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CSLP's Summer Symposium - National Virtual Conference on Summer Reading
When: Dec. 7, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Where: Webinar

Adventure Begins at Your Library - CSLP 2024 Training and Roundtable
When: Dec. 8, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

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Indiana library jobs

This week's new Indiana library jobs

Assistant Location Manager
Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

Collections Librarian
Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

Executive Director of Library Services
Indiana University Northwest Library

Public Services Librarian - Adult Focus
Indianapolis Public Library

The Indiana Library Passport, a digital experience that encourages everyone to visit libraries across the Hoosier state, launched in 2022. The passport, open to Indiana residents and outside visitors alike, showcases nearly 170 main libraries and branches.

After users provide their name, email address and mobile phone number, a link is sent to their mobile phone, which adds a button icon to their home screen. From there, users are free to begin visiting Hoosier libraries. Users access the passport to check in to a participating library using their phone's location services.

In addition to being a creative way to inspire people to visit the state's libraries, the passport automatically enters the user into a quarterly prize drawing every time they checked in to a library.

In 2024, a new batch of prizes will be available for passport users to win via quarterly drawing. Next year will see admission vouchers to the Indiana Medical History Museum; tickets to tour various historical locations across the state, courtesy of Indiana Landmarks; annual Indiana state park passes, courtesy of the Indiana DNR; and admission passes to Minnestrista, which includes access to the Bob Ross Experience, added to the growing list of available prizes.

Where: Warsaw Community Public Library

Navigating Privacy Issues in the Public Library
When: Dec. 12, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

Adventure Begins at Your Library - CSLP 2024 Training and Roundtable
When: Dec. 15, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Central Time
Where: Porter County Public Library - Valparaiso Library Branch

Adventure Begins at Your Library - CSLP 2024 Training and Roundtable
When: Dec. 18, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Where: Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library

Adventure Begins at Your Library - CSLP 2024 Training and Roundtable
When: Dec. 19, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Where: Brown County Public Library

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 p.m.

[Circulation Supervisor](#)
Muncie Public Library

[Adult Services Assistant Department Head](#)
Shelby County Public Library

[Youth Services Assistant Department Head](#)
Shelby County Public Library

[Branch Manager](#)
Tippecanoe County Public Library

[Youth Services Librarian](#)
Tippecanoe 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

Indiana Library News

[ACPL celebrates successful software upgrade](#)
Allen County Public Library

Additionally, a limited-edition Indiana Library Passport mug is available while supplies last.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the Indiana Library Passport. Click [here](#) to see a list of past and present prize donors.

Libraries interested in joining the Indiana Library Passport - free of cost - should contact [John Wekluk](#), communications director at the Indiana State Library.

North Manchester Public Library installs tower garden with grant funding

On. Nov. 21, a Tower Garden was installed at the North Manchester Public Library. The installation was made possible with funding from the Poet Bioprocessing Community Impact Grant. The installation of the garden was part of NMPL's Homeschool Science program. Students worked with library staff and members of the Wabash County Purdue Extension to build and install the garden.

Where: Pike County Public Library - Petersburg Branch

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.

Reporting scams and fraud

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USAGov has a specific section of the website to report scams and fraud.

Tower Gardens operate on an advanced form of hydroponics called aeroponics. Aeroponic systems use water, liquid nutrients and a soilless growing medium to grow plants in an air or mist environment rather than soil. This method is quick and efficient, using 98% less water; 90% less space; growing 30% more; and growing plants three times faster than traditional soil methods. With no need for digging or weeding, planting indoors becomes a viable option.

"We have big plans for the Tower Garden," said Sarah Morbitzer, NMPL's Children's Department manager. "The Tower Garden will be accessible for everyone in the community any time they visit the library, and will provide families with access to fresh produce all year long. It will also allow the library to expand our Dirty Diggers garden program for kids, beyond the spring and summer months. We hope to continue to cultivate a love of fresh, healthy greens and herbs in children by giving them the opportunity to grow, harvest and taste the 'tower-to-table' experience."

NMPL hopes the Tower Garden will show library users the positive partnership between science, environmental care and food sustainability. NMPL plans to use it as a source of ingredients for

It was recently re-designed to make it easier for users who want to report scams, but don't know which kind of scam should be reported to which agency. Since many people experience emotional harm as a result of being scammed. USAGov's usability team kept this in mind while developing a simpler process for visitors to easily report a scam. Read the blog for more details about the UX testing they did. Here's a summary.

They decided that a wizard would work best and created a version in English for USA.gov and a version in Spanish for USAGov en Español. The tool offers a step-by-step process that allows visitors to answer a few simple questions to find out where and how to report the scam they experienced. Then, they tested on both versions of the wizard, with the goals of: "learning if our visitors could navigate a page without any difficulties and find the information they were looking for," "seeing if the tool could answer real-world questions" and "confirming whether the wizard was the best approach for this kind of sensitive content." They have now made the descriptions of each scam category easier to understand. Scams and fraud appears on the menu bar of the main USAGov webpage.

Indiana residents can also access resources from the Indiana Attorney General's Consumer Protection

children from birth through age 5
Imagination Library of Indiana

Libraries hosting winter programs for children
Jackson County Public Library

Loogootee Public Library December activities
Loogootee Public Library

Noblesville School Board approves school library material removal policy
Noblesville Schools

Whisk up holiday magic
North Webster Community Public Library

Build A Christmas tree for LEGO Challenge
Milford Public Library

Rush County Community Foundation awards $126,000+ in fall grants
Rushville Public Library

Families to make gingerbread houses
Syracuse Public Library

Artist to display pieces at VCPL in December
Vigo County Public Library

Meet new employee no. 3
Warsaw Community Public Library

Is your library making news?

cooking classes at the library. "We collaborate with Purdue Extension of Wabash County to host Chef University, a dynamic program that gives kids hands-on experience preparing and eating healthy recipes," said Morbitzer. "The Tower Garden will grow the herbs and leafy vegetables for the recipes, which will give us an affordable, environmentally-friendly source for non-seasonal produce."

Library users will be able to reserve tower sections during late winter and early spring - for spring and summer gardens - and late summer - for fall crops - for the purpose of plant starts. As plants reach the size of viability, users can take them home for transplant and a new set of patrons can start their own seeds, which they can choose at no cost from the NMPL seed library.

"We are excited about the benefits a Tower Garden located at the library will bring to our community," said Diane Randall, library director. "With this project, we seek to broaden the scope of our educational programming, address food insecurity, encourage healthy eating, promote environmental care, and build community connections."

The Tower Garden will be accessible for everyone in the community any time they visit the

Division about data privacy, ID theft and robocalls. For other consumer related matters outside of identity theft, click here.

PALNI and PALCI successfully conclude IMLS grant to remove barriers to Hyku adoption

The Private Academic Library Network of Indiana and The Partnership for Academic Library Collaboration and Innovation are pleased to announce the successful completion of an Institute of Museum and Library Services grant to fund the project, "Hyku for Consortia: Removing Barriers to Adoption." This collaborative effort aimed to enhance the adoption of Hyku, an open-source multi-tenant repository solution, by addressing identified barriers and creating a comprehensive toolkit for consortia and library groups to implement their own institutional repositories. Hyku is an application developed and supported by the Samvera.org open-source technology community.

As part of the project, PALNI and PALCI conducted extensive research to understand potential barriers to adopting Hyku. This research, led

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library, and will provide families with access to fresh produce all year long.

'The Black Church in America' to be presented by IndyPL on Dec. 12

On Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 6:30 p.m., the Indianapolis Public Library will present "The Black Church in America."

This hourlong virtual program will be presented by Joseph L. Tucker Edmonds and will explore the church's role as a Black social institution from slavery to the present, its religious attitudes as expressed in songs and sermons and its political activities as exemplified in the minister-politician.

Edmonds is an associate professor of Africana Studies and Religious Studies at Indiana University-Indianapolis and associate director of The Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture.

This free online lecture is part of the Culture, History and Society lectures hosted jointly by the

by two user experience research firms, Samhaeng and Aestiva Solutions, involved piloting Hyku Commons users as the focal point. Satisfaction surveys, structured interviews, usability testing and focus groups were employed to gather valuable insights. The research identified key development needs in metadata, front-end display, and administrative workflows, providing a foundation for the subsequent technology development phase.

The project team further built upon this user-centric approach by employing a project liaison with institutional repository experience to serve as both a user and the project development and implementation supporter. This dual role allowed for a holistic understanding of user needs and the capability to translate them into actionable development changes directly and strongly impacted the project's success.

The completion of the IMLS grant signifies a significant achievement for the Hyku for Consortia project. PALNI and PALCI are dedicated to supporting open-source initiatives and assisting consortia and library groups in overcoming challenges related to Hyku adoption. The partners plan to continue enhancing the Hyku platform, introducing new features and functionality that will be openly accessible to the

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Text and Learn for Kindergarten program information

TALK

Indianapolis Special Collections Room and the Lawrence Branch of the Indianapolis Public Library. This event is being held via Zoom. Registered attendees will be emailed login instructions approximately two hours before the event.

The event is made possible by Friends of the Library, through gifts to The Indianapolis Public Library Foundation, and by the Indiana University-Indianapolis Office of Community Engagement.

Click here to register. Registration is required. This program is eligible for one LEU for Indiana library staff.

community, thanks to contributions from PALCI and PALNI adopting member organizations.

Additionally, PALCI and PALNI are actively exploring opportunities to optimize development resources and coordinate efforts within the broader Hyku and Samvera community. Kirsten Leonard serves on the board of the Samvera community as a project representative, where she is actively seeking collaborations with other projects such as Hyku, Hyrax and Avalon.

For more information about the project, and access to the Collaborative Repository Toolkit, please visit the Hyku for Consortia website.

Read the full PALNI press release here.

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