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The latest in Indiana library news

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Gov. Holcomb launches statewide expansion of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

On Thursday, Aug. 24 at the Indiana State Library, Gov. Eric J. Holcomb kicked off the statewide expansion of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, which gifts free, high quality, age-appropriate books to children from birth to age five on a monthly basis, regardless of family income. Gov. Holcomb announced Dolly Parton's Imagination Library statewide

Upcoming workshops and important dates

Every Child Ready to Read and School Readiness in Storytime
When: Aug. 31, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Where: Peru Public Library

SRCS Training - In-person
When: Aug. 31, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Where: Floyd County Library

Every Child Ready to Read and School Readiness in Storytime
When: Sept. 7, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Where: Crawfordsville District Public Library

Grants for Public Libraries
When: Sept. 12, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Where: Webinar

What's Up Wednesday - "You might have heard we had a fire." Eckhart Public Library

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This week's new Indiana library jobs

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Indianapolis Public Library

[Electronic Resources Librarian](#)
Saint Mary's College

[Young Adult Team Assistant Head](#)
Shelby County Public Library

[Library Assistant/Special Collections - Genealogy (part-time)](#)
Willard 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

expansion as part of his 2023 Next Level Agenda.

The goal of the statewide expansion is to make books available to children ages 0-5 in every zip code in Indiana. The program is free to enrolled children and will soon be available to more children and families in Indiana.

"I learned from a very young age that reading is the key to further education and opportunity ahead, long-term," Holcomb said. "The very ability to read can transport children and adults alike to places they have never been and open doors they never knew existed. By making Dolly Parton's Imagination Library available in every zip code, we are giving Hoosier children yet another personalized tool close to home they'll need for literary success."

On May 4, Holcomb signed legislation into law that allotted $6 million over the biennium, $2 million in the first year and $4 million in the second year, as part of a community share to expand the program to every zip code in the state.

"It takes a lot of great people working together to make this possible, and I want to thank Governor Holcomb, the Indiana General Assembly, State Librarian Jake Speer and all our local community partners across the state who helped make this dream a reality," Dolly Parton said.

The Indiana State Library will coordinate the program and provide the state's match to interested organizations or individuals to become local program partners. Currently in Indiana, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is available in 54 counties and is partially available in eight counties, with expansion plans to fully cover the entire state – all 92 counties. Starting Sept. 1, current local Imagination Library

When: Sept. 13, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

[Difference is You Conference](#)
When: Sept. 15, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Where: Indiana State Library

[Every Child Ready to Read and School Readiness in Storytime](#)
When: Sept. 21, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Central Time
Where: Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

[Webmaster Roundtable](#)
When: Sept. 26, 2-4 p.m.
Where: Bedford Public Library and virtual

[What's Up Wednesday - The Indiana State Library's Digital Collection Overview](#)
When: Sept. 27, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

[Every Child Ready to Read and School Readiness in Storytime](#)
When: Oct. 5, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Where: St. Joe County Public Library

[Professional Development Roundtable](#)
When: Oct. 5, 2-3 p.m.
Where: Webinar

[Every Child Ready to Read and School Readiness in Storytime](#)
When: Oct. 11, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Where: Johnson County Public Library - Clark Pleasant Branch

[What's Up Wednesday - International Game Month Plans](#)
When: Oct. 11, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

[Discovery to Delivery 2023](#)
When: Oct. 13, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Where: Indiana State Library

[Every Child Ready to Read and School Readiness in Storytime](#)
When: Oct. 17, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Where: Anderson Public Library

Indiana Library News

[Allen County Public Library 'strategic plan' survey receives over 8.5K responses](#)
Allen County Public Library

[Library prepping for 2024 eclipse](#)
Bartholomew County Public Library

[Batesville library hosts author fair Saturday](#)
Batesville Memorial Public Library

[Four Indiana projects selected to improve digital equity and inclusion](#)
Breeden Memorial Library and Crawford County Public Library

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Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

[Over $200,000 awarded to Johnson County organizations](#)
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[Library board looks at 2024 budget](#)
Jackson County Public Library

[Photographer John Gilkey reception to be at Clarksville Library](#)
Jeffersonville Township Public Library

[Library Board stays with proposed budget](#)
Knox County Public Library

partners will only pay 50% of their local program cost with the remaining 50% paid by the state.

"Early literacy is very important, and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program makes reading fun and exciting for children and their families," said Jake Speer, Indiana State Librarian. "I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to work with existing and new partners in Indiana to get statewide coverage of this program."

Click [here](#) to see where the Imagination Library is currently available. Those interested, can enroll their child or sign up to be notified when a program comes to their community.

Sammy the Interviewing Toucan returns with poet laureate and Indiana author interviews

Sammy the Interviewing Toucan, the Indiana State Library's corduroy puppet mascot, has put together two brand new series of videos featuring interviews with poets laureate and Indiana authors.

On Sept. 5, five interviews with the poets laureate, including current Poet Laureate Matthew Graham, will be available on the Indiana State Library's [YouTube channel](#).

"Of course I was delighted. I especially liked the fact that so many of them talked about birds. Except Matthew. He talked about James

Government Information Minute

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.

Spotlight on 2 State Data Center affiliates

The Indiana State Data Center Program has a [network of affiliates](#) which act as support for data users. The State Data Center would like to highlight two affiliates who have been long-time members of the Indiana data user network: the [Association of Indiana Counties](#) and [Accelerate Indiana Municipalities](#), which was formerly the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns.

Both affiliates support local government and act as advocates on behalf of Indiana taxpayers. The Association of Indiana Counties provides support to elected county officials and AIM supports municipal leaders.

Carnegie library restoration project receives two major grants
Muncie Public Library

South Bend hosts ribbon-cutting for nonprofit solar installation
St. Joseph County Public Library

Krannert Memorial Library awarded $4,000 PALNI Innovation Grant
University of Indianapolis

Fortville chosen for new library location
Vernon Township Public Library

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To be featured in the Wednesday Word, please email a press release and a photo.

State Library blog

Follow the Indiana State Library's blog for weekly posts covering all aspects of the State Library.

Dean, but that was cool too. James Dean is about as famous as I am, so there's that," Sammy said.

Then on Sept. 11, five more videos will be released featuring Indiana authors who write for children, including an interview with award-winning Margaret Peterson Haddix.

"That was just a dream come true," Sammy said. "I mean, MPH is legendary in children's literature. And it was great getting to talk to so many authors about how reading books – all kinds of books – is great for kids!"

Sammy's past interviews with Indiana authors and poets can also be found on the Indiana State Library's YouTube channel.

Click here to read more about the upcoming interviews and to see the full lineup of poets laureate and Indiana authors.

What's Up Wednesday 'The Indiana State Library's Digital Collection Overview' webinar scheduled for Sept. 27

As part of the Indiana State Library's What's Up Wednesday series, "The Indiana State Library's Digital Collection Overview" will be presented on Wednesday, Sept. 27 from 10-11 a.m.

Following the decennial census, legislative officials participate in training and are given resources to participate in the redistricting process. The Indiana State Data Center at the Indiana State Library acts as a partner in providing access to the correct census data and maps while new boundaries are drawn to account for population shifts. This process results in changes to congressional districts, state legislative districts, county councils, school boards, municipalities, library districts and more. New district boundaries are available via Stats Indiana under Boundary Maps.

University of Wisconsin-Madison iSchool offering fall online courses

This fall, the University of Wisconsin-Madison iSchool is offering a plethora of continuing education courses for librarians.

Recently added courses include That's Fake News! The Library's Role in Addressing Misinformation in Your Community and Introduction to Records Management.

That's Fake News! The Library's Role in Addressing Misinformation in Your Community will delve into the differences between fake news, misinformation and disinformation and discuss why it matters. The course will also cover how to promote media literacy to library staff and patrons, how to combat misinformation in the community and how a library can be a force against fake news. The course runs from Oct. 2-Nov. 12.

Indiana library employees who would like to contribute a guest blog, please send an email with an idea.

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Back issues of the Wednesday Word are available here.

Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning

Text and Learn for Kindergarten program information

The free, one-hour webinar will be presented by Christopher Marshall, digital collections coordinator at the Indiana State Library. The session will be an overview of what the State Library has been doing over the past five years with its digital collections. Marshall will also talk about the materials being added to the Internet Archive.

The webinar is eligible for one LEU for Indiana library staff. Click here to read more and click here to register.

Please contact Kara Cleveland, Professional Development Office supervisor at the Indiana State Library, with any questions about "The Indiana State Library's Digital Collection Overview."

Introduction to Records Management will provide an overview of records management principles, practices and tools to use for establishing or continuing a records management program and connecting it to other information work. The course runs from Oct. 2-Nov. 12.

Those who register for either of these courses before Sept. 17 will save 10% on course costs.

Click here to view information on University of Wisconsin-Madison iSchool courses - including a class list, schedules, descriptions and costs - and to register.

The University of Wisconsin-Madison iSchool is an Indiana State Library approved LEU provider. Click here to see the State Library's policies on LEUs.

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