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Where: Delphi Public Library

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Where: Culver-Union Township Public Library

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Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

[Assistant Programming Librarian](#)
Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

[Web Development Specialist](#)
Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

[Library Assistant \(part-time\)](#)
Ivy Tech Community College - Fort Wayne

[Assistant Director for Research and Data Education](#)
Ruth Lilly Medical Library at Indiana University School of Medicine



Beginning in January of 2025, the Wednesday Word will be transitioning to a new delivery platform. The newsletter will be delivered via Salesforce Marketing Cloud. Subscribers to the Wednesday Word through the current GovDelivery platform may need to resubscribe to the newsletter. While some subscribers will automatically be subscribed to the new version of the newsletter, it is not possible to transfer certain subscribers. Those who would like to keep receiving the Wednesday Word can subscribe to the new version via this [link](#). Those who have already been transferred to the new subscription list - and try to subscribe via the link - will receive a message informing them that they are already subscribed.

Please note that the Wednesday Word will take its usual holiday hiatus during the week of Dec. 23. After the Christmas holiday, the Wednesday Word is currently scheduled to return on Thursday, Jan. 2, a day after New Year's Day.

[Color Our World: Summer Reading 2025 In-Person Workshop](#)

When: Dec. 18, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Pike County Public Library - Petersburg Branch

[Collaborate Summer Library Program 2025 Color Our World Webinar](#)

When: Jan. 7, 2025, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[Color Our World: Summer Reading 2025 In-Person Workshop](#)

When: Jan. 9, 2025, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Marion Public Library

[Professional Development Roundtable](#)

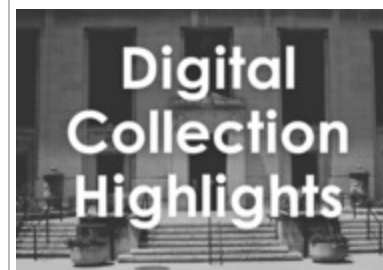
When: Jan. 9, 2025, 2-3 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[Color Our World: Summer Reading 2025 In-Person Workshop](#)

When: Jan. 17, 2025, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Jackson County Public Library



Welcome to Digital Collection Highlights. Every other week, librarians at the Indiana State Library share images from the library's ever-growing digital

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Sullivan County 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[Partial closure at Main Branch of ACPL](#)

Allen County Public Library

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Eckhart Public Library

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Milford Public Library

[Holiday family programs at North Webster Public Library](#)

The Indiana State Library appreciates everyone's patience as the newsletter is transferred to the new delivery platform. The Indiana State Library also apologizes for any inconvenience.

Those with any questions about the Wednesday Word or the transition should contact [John Wekluk](#), communications director at the Indiana State Library.

Avon-Washington Township Public Library awarded \$5,000 District Grant



The Avon-Washington Township Public Library has announced that it has been awarded a \$5,000 District Grant from the Rotary Club of Avon to support programs for youth in grades 5-12. This funding will allow the library to expand and enrich Club 512 programming, which includes programs for tweens and teens in grades 5-12. Teen service librarian Jenny Wakolbinger is adding new STEM programming - which includes coding and kinetic engineering - to her list of offerings beginning in January of 2025. Participants will be dubbed 512 Innovators. Grant

collections. Visit the [Digital Collections](#) page to view the latest additions.

1865: Christmas at the soldiers' home



Christmas 1865 was the first at home for many veterans following the Civil War. Many of them had changed, and their families did not recognize their undiagnosed trauma. The desire for normalcy and compassion made the holiday a poignant benchmark, and scenes about town were reminiscent of Dickens' vignettes. These were recalled in the [Indianapolis Daily Herald newspaper](#).

Editor Samuel Perkins witnessed abundant nativity celebrations and observed that each veteran had returned to his church, where the celebration might "render him additionally devout and thankful." Despite commotion, "there was less of the pyrotechnical exhibitions on the street than usual, and we were glad of it." Holiday fireworks had been common, but in 1865 veterans were peculiarly exempt from such triggering influences.

North Webster Community Public Library

[Putnam County Museum holding story time with Miss Taylor](#)

Putnam County Public Library

[Big Ten pays for new library at Indianapolis elementary school](#)

Robert L. Frost School 106

[Short books for your reading goal](#)

Warsaw Community Public Library

[Warsaw library board hears event, project updates](#)

Warsaw Community Public Library

[Willard Public Library hosts Victorian Christmas Tradition](#)

Willard Public Library

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dollars are also being used to expand on current Club 512 programs including the very popular E-Sports League.

"E-Sports League is a way to bring people together of common interest and to build friendship and community. 512 Innovators is a way to make friends and also make learning fun," Wakolbinger said.

The generous grant invests in enriching and engaging programs for youth in the community. The mission of the Avon-Washington Township Public Library is to be visible, valuable and vital to its community. Learn more about the Avon-Washington Township Public Library and upcoming events [here](#).

The Rotary Club of Avon is an organization where service-minded individuals unite to provide resources and take action for those in need. For more information about the Rotary Club of Avon visit [here](#).

University of Wisconsin-Madison iSchool announces new conference; seeks proposals



The University of Wisconsin-Madison iSchool is excited to

In picking a dinner invitation, the Daily Herald staff chose to honor the veterans "at the Soldiers' Home, at the invitation of Captain Fred A. Stevens, of the Ninth Regiment Hancock Corps" where they had "a sumptuous repast." Music was provided "by the regimental string band," and Perkins glibly recalled that "it was far in the morning of the 26th before the gorgeous assemblage dispersed." He waxed poetic:

"Life cannot be one long gala day ... humanity, which ... relaxed from the jostle of business day before yesterday, has again settled down into the dull task-work of everyday life... The earth will have to make another annual cycle before St. Nicholas will return to us... May the twenty-fifth of December, 1866, find us surrounded by as many blessings as the Christmas which has but just come and gone."

Mock Caldecott workshops scheduled for January





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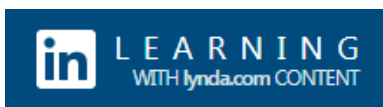
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Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning



announce Upgrade, a new conference dedicated to exploring the intersection of technology and library services. This two-day event in Madison, Wisconsin will take place on Oct. 6-7, 2025 at the Pyle Center and will bring together library staff to discuss innovative practices in library technology.

This conference, themed "Enhancing Library Services with Technology," will focus on cutting-edge topics, including artificial intelligence applications in libraries, effective use of social media for community engagement and the crucial importance of cybersecurity in protecting digital resources. Brandy McNeil and Alex Hanna will be featured as the keynote speakers for the conference.

The conference committee is looking for presenters to offer insights, strategies and tools that will transform how they serve their communities through technology. Proposals must be submitted [here](#) by March 2, 2025 for full consideration.

Topics may include but are not limited to: artificial intelligence, virtual reality, cybersecurity and data privacy, media labs and makerspaces, social media, media literacy, podcasts, digital collections, equity, accessible and inclusive technology and OER. Click [here](#) to read the presentation

Two mock Caldecott workshops are scheduled for 2025. The first workshop is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 17, 2025 at the Carmel Clay Public Library in Carmel. The second workshop is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 24, 2025 at the Wells County Public Library in Bluffton.

The workshops will give attendees the chance to examine some of the best-reviewed picture books of the year. Participants will learn about aspects of illustration and trivia from a 25-plus year veteran of hosting Mock Caldecott workshops, Susan Dailey of the Wells County Public Library. The workshops will also offer an opportunity for attendees to critically discuss the effectiveness of picture book illustration in a relaxed atmosphere and to network with other children's librarians and those who appreciate picture books.

Click [here](#) to read more about the workshops and to register. Registration cost is \$30 per person and includes a continental breakfast. Participants will attend lunch on their own. To register for the workshops, participants should download the appropriate registration form and mail a check - along with the form - to the address on the form.

The workshop is eligible for five LEUs for Indiana library staff. Those interested in a half-day workshop on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2025 in Central Indiana should email [Susan Dailey](#).

	<p>proposal requirements and the proposal evaluation guidelines.</p> <p>The University of Wisconsin-Madison iSchool is an approved LEU provider by the Indiana State Library.</p>	
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