Kits.**

All kits are shipped via InfoExpress can be reserved using the [online LibCal reservation system](#). This is also where you'll find a complete list of available titles and kits. A short video overview of how to use LibCal can be found [here](#). While all kits can be checked out for 60 – 90 days depending on the type, there are no back-to-back reservations on the same kit. Remember to add two weeks to the front of your reservation to account for shipping time.



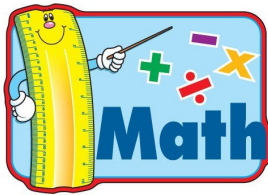
Children's/YA Book Club Kits

Book Club Kits are designed for public library book clubs but can also be used for small reading groups at schools. These kits contain 15 paperback copies of each title and a discussion guide; Spanish Book Club Kits contain 30 copies and a guide. They circulate for 3 months. You can reserve up to 24 Book Club Kits per month.



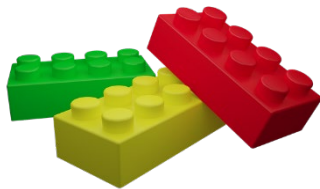
Storytime Kits (Preschool)

Each thematic storytime kit contains books, manipulatives, music CDs and an activity guide – just about everything you need to present a preschool storytime (or two) at your library. Activity guides suggest how to use kit materials – songs, fingerplays, felt board sets, puppets, craft ideas, and more – to incorporate each of the five practices of the *Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library* program into your storytime. Kits can be checked out for 60 days. You can reserve up to eight storytime kits per month, including BIG Idea Storytime Kits.



Big Idea Storytime Kits (Math & Science)

If you are looking to add math and science elements to your storytimes, these are the kits for you! The Big Idea kits feature hands-on activities, as well as books and a guide to help plan a storytime with a focus on STEM. The kits can be checked out for 60 days. You can reserve up to eight total storytime kits per month, whether Big Idea or Preschool. To search specifically for Big Idea storytime kits, add “Big Idea” to the search box in LibCal.



LEGO and DUPLO Kits

LEGO and DUPLO building helps develop early literacy and STEM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) skills through play and adult interaction. The LEGO and DUPLO kits contain hundreds of blocks and accessories that may be used for children’s or adult programming. They circulate for 3 months. You can reserve up to six LEGO and DUPLO kits per year. To reserve a kit, scroll down to “DUPLO” or “LEGO” on the list of kits by title on ISL’s [kit reservation system](#).



Indiana Escape Experience Kits

Included in these kits is (almost) everything you need to host escape experiences at your library based on Indiana history and featuring primary source documents. After you have made your booking you will get a confirmation email with a link to the instructions for your kit, including a detailed video explaining every aspect of your kit experience. If you are unfamiliar with our Escape Experience kits, we encourage you to watch [this introductory video](#). Indiana Escape Experiences are sponsored in part by the Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources Midwest Region Program. Escape Experience Kits can be checked out for 60 days. You can reserve up to two per year.

Additional Book Discussion and Shared Resources



<https://indianahumanities.org/programs/novel-conversations>

Novel Conversations is a free statewide lending library of more than 900 titles, primarily fiction and biography, to reading and discussion groups across Indiana. Several other genres, including nonfiction, mysteries, plays, poetry and young adult are also available.

Who can participate in Novel Conversations?

Indiana organizations such as public and school libraries, senior centers, churches, and formal or informal book clubs can participate. Any Indiana resident can request a set of books.

How much does it cost?

It's free, provided the books are either shipped to a public library via InfoExpress **OR** picked up and returned to Indiana Humanities headquarters at 1500 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis.

Novel Conversations uses MyTurn, an online reservation system which allows users to reserve book sets for a specific date. Information on setting up an account in the system can be found on the Novel Conversations website.

Questions, comments or to donate books to Novel Conversation

Contact Indiana Humanities at (317) 616-9103 or
novelconversations@indianahumanities.org

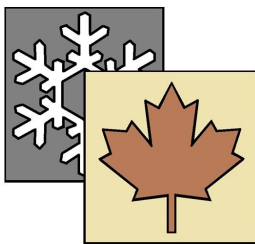
Shared Book Discussion Resources List

The Shared Book Discussion Resources List contains nearly 2,000 book discussion kits owned by public libraries throughout Indiana. Each listing on the database includes the contact information necessary to request the sets. Materials can usually be sent using the InfoExpress courier service.

To view the latest list of titles, visit:

<https://www.in.gov/library/files/BookClubKits.xlsx>

If your library has book discussion kits that you would like added to this list for sharing, please email the name(s) of the kit(s), number of books, and whether they are regular, large print or audio books to YoungReadersCenter@library.IN.gov.



Statewide Ellison Die List

As a service to Indiana public librarians, ISL maintains a list of AccuCut/Ellison dies housed in Indiana libraries that can be found on the [Resources For Librarians Serving Youth](#) page of the ISL website. Contact information is included on the list; please contact the owning library directly to borrow a die. If you would like to make a change to the list or have your library added to the list, please contact statewideservices@library.in.gov and include the die name(s), size and other identifying information, in addition to the name and email address of the contact person.



<https://www.in.gov/library/services-for-libraries/connect-in/>

The Indiana State Library offers **Connect IN** to provide free high-quality and functional websites to public libraries. The program is free for public libraries without a current online presence and those having difficulty maintaining their existing site. The program includes many features to make maintaining a website simple and painless, and the State Library will provide an initial template, training and assistance.

Indiana public library standards require that public libraries have a functional website. **Connect IN** is a simple and cost-effective solution to not only meet this standard but put you ahead of the curve by connecting your community to innovative and practical online library services.

Participants in the **Connect IN** program receive these free services from the State Library:

- Modern and high-quality website featuring:
 - An easy-to-use content management system (CMS) based on WordPress that allows you to manage and update your website and easily create new web pages and online features
 - Web-editing software as simple to use as a word processor
 - Seamless and instant publishing to the web that allows you to make instantaneous changes to your website
 - Dozens of customizable templates to help you get the exact design that reflects your library and community
- Technical Support and training
- Hands-on CMS training
- Free website hosting – The State Library is contracting with IT experts to handle the complicated back end tasks and save you time and money.
- Free email for library staff
 - Up to 20 email accounts for your library (i.e. yourname@yourlibrary.lib.in.us)

- Email storage capacity that meets industry standards
- Microsoft Outlook compatible
- Manage account settings as an administrator

Questions or comments?

If you are interested in more information about this program, please contact the Professional Development Office at statewideservices@library.in.gov or call 317-232-3697 or in-state toll-free 800-451-6028. You can also contact your regional coordinator directly; their contact information can be found at <https://www.in.gov/library/services-for-libraries/pdo/>.



Indiana State Library

A Continuing Education Toolkit for Library Professionals

<https://continuinged.isl.in.gov>

Continuing Education Toolkit

The Indiana State Library's Continuing Education Toolkit for Library Professionals is the place to find information for each stage of your career as a librarian. It organizes and provides access to professional development information, workshops and programs for librarians across the state.

The Indiana State Library and other professional development organizations offer a constantly changing lineup of workshops, conferences and other events to help librarians and library staff keep abreast of new developments in their field. Visit <https://isl.libcal.com/> to view current and upcoming events.

Opportunities include:

- **Free Webinars.** All webinars on this page are approved by ISL for LEUs. See <https://continuinged.isl.in.gov/certification/policies-on-leus/> for additional information on LEU policies and obtaining LEU certificates.
- **Training Opportunities.** Additional in-person and online workshops are available at <https://continuinged.isl.in.gov/find-training/>.
- **Annual Workshops.** The Library Development Office offers a series of annual workshops for the benefit of directors and trustees, including the Public Library Budget and Annual Report workshops. Find out more at <https://www.in.gov/library/services-for-libraries/ldoresources/ldoworkshops/>

Questions or comments?

If you are interested in more information about continuing education or LEU policies, please contact statewideservices@library.in.gov or call 317-232-3697 or in-state toll-free 800-451-6028.



The Wednesday Word is the free weekly e-newsletter of the Indiana State Library. You can subscribe to ***The Wednesday Word*** or view current and past issues at <https://www.in.gov/library/news/>.



The ISL blog posts about a wide range of topics, from in-depth articles on items in the collection to services that the

Indiana State Library provides to patrons. If you have suggestions on topics you would like to see covered, please email communications@library.in.gov. Find it at <https://blog.library.in.gov>.



You can follow the collections, events and staff of the Indiana State Library on social media.



Facebook

- www.facebook.com/IndianaStateLibrary/



Twitter

- [@state_library](https://twitter.com/state_library)



Pinterest

- <https://www.pinterest.com/INStateLibrary/>



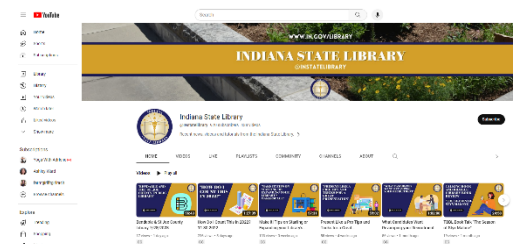
Instagram

- https://www.instagram.com/state_library/



YouTube

- www.youtube.com/user/instatelibrary/



Questions or comments?

If you are interested in more information about these social media accounts, please contact communications@library.in.gov or call 317-232-3697 or in-state toll-free 800-451-6028.



Hoosier State Chronicles

Indiana's Digital Historic Newspaper Program

<https://newspapers.library.in.gov>

Hoosier State Chronicles (HSC), Indiana's Digital Historic Newspaper Program, currently contains over 1.5 million pages dating from 1804 through 2018. It is operated by the Indiana State Library and funded by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act. We seek to provide free, online access to high-quality digital images of Indiana's historic newspapers by digitizing our collection and assisting other organizations in making their collections digitally available.

This online resource originated with grant funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities that enabled us, in partnership with the Indiana Historical Society, to digitize Indiana newspapers for the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP). The Indiana titles digitized through NDNP are also available at the Library of Congress's Chronicling America collection (<https://www.loc.gov/collections/chronicling-america/about-this-collection/>), along with over eight million newspaper pages from around the United States. You can find additional digitized newspapers at [Indiana Memory](#) and listed on our blog (<https://blog.newspapers.library.in.gov/>).

The Indiana State Library Newspaper Division has the largest collection of Indiana newspapers either in print, microfilm, or digital format. For an overview of the available resources for Indiana newspaper research visit their website at <https://www.in.gov/library/collections-and-services/indiana/newspaperholdings/>.

Questions or comments?

If you are interested in more information about this program, please contact David Pleiss at DPleiss@library.IN.gov or call 317-232-3670 to speak to a librarian regarding the Indiana Collection.



<https://digital.library.in.gov>

Indiana Memory is a statewide digital library that provides free access to the aggregated wealth of primary sources in Indiana libraries, archives, museums, and other cultural institutions. With 700,000 items from over 170 partners, Indiana Memory is the state's premier gateway to Indiana's history and culture found in digitized books, manuscripts, photographs, newspapers, maps, films, oral histories, and other media. By providing access to the various digital materials available on the Indiana Memory website, the program seeks to enhance education and scholarship regarding Indiana's past.

The Indiana State Library strives to provide extensive access to our diverse collections, in person and online. Materials within these collections appear as they were originally published or created. These materials are preserved and presented to provide a true historical representation of their time and should be viewed in the context in which they were created.

The items made accessible through Indiana Memory represent only a small percentage of the materials held by contributing institutions. Please feel free to contact any of the contributing institutions for more information.

This project is made possible through grant funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to the Indiana State Library under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act.

Questions or comments?

If you are interested in more information about this program, please contact Chris Marshall at ChMarshall@library.IN.gov.



<https://inspire.in.gov>

What is INSPIRE?

[INSPIRE.in.gov](https://inspire.in.gov) is Indiana's Virtual Online Library. It is a collection of academic databases and other information resources that can be accessed by residents of Indiana.

What kind of information is available on INSPIRE?

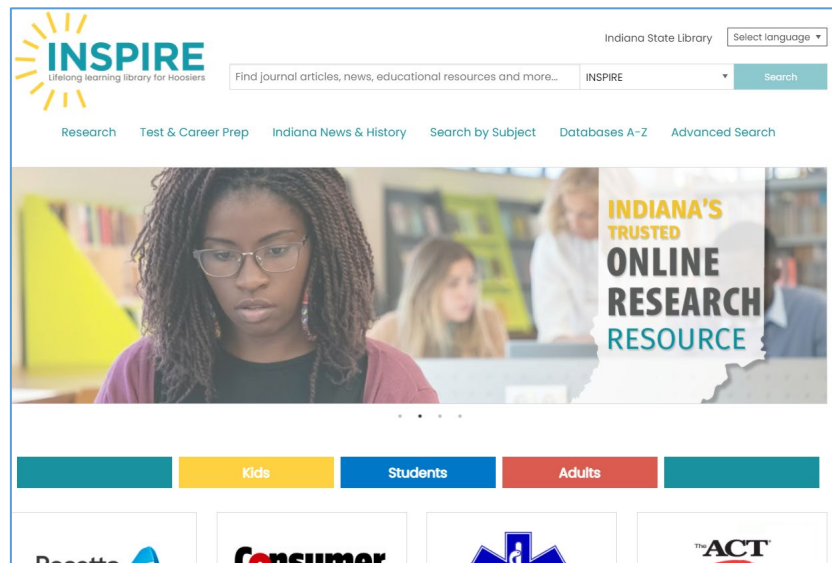
INSPIRE includes full-text magazine and journal articles, websites, pamphlets, images, almanacs, full-text historic newspapers, multimedia, library catalogs, and much more. In most cases, INSPIRE provides cover-to-cover indexing and abstracts of all articles that appear in every periodical with the exception of some newspapers. Only letters to the editor, advertisements, and some images are excluded for copyright reasons.

Who can access INSPIRE?

INSPIRE is freely accessible to any Indiana resident who has internet access at school, home, in their library or at their place of business. Indiana users are identified by their internet protocol (IP) address.

How much does INSPIRE cost to use?

INSPIRE is provided at no cost to all residents of Indiana.



Who is paying for INSPIRE?

INSPIRE is a service of the Indiana State Library. It is supported by a combination of state funds, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act and in partnership with Academic Libraries of Indiana.

Questions or comments?

If you are interested in more information about this program, please contact inspire@library.in.gov



Library Jobs

<https://continuinged.isl.in.gov/jobs/>

Whether you're a new graduate looking for that first library job or a manager needing to advertise an open position, the ISL Continuing Education Jobs Page should be your first stop. It's the clearinghouse for all positions in public, academic, and special libraries **in Indiana**. Library jobs outside of Indiana will not be posted on this site. The page is updated daily and includes all pertinent information to help you land your ideal library position.

Visit <http://continuinged.isl.in.gov/jobs/> to:

- Search for a job
- Submit a library job
- Edit or delete a job entry
- Find more career resources

Questions or comments?

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Library Listservs

<https://www.in.gov/library/listservs.htm>

All Indiana Library Professionals

INlibraries@lists.library.in.gov

The INlibraries listserv is for all types of Indiana libraries – academic, institutional, public, school, and special. Rather than focus on specializations in librarianship, the purpose of this listserv is to create a forum to discuss information, issues, services, and opportunities that affect every librarian statewide.

Public Library Professionals

inpublib@lists.library.in.gov

Indiana librarians can ask about other libraries' policies, get ideas for programs, solicit equipment recommendations, or offer library items for sale or free - the list of possibilities is endless! If you have a question, there will probably be someone who can answer it or has been through a similar experience.

Children's Librarians

inchildprog@lists.library.in.gov

Indiana librarians can share successful children's programming ideas, list upcoming events for their libraries, coordinate speaker sharing, borrow and exchange resources, and discuss program successes and flops on this listserv.

eResources

eresources@lists.library.in.gov

Librarians can discuss current issues and developments regarding eReaders, eBooks and other emerging digital content. This listserv examines best practices for the use of eResources and how digital content is made available statewide.

Indiana Book ClubsINbookclub@lists.library.in.gov

Indiana librarians who manage or support book clubs can join the INBookClub listserv to exchange ideas and address issues relating to book clubs.

Indiana Small LibraryINsmalllib@lists.library.in.gov

INsmalllib listserv is a discussion forum for all small (Class C and Class D) libraries in Indiana. The purpose of this list is to foster an open discussion of the issues, services, and opportunities that affect these small libraries.

Library Marketing & PR ProfessionalsLibraryPR@lists.library.in.gov

LibraryPR is an open discussion list dedicated to library professionals who specialize in public relations, communications, marketing and outreach at their library. It provides marketing professionals the opportunity to share ideas, resources, and strategies for increasing public awareness of libraries' programs and services, offer best practices and success stories, receive updates on regional and statewide partnership opportunities and outreach initiatives, and learn more about upcoming marketing workshops and professional development opportunities.

Readers Advisoryreadersadvisory@lists.library.in.gov

The IN-RA listserv is a forum for all types of Indiana libraries to exchange ideas and deal with issues that relate to readers advisory.

Trusteestrustees@lists.library.in.gov

Indiana trustees can ask about other libraries' policies, learn about trustee training programs, or find out about library building projects. Ask any question, and chances are there will be someone with a similar experience who can answer.

Yappers (Teen/Young Adult Librarians)yappers@lists.library.in.gov

YAPPERS is for librarians who serve teens and young adults. The listserv is a forum for exchanging ideas and dealing with issues that relate to service for patrons between ages 12 and 18.

Indiana Games Roundtableingamesrt@lists.library.IN.gov

INGamesRT is a discussion list for librarians and library staff who manage and support Games and Gaming related programming in libraries across Indiana. This list is a forum for exchanging ideas and dealing with issues related to all aspects of Games.

To subscribe to any of these listservs, visit

<https://www.in.gov/library/services-for-libraries/ldoresources/listservs/>



LibraryIndiana
Leveraging Resources for Greater Savings & More Choices

<https://www.in.gov/library/files/LibraryIndiana.htm>

What library today isn't looking for ways to run leaner and more efficiently? LibraryIndiana is the right tool to help make it happen. LibraryIndiana is a partnership between the State of Indiana and the Indiana State Library to give every library in the state the purchasing advantage of statewide-negotiated contracts, organized into convenient online catalogs, all on one easy-to-use website. Popular items include:

- A.V. supplies and equipment
- Copy and paper services
- Information technology hardware and software
- Janitorial products
- Library supplies
- Maintenance, repair, and operations (MRO)
- Office products

LibraryIndiana is easy, efficient, and free!

Your access to LibraryIndiana is paid for by the State of Indiana and with it comes access to the best State-approved purchasing agreements focused on the needs of all types of libraries.

Questions or comments?

Contact info@libraryindiana.com



<https://digital.statelib.lib.in.us/legacy>

Indiana Legacy combines existing Indiana State Library databases with the Vital Information Exchange (VINE), a collaborative statewide database composed of Indiana local history and vital records from Indiana libraries, historical societies, genealogy societies, and related organizations. It is designed to allow participants and users to obtain access to Indiana local history and vital records through searching across all indexes or a single index. The database is searchable by county, event, or through a general surname search of all records. These records are available to the public at no charge and include birth, marriage, death, divorce, obituaries, court records, newspapers, scrapbooks, yearbooks, and military records, among others.

Questions or comments?

Call 317-232-3675 or in-state toll-free 866-683-0008.