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Genealogy Fair returns to Indiana State Library in October



The popular Genealogy and Local History Fair will return to the Indiana State Library on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

This year's theme is "At the Crossroads of America: Westward Migration and Family History," and will examine where the ancestors of many Americans went after they arrived in the United States, and how they got there. The fair will

Upcoming workshops and important dates

[What's Up Wednesday - Detecting Fraud Against Older Adults: Building Awareness and Resources for Library Staff](#)

When: July 31, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

[Indiana State Library Lunch and Learn Series: Introduction to Family Search](#)

When: Aug. 6, 12-1 p.m.
Where: Indiana State Library

[Summer Lecture Series: Murderer in the Family Tree, an Author Talks Event Featuring Indiana Author Stephen Terrell](#)

When: Aug. 10, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Where: Indiana State Library

[Supplementing Science of Reading from the Library and TeachingBooks](#)

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Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

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Hamilton North Public Library

[Program Coordinator](#)

Indiana State Library

[Digital Archivist](#)

Wabash College

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



[Community garden program continues at Bloomfield library](#)

Bloomfield-Eastern Greene County Public Library

feature a full day of genealogy presentations and exhibitors.

Eleanor Brinsko will present "Westward Ho: Migrations Methods of the United States." Brinsko will focus on the people who have called the land called America "home" and the methods they chose to migrate across the country. Questions like "How did they get to their chosen place of settlement?" and "What modes of transportation were available?" will be answered.

Annette Burke Lyttle will present "How Advertising Brought Our Ancestors to the Midwest." Business owners, land speculators and communities wishing to grow all turned to various forms of advertising to entice people to migrate to the Midwestern territories and states. Lyttle will look at what kinds of messages these ads used in order to make hard work and pioneer living seem attractive.

Lyttle will also present "The National Road: America's First Federal Highway." Built between 1811 and 1837, the National Road was the first federally-funded highway in America. Extending from Maryland to the frontier of Illinois, this migration route allowed thousands of people to settle in the Midwest.

Registration is not required but is preferred. Click [here](#) to register and to read more details about the presentations and speaker.

Indiana library staff can receive up to three LEUs for attending. Those seeking LEUs should register for recordkeeping purposes.

Parking validation will be available for attendees who park in the Senate Avenue parking garage directly across from the library and bring their ticket in for validation.

When: Aug. 21, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Webinar

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

When: Aug. 23, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Central Time

Where: Oakland City-Columbia Township Public Library

[Webmaster Roundtable](#)

When: Aug. 27, 2-3 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[What's Up Wednesday: Indiana Legal Help - How Can Libraries Support Publicly Accessible Legal Information](#)

When: Aug. 28, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

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

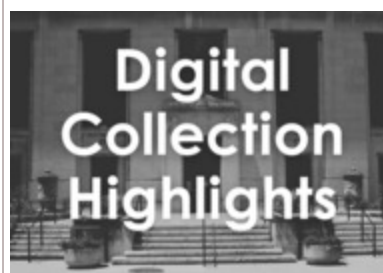
When: Sept. 9, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Where: Marion Public Library

[What the Research Says - Playing Games to Build Relationships and Learn Empathy: How Tabletop Role-Playing Games Help Players Grow](#)

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

Where: Webinar



Welcome to Digital Collection Highlights. Every other week, librarians at the Indiana State Library share images from the library's ever-growing digital collections. Visit the [Digital Collections](#) page to view the latest additions.

Gwendolyn Burris oral history

[Free Little Art Gallery opens at Eckhart Public Library](#)
Eckhart Public Library

[Strawberries Around the Fountain continues to be an Auburn favorite](#)
Eckhart Public Library

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Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

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Westfield Washington Public Library

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Westfield Washington 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.



For questions, or to register as an exhibitor, please [email the Genealogy Division](#) of the Indiana State Library.

Difference is You Conference registration closes Aug. 9



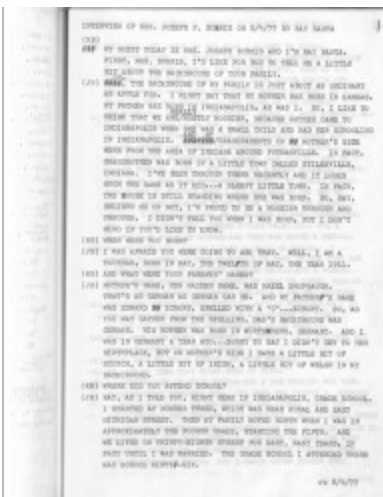
Registration for the 2024 Difference is You Conference closes on Friday, Aug. 9. The conference is the only statewide event designed especially for library support staff and non-MLS librarians. However, all are welcome to attend.

The conference will take place on Friday, Sept. 20, from 9 a.m.-3:45 p.m., at the Indiana State Library in downtown Indianapolis.

The theme of this year's Difference is You Conference is "Grow Your Garden." The Professional Development Committee of the Indiana State Library hopes that attendees will develop and cultivate what they learn at this event and that they can expand upon that knowledge at their own library. The committee also encourages libraries to register staff as a group for a team-building outing.

Click [here](#) to register. Payment is due by Aug. 23. Each library will be invoiced. Full session descriptions and presenters biographies can be found on the [Difference is You Conference page](#).

The cost of registration is \$30 per person, which includes a boxed lunch. A total of five LEUs are available for Indiana Library staff.



Gwendolyn Schort Burris, born in 1911, was the first woman radio disc jockey in Indianapolis. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in Public Speaking from Butler University and a diploma in dramatics from Metropolitan School of Music at Jordan College by 1933. Burris - then Schort - was heavily engaged in civic theatre and performing. In 1937, she gained the notice of the director of WFBM, a local radio station, while giving recitations of a few of James Whitcomb Riley's works on a Third Christian Church radio program. He offered her the position of co-host of an afternoon program, Tea Time Tunes, spinning records. Soon thereafter, Burris was also asked to host a morning talk show program called Apron Strings, aimed at women listeners.

According to Burris, the programs at that time were precisely timed and scripted, unlike modern radio, where DJs are allowed more spontaneity in their programming. She found the extemporaneity of 1970s radio and television far more interesting than the structured offerings of her early radio career. When asked in her [oral history interview](#) if she drew inspiration from other radio programs or performers, Burris noted that she was, ironically, never a radio enthusiast. Instead, her passion lay in the theatre, therefore, she was



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Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning



September Lunch and Learn announced

Click [here](#) for a map to the parking areas.

Please contact [Paula Newcom](#) or [Kara Cleveland](#), conference committee co-chairs, with any questions about the event.

Morrisson-Reeves Library celebrates songwriters with Lyricists' Corner series



Beginning in August, the Morrison-Reeves Library will host Lyricists' Corner, a music and songwriting series. The free live music series features an array of talented local and regional songwriters who will share their original tunes and discuss their creative journeys as songwriters and lyricists.

Lyricists' Corner is an intimate evening where songwriters reveal the stories behind their songs, offering insights into their artistic processes and personal lives. This unique opportunity allows attendees to connect with artists on a profound level, experiencing the raw inspiration and passion that fuels the creativity behind the music.

Joe Augustin has hosted Lyricists' Corner in several venues and listening rooms throughout the past decade, in places such as Richmond, Dayton, Indianapolis, Muncie, Portland and Yellow Springs. Hundreds of songwriters have performed in the series since it began.

inspired by actress Helen Hayes, who became the second - and first woman - [EGOT](#) in 1977.

Burris' interview was recorded in August of 1977 as part of the Indiana State Library Oral History Project. To learn more about her experiences, or to find additional [oral histories](#) from prominent and influential Hoosiers, visit the [Indiana State Library Digital Collections](#).

State Library PDO Office training survey available



Education is a major facet of the Professional Development Office of the Indiana State Library. In 2023, PDO staff facilitated 222 webinars and face-to-face trainings for library staff.

PDO's regional coordinators offer on-demand face-to-face training and workshops. Library staff may request training with [PDO staff members](#). When booking, please follow the Indiana State Library's [Face-to-Face Training Policy](#).

The State Library is looking to update its on-demand in-person training topics and would greatly appreciate input from library staff via [survey](#). The survey will close on Aug. 9.

The survey asks about the number one topic - not included on the State Library's training list - that library staff would like to see covered and



The Indiana State Library has announced the September Lunch and Learn program.

"Newspaper Research: The 'Why' and the 'How'," presented by David Pleiss, newspaper librarian at the Indiana State Library, will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 17 from 12-1 p.m.

Newspapers provide the most comprehensive documentation of a community's history. The personal stories that historians crave are hidden there, treasures to be discovered. Pleiss will teach attendees why newspapers are important historical resources and how to maximize efficiency based on three access points: digital, microfilm and print.

The program is eligible for one LEU for Indiana Library Staff and will take place in the History Reference Room of the Indiana State Library.

Click [here](#) to read more - including parking instructions - and to register.

Now, Lyricists' Corner is coming to Morrisson-Reeves Library, where the concerts will be offered the second Thursday of each month: Aug. 8, Sept. 12 and Oct. 10 at 6 p.m. Each event promises an evening of exceptional music, storytelling, and artist interaction. Admission is free and all are welcome to attend.

The lineup is as follows:

- Aug. 8: Reyna Spears and Steve Bratton.
- Sept. 12: Tyrone Cotton and Phil English.
- Oct. 10: Jenn Cristy and Kat Heart.

Please contact [Joe Augustin](#) with any questions.

which current topic staff would like to see covered more in depth.

Currently, for adults, the State Library offers training on communication, professionalism, customer service, managing difficult situations, self care, team building, INSPIRE, Indiana State Library services, technology, reference and community partnerships.

Topics for youth include booktalking, INSPIRE for youth services, programming for teens, teen development, readers' advisory for youth, serving homeschoolers, running STEM, Every Child Ready to Read and Collaborative Summer Reading Program.

Click [here](#) to read the full list of face-to-face trainings, with descriptions and additional training information.

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