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Wednesday Word holiday hiatus



The Wednesday Word will take a brief holiday hiatus next week, but will return on Jan. 3, 2024.

The Indiana State Library will be closed on Monday, Dec. 25, Tuesday, Dec. 26 and Monday, Jan. 1, 2024.

Upcoming workshops and important dates

[Adventure Begins at Your Library - CSLP 2024 Webinar and Virtual Roundtable](#)

When: Jan. 9, 2024, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[Adventure Begins at Your Library - CSLP 2024 Training and Roundtable](#)

When: Jan. 10, 2024, 10 a.m.-12

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Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

[Program Coordinator](#)
Ligonier Public Library

[Library Assistant – Adult Services \(part-time\)](#)
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.

The Indiana State Library wishes everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

PLAC fee to remain unchanged in 2024

2024 PLAC FEE \$65



The Indiana Library and Historical Board voted unanimously on Dec. 14 to keep the cost of the Public Library Access Card at \$65 effective Jan. 1, 2024.

The PLAC program allows library patrons to purchase a card which permits them to borrow materials directly from any public library in Indiana.

Any individual who holds a valid Indiana public library card may obtain a card. The cost of the card is \$65 and each card is valid for 12 months after being issued.

The Indiana State Library collects the revenue from the sale of these cards and places it in a designated fund account for the PLAC

p.m.
Where: Pike County Public Library - Petersburg Branch

[Professional Development Roundtable](#)

When: Jan. 11, 2024, 2-3 p.m.
Where: Webinar

[Adventure Begins at Your Library - CSLP 2024 Training and Roundtable](#)

When: Jan. 12, 2024, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Where: Wells County Public Library

[Adventure Begins at Your Library - CSLP 2024 Training and Roundtable](#)

When: Jan. 16, 2024, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Where: Charlestown Clark County Public Library

[Adventure Begins at Your Library - CSLP 2024 Training and Roundtable](#)

When: Jan. 19, 2024, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Where: Monticello-Union Township Public Library

[Adventure Begins at Your Library - CSLP 2024 Training and Roundtable](#)

When: Jan. 24, 2024, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Where: Morrisson-Reeves Library

[What's Up Wednesday - Anatomy of a Book Challenge](#)

When: Jan. 24, 2024, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

In the news



[Allen County Public Library launches first Hispanic, Latino community album](#)

Allen County Public Library

[Eckhart Public Library receives grant](#)

Eckhart Public Library

[Fishers resident appointed to library board](#)

Hamilton East Public Library

[Patrons question dismissal of beloved children's librarian](#)

Hancock County Public Library

[Nature club offers stargazing opportunity to local youth](#)

Harrison County Public Library

[Local nonprofits receive grants](#)

Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library

[CenterPoint Energy Foundation announces launch of Dolly Parton Imagination Library in Spencer](#)

program. After the end of the calendar year, all of the money collected is distributed back to libraries on the basis of net loans.

Quarterly display cases available at Indianapolis Public Library



The Indianapolis Public Library is now accepting applications from community groups, nonprofits, library staff and individuals who are interested in using the library's display cases on the fourth and fifth floor of the Central Library in downtown Indianapolis. The cases will be available for quarterly use beginning in January of 2024.

Several tall and flat cases are available for civic, educational, artistic or cultural purposes. Cases may not be used for commercial purposes. Displays may include infographics, signs, paintings, photography, sculpture, documents, artifacts and ephemera.

[Getting READY to Build Better School Partnerships](#)

When: Jan. 25, 2024, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Adventure Begins at Your Library - CSLP 2024 Training and Roundtable](#)

When: Jan. 30, 2024, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Putnam County Public 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.

Free courses from government information

[County](#)

Imagination Library of Indiana

[Animals of the North Pole](#)

Milford Public Library

[Maring-Hunt Library: A space you can call home](#)

Muncie Public Library

[Commissioners reverse course, reappoint St. Joseph County Public Library board member](#)

St. Joseph County Public Library

[Foster Success hosts holiday celebration at St. Joe County Public Library](#)

St. Joe County Public Library

[Warsaw Library Board approves one-time salary adjustment for employees](#)

Warsaw Community Public Library

Is your library making news?

[Email](#) news links for inclusion in the Wednesday Word's "In the news" section.

To be featured in the Wednesday Word, please [email](#) a press release and a photo.



"Creatively and visually, this opportunity can help exhibit a voice in a community, spotlight nonprofit efforts, enhance lifelong learning subjects or bring in hopefully relevant talking points within the library community and beyond," said Stephanie Flood, display coordinator.

The selection process will include a review of subject, appearance, space, quality and local and regional interest. The displays will be exhibited quarterly from January to March, April to June, July to September and October to December.

Those interested in applying, or requesting pictures and dimensions of the cases, should contact [Stephanie Flood](#), public service librarian and display coordinator at the Indianapolis Public Library.

ALA now accepting applications for Peggy Barber Tribute Grant

sources



Government Information resources are terrific for earning LEUs and improving one's skillset beyond the norm. These opportunities are included on the Indiana State Library's [Approved Training Providers](#) list, therefore they are eligible for LEUs. To begin with, the Federal Depository Library Program released the following new geographic-themed webinars this year:

- [Cartographic Resources from the Federal Government: A Roadmap to your Geospatial Destinations](#)
- [Federal Government Mapping Resources: Experiences from a Virtual Reference Desk](#)
- [Geography 101](#)
- [Introduction to the USGS Publications Warehouse](#)
- [Paper Maps & Rogue TIGERs: Using Government Documents to Digitize 1980 Census Blocks for IPUMS NHGIS](#)

For a collection of past FDLP Academy webinars and webcasts covering 2014 to 2022, see [this list](#). For those who like to plan ahead, the Government Publishing Office publishes its list of all current events and trainings [here](#). The U.S. Census Bureau provides upcoming and



State Library blog



Follow the [Indiana State Library's blog](#) for weekly posts covering all aspects of the State Library.

Indiana library employees who would like to contribute a guest blog, please send an [email](#) with an idea.

Miss an issue of the Wednesday Word?

Back issues of the Wednesday Word are available [here](#).

Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning



The American Library Association invites library workers to apply for the fourth annual [Peggy Barber Tribute Grant](#), a programming grant named after the transformative ALA leader responsible for the creation of National Library Week and the Celebrity READ series.

The Peggy Barber Tribute Grant is an annual grant that recognizes, promotes and supports meaningful programs in libraries that have limited or no access to budgetary support for programming. This grant aims to help ease budget challenges by annually awarding three libraries \$2,500 to support a proposed program, program series or programming effort.

Each year, the grant focuses on supporting a specific type of library programming. For the 2023–24 cycle, libraries are invited to

recorded webinars at their [Census Academy](#) website.

Researchers can also try [GovLoop.com](#) for upcoming trainings and recorded webinars on tech and management. Search the library's approved training list for more great opportunities on multiple topics.

Indiana Historical Bureau quarterly newsletter now available



The Indiana Historical Bureau, a division of the Indiana State Library, has recently released the [December issue](#) of its newsletter, Primary Source. Moving forward, the newsletter will be released quarterly. It will showcase the various work conducted by staff in the Public History, Digital Initiatives and Rare Books and Manuscripts departments of the Indiana Historical Bureau at the Indiana State Library, as well as feature upcoming events and programming.

Recurring features include newly released Indiana History Blog posts, updates on the Historical Bureau's podcast, Talking Hoosier History, and recent developments from the State Marker Program.



Text and Learn for Kindergarten program information



submit applications for a grant related to civic education.

All library types - including public, academic, K-12, tribal and special libraries - in the U.S. or U.S. territories are eligible. Applicants must have a personal or institutional membership with either the [American Library Association](#) or the [Association for Rural & Small Libraries](#).

Applications for the award will be accepted until Feb. 1, 2024. [Read the grant guidelines and apply online.](#)

Click [here](#) to read more, and to view last year's winners.

[Subscribe now](#) to Primary Source to stay up to date with the Historical Bureau's work and to learn more about Indiana history.

Those interested in receiving the newsletter may also subscribe by emailing [Kelsey Green](#), public outreach coordinator at the Indiana Historical Bureau.

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