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## Free Guides Available for Local Reading Programs

The Big Read, a national "one-book" program  [Free Big Read Materials](#) funded by the National Endowment for the Arts is offering educational materials that accompany the program's selected books free of charge to your the Indiana Center for the Book. If your library is interested in receiving materials available for **22 classic titles**, contact [Drew Griffis](#).

Please send requests by January 31, 2011. The materials will be shipped for arrival in early March 2011. Please note, we cannot guarantee you will receive every item requested. Copies of the books themselves are not included, but many titles are available through the Indiana Humanities Council's [Novel Conversations](#) program.

Once you select your titles, these materials are available:

**Reader's Guides:** 16-page booklets containing an introduction to the book, historical context, and discussion questions.

**Audio Guides:** 30-minute programs featuring interviews with notable literary and public figures – such as Robert Redford, Colin Powell, Tim O'Brien – about the book for radio and classroom use.

### How could these items be used?

- **Libraries** (book clubs, displays, summer programs)
- **Schools** (classrooms, libraries, after-school programs)
- **Local festivals and community events**
- **Military bases, hospitals, or correctional facilities** with educational programs

Please keep in mind that these materials are NOT for libraries or organizations currently planning a Big Read program. You will receive these materials directly from The Big Read. Rather, these items are available to any library looking for an inexpensive option to enhance their current reading initiatives, whether it is a community-wide one book program, language arts class, or a small book club.

On a side note, libraries interested in [applying](#) for the next round of Big Read grants should do so by February 1, 2011. This round is for programs hosted from September 2011 to June 2012.

## OCLC Report Explores Changes in Library Usage

OCLC recently released [Perceptions of Libraries, 2010: Context and Community](#), which is now available for print

## Schedule Released for Summer Reading Workshops

*Each workshop will last from 9:00 AM - Noon (local time) and is worth three (3) General LEUs.*

2/17: [Muncie PL](#)  
 2/23: [Brownsburg PL](#)  
 2/24: [Bloomfield PL](#)  
 3/08: [Pulaski County PL](#)  
 3/09: [Noble County PL](#)  
 3/11: [Jackson County PL](#)

*Registration is limited. Click on the links above to register for your selected date and location.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

### Microsoft Donation Program: Licensing & Benefits

When: Thursday, Jan. 27  
Where: Live Online @ 3:00 PM.

### Join TechSoup

When: Friday, Jan. 28  
Where: Live Online @ 2:00 PM

### Outreach & Programming Roundtable

When: Friday, Jan. 28  
10:00 AM - Noon  
([RSVP](#) by Jan. 24)  
Where: New Castle Public Library

### Indianapolis Youth Literature Conference

When: Saturday, Jan. 29  
8:30 PM - 4:00 PM  
Where: Indianapolis-Marion County Public Central Library

### Deadline for Big Read Grant Applications


When: February 1

**Northwest Indiana Times**  
[Crown Point Lib. helps to raise book babies](#)  
**Shelbyville News**  
[Shelby County Reads is back](#)  
**South Bend Tribune**  
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 **OCLC:**  
**[Perceptions of Libraries, 2010: Context & Community](#)**

ordering and free download. This follow-up report to the 2005 **[Perceptions of Libraries and Information Resources](#)** provides updated information and new insights into information consumers and their online information habits, preferences and perceptions. Particular attention was paid to how the current economic downturn has affected information-seeking behaviors and how those changes are reflected in the use and perception of libraries.

Specifically, the OCLC membership report explores:

- *Technological and economic shifts since 2005*
- *Lifestyle changes Americans have made during the recession, including increased use of the library and other online resources*
- *How a negative change to employment status impacts use and perceptions of the library*
- *How Americans use online resources and libraries in 2010*
- *Perceptions of libraries and information resources based on life stage, from teens to college students, to senior Americans.*

The report is based on U.S. data from an online survey by Harris Interactive conducted on behalf of OCLC. OCLC analyzed and summarized the results in order to produce this report.

**[ILF Legislative Day](#)**

When: February 8  
Where: Indiana State Library

**[Programming for Babies](#)**

When: February 15 @ 1:00 PM  
Where: Lowell Public Library

**[Library Services for Homeschoolers](#)**

When: February 15 @ 1:00 PM  
Where: Lowell Public Library

**[Teen Tech Week](#)**

When: March 6-12

**[Money Smart Week](#)**

When: April 2-9

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