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Latinx KidLit Book Festival set for September and October

Upcoming workshops and important dates

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When: Sept. 9, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
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Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

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Alexandria-Monroe Public Library

[Programming Manager](#)

Danville-Center Township Public Library

[Public Services Librarian - Juvenile Focus](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

[Regional Branch Manager](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

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



The [Latinx KidLit Book Festival](#) is a free virtual celebration of Latinx KidLit authors, illustrators and books for all students, educators and book lovers around the globe. The festival offers a combination of educational materials and virtual literary content in the form of panels, craft sessions and illustrator draw-offs with best-selling and award-winning Latinx authors and illustrators of picture books, middle grade, young adult, graphic novels, comic books and poetry. The sessions are geared toward all schools, educators, students and book lovers, not just those identifying as Latinx. Everyone is welcome.

The Latinx KidLit Book Festival was created in 2020 during the COVID pandemic by members of Las Musas Books. The aim was to connect Latinx authors and illustrators with readers and educators in classrooms around the globe.

When: Sept. 11, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Every Child Ready to Read and School Readiness in Storytime](#)

When: Sept. 17, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Central Time

Where: La Porte County Public Library

[Indiana State Library Lunch and Learn Series 2024: Newspaper Research: The "Why" and the "How"](#)

When: Sept. 17, 12-1 p.m.

Where: Indiana State Library

[Science of Reading](#)

When: Sept 18, 11 a.m. -12 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[Difference is You Support Staff Conference](#)

When: Sept. 20, 9 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

Where: Indiana State Library

[What's Up Wednesday: Adult Programming Made Easy](#)

When: Sept. 25, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Every Child Ready to Read and School Readiness in Storytime](#)

When: Sept. 30, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Where: Vigo County Public Library

[Every Child Ready to Read and School Readiness in Storytime](#)

When: Oct. 4, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Where: Hamilton East Public Library

Plainfield-Guilford Township 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.

In the news



[Dolly Parton's Imagination Library keeps growing in Indiana but Marion County lacks full access](#)

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Indiana

[United Way of South Central Indiana launches Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Greene and Owen counties](#)

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Indiana

[21 million minutes logged for IndyPL's Summer Reading Program](#)
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The 2024 Latinx KidLit Book Festival will take place live online on Sept. 20, Sept. 27 and Oct. 11. Sessions include "Educators' Night: Bringing History & Social Justice to Life," "Craft: Writing Scares and Suspense in Your Story," "Storytime: Get On Your Feet!," "Draw Off: Criaturas de la Naturaleza - ¡En español!," "Games: Guess that Book! The Emoji Game" and many more. Click [here](#) to see the complete festival schedule. The Latinx KidLit Book Festival will be streamed live on the festival's [YouTube channel](#).

LEUs are available for Indiana library staff. The Latinx KidLit Book Festival is included on the Indiana State Library's list of approved LEU providers. Click [here](#) to read more about approved LEU providers.

The Indiana State Library is a community partner with the Latinx KidLit Book Festival.

Free women's self-defense class at North Webster Library



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, 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.

Fall 2024 Federal Depository Library Conference



The fall [2024 Federal Depository Library Conference](#) is taking place Oct. 21-23. [Registration](#) to attend is

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[Library planning September book discussions](#)

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[Library seeking artists and community stories](#)

Jackson County Public Library

[Library announces 2024 Howard County Reads list](#)

Kokomo-Howard County Public Library

[Roll out to the library for library card sign-up month](#)

Milford Public Library

[Nappanee Public Library to celebrate sesquicentennial with a 'Tasting Spree Contest'](#)

Nappanee Public Library

[North Webster Community Public Library launches Teen Fandom Club](#)

North Webster Community Public Library

[Indianapolis' first library for Black residents reopens through school librarian's leadership](#)

Paul Laurence Dunbar Library

[Adult book club discusses cozy fantasy book](#)

Syracuse Public Library

Instructor Steve Hanford with participants in a women's self-defense class at North Webster Community Public Library

The North Webster Community Public Library has announced a free women's self-defense class at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 4. The class aims to provide women of all ages and skill levels with practical self-defense skills in a supportive and empowering environment.

Instructor Steve Hanford from Lions Karate will lead the class, teaching participants hands-on techniques to handle unsafe situations. Attendees will learn various self-defense strategies designed to boost confidence and ensure they feel prepared to protect themselves if necessary. The techniques covered will be accessible to everyone, regardless of prior experience, making this class an excellent opportunity for beginners and those looking to refresh their skills.

The class is free and open to the public, and no library card is required to participate. Space is limited, so advance registration is highly recommended. Interested individuals can secure their spot by calling the library at 574-834-7122.

The North Webster Community Public Library is located at 110 E. North St. in North Webster.

now open. This virtual event brings together the U.S. Government Publishing Office and the Depository Library Council for the largest annual gathering of federal depository librarians and colleagues in the country. The three-day conference is free to attend and open to anyone interested in government information.

Planning is still underway as GPO is seeking exhibitors, poster creators and presenters for educational sessions. The conference is an excellent opportunity to highlight recent projects or resources related to government information. The deadline to submit a session or poster is Sept. 3. A [preliminary conference schedule](#) is available now. A detailed agenda along with conference slides and handouts will be made available closer to the date of the conference.

Leading up to the conference is the FDLP preconference webinar, "Updates from GPO's Library Services & Content Management," that will take place Oct. 16 from 1-2:30 p.m. GPO staff will provide updates on projects and initiatives underway in LSCM. [Registration](#) to attend this free webinar is also open.

Registration now open for the 2024 OneIndiana Procurement Conference

[Library coworker shares gift of life, without hesitation](#)
Vigo County Public Library

[Vigo County Library gives News 10 an update on new 12 Points branch](#)
Vigo County Public Library

[Library unveils updated website](#)
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[Warsaw Noon Optimists donate to library's StoryWalk](#)
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[Email](#) news links for inclusion in the Wednesday Word's "In the news" section.

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Jeffrey R. Krull Gallery debuts new exhibit 'Abstract Art in Indiana'



The Allen County Public Library's [Jeffrey R. Krull Gallery](#) is currently featuring "Past to Present: Abstract Art in Northern Indiana," showcasing abstract art from local artists in partnership with the University of Saint Francis.

"Our state shares a rich heritage of visual artists ranging from the Victorian painter, William Merritt Chase to the abstract sculptor, David Smith, to the conceptual artist, Vija Celmins," said exhibit curator and University of Saint Francis gallery director Justin Johnson. "Throughout the state, there are regional focuses that include ceramics, plein-air painting, glass and so many other



Registration is now open for the 2024 OneIndiana Procurement Conference on Oct. 23. The free conference will be held at the Indiana Government Center South, located at 302 W. Washington St. in downtown Indianapolis.

With the theme of "Procurement Reignited," this year's conference will gather Indiana state agencies, K-12 districts, local municipalities - including public libraries - and contracted vendors under one shared goal: [Blazing Trails to Strategic Relationships](#).

The conference will feature a traditional Vendor Trade Show, as well as a Reverse Trade Show for state agencies to highlight their partnership opportunities to potential contractors. Attendees will have the opportunity to attend breakout sessions focused on specific procurement topics. Sessions will feature presentations from experts on a variety of topics, including: QPA contracts, CIESC contracts, SpendBridge expansions,



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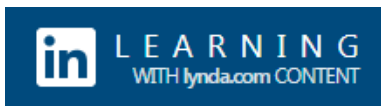
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Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning



art forms and practices. Each artist brings their own aesthetic and materials to the rich and diverse tradition of abstraction – linking themselves both to the present and the past.”

According to Johnson, Northeast Indiana has had a steady movement toward abstract art since the 1940s and the exhibit includes works from not only influential Fort Wayne Art School instructors, but also emerging and established artists from Northeast Indiana including Hannah Burnworth, Austin Cartwright, Sara Nordling, Erin Patton-McFarren and Michael Poorman.

“Past to Present: Abstract Art in Northern Indiana” will be on display inside the west entrance of the Main Library at 900 Library Plaza in Fort Wayne until Sept. 28.

Planning for the exhibits is done months in advance and those interested exhibiting are encouraged to contact the gallery coordinator at least one year prior to the desired month of the exhibit. To schedule an appointment with the gallery coordinator, artists must fill out the [Artist Submission Form](#).

procurement training, PeopleSoft Self-Service, Indiana State Board of Accounts, Indiana Office of Technology, general contract training, procurement policies and procedures and supplier diversity. Click [here](#) to register.

Operating with New Efficiency Indiana - known as [OneIndiana](#) - is a program that was developed to improve the state's sourcing and negotiating leverage to benefit the state's overall budget. Many government entities including cities and towns, schools, county agencies and public libraries qualify to buy off most of the state-negotiated contracts.

Library staff are also encouraged to explore LibraryIndiana, 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. Click [here](#) to read more about LibraryIndiana.

Indiana State Library, 315 W. Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202. www.in.gov/library/

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