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Programs on city directories, printing and the Vonnegut family coming to the Indianapolis Public Library



In August and September, the Indianapolis Public Library will offer programs on city directories, printing and the Vonnegut family. The events are part of the Culture, History and Society: Rare Books and Special Collections program series.

Upcoming workshops and important dates

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

When: Aug. 6, 12-1 p.m.

Where: Indiana State Library

[Social Work in Libraries](#)

When: Aug. 6, 3-4 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[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](#)

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

Where: Webinar

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

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Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

[Circulation Services Manager](#)

Carmel Clay Public Library

[Associate Director of Public Services](#)

East Chicago Public Library

[Associate Director of Technical Services](#)

East Chicago Public Library

[Department Assistant Outreach \(part-time\)](#)

East Chicago Public Library

[Department Assistant of Public Relations \(part-time\)](#)

East Chicago Public Library

[Youth Services Librarian](#)

East Chicago Public Library

[Cataloging and Metadata Librarian](#)

Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

[Digital Publishing and Repository Librarian](#)

IU Indianapolis

[Research Services Librarian](#)

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College

[Head Technical Services Librarian](#)

Tippecanoe County Public Library

[Systems Technician](#)

Vigo County Public Library

Those who would like their Indiana library job posting to be listed in the

On Tuesday, Aug. 6 from 10:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m., Casey Pfeiffer will present "Using City Directories in Your Research." City directories help researchers trace residents, local businesses and social, religious and charitable institutions to a particular place at a particular time in history. In this program, Pfeiffer - Historical Marker Program director at the Indiana Historical Bureau, a division of the Indiana State Library - will teach about the types of information researchers can derive from city directories, where they can locate these sources and how they can search them. Click [here](#) to register.

On Sunday, Aug. 25 at 2 p.m., Emily Thomas, IndyPL children's librarian, will present "A Brief History of Printing." Thomas will present an abbreviated history of printing. She will explore early examples of printing, delve into Gutenberg's groundbreaking press and discuss significant innovations throughout history. Click [here](#) to read more and to register.

On Tuesday, Sept. 24 from 10:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m., Angi Porter, genealogy librarian at the Indiana State Library, will present "The Vonneguts: A German-American Indianapolis Family." Porter will explore the historical records, fascinating discoveries and meticulous analysis of the Vonnegut family across several generations. Click [here](#) to register.

All programs will take place in-person at the Indianapolis Public Library's [Central Branch](#). Each program is eligible for one LEU for Indiana library staff.

**Indiana Library
Bookkeeper Cohorts
workshop scheduled for
Aug. 22**

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

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

When: Sept. 17, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Central Time

Where: La Porte County Public Library

[Indiana State Library Lunch and Learn Series 2024: Newspaper Research: The "Why" and the "How"](#)

When: Sept. 17, 12-1 p.m.

Where: Indiana State Library

[Science of Reading](#)

When: Sept 18, 11 a.m. -12 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[Difference is You Support Staff Conference](#)

When: Sept. 20, 9 a.m.-3:34 p.m.

Where: Indiana State Library

[What's Up Wednesday: Adult Programming Made Easy](#)

When: Sept. 25, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

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



[Bike ride hosted by library explores White River neighborhood](#)
Anderson Public Library

[Carmel Clay Public Library Foundation's Guilded Leaf author lineup set](#)
Carmel Clay Public Library

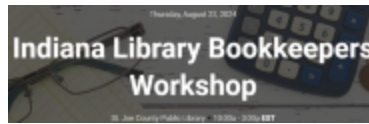
[Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library 2024 Summer Book Sale](#)
Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

[Parks Department and library collecting supplies for teachers](#)
Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

[Want to try a kayak or an air fryer? You can borrow one from Evansville's libraries](#)
Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

[Outdoor Book Sale coming up in Floyd County Library's main parking lot](#)
Floyd County Library

[The Genealogy and Local History Fair returns to the Indiana State Library on Saturday, Oct. 26](#)
Indiana State Library



Registration is now open for a revival workshop of the Indiana Library Bookkeeper Cohorts. The workshop will take place in person at St. Joe County Public Library on Thursday, Aug. 22.

This workshop is open to library finance professionals looking to be part of collaborative learning in the financial aspects of libraries. Bookkeepers and business managers from local libraries will share their experiences and resources on a number of topics including annual financial reports, records retention, internal controls and funds and appropriations. There will also be a roundtable discussion about the Department of Labor's new salary threshold and its effect on public library budgets.

The workshop will consist of presentations from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Lunch will take place from 12-1 p.m. The remaining presentations and a roundtable discussion will continue until 3 p.m.

For those unable to attend, a recording of the workshop will be available following the workshop and emailed to the Indiana Library Bookkeepers mailing list.

For more information and to register, [click here](#).

The St. Joe County Public Library is located at 305 S. Michigan St. in South Bend.

Proposals for Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian and National Leadership Grants for Libraries Programs now being accepted

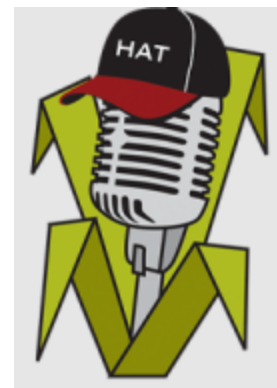
[Every Child Ready to Read and School Readiness in Storytime](#)

When: Oct. 4, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Where: Hamilton East 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.

Indiana's Hoosier Ag Today



Those looking for the latest agricultural data in Indiana - plus news about the economy from an agricultural angle - can subscribe to the Hoosier Ag Today daily newsletter [here](#).

Hoosier Ag Today began as a farm radio network, headed by [Gary Truitt](#), and is now a major media

[Library walks scheduled at Bixler, GSP](#)

Kendallville Public Library

[Westfield Washington Public Library raffling beloved historic train table](#)

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.



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.



The Institute of Museum and Library Services is now accepting proposals for the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian and National Leadership Grants for Libraries Programs.

IMLS acting director Cyndee Landrum details, "IMLS wants to engage and support more libraries than before. As a part of our efforts we are implementing a new simplified notice of funding opportunity, and a community-centered implementation category."

Applicants have through Sept. 20 to submit their two-page preliminary proposal applications.

Applicants should review the Notice of Funding Opportunity for each program carefully and reach out to IMLS staff members listed on the [LB21](#) and [NLG-L](#) webpages with any questions. Please see the [list](#) of focal areas to identify the program officer whose expertise best aligns with the subject matter in your proposal.

The Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian funding program aims to build a diverse library and archival workforce to meet the information needs of communities and increase the institutional capacity of libraries, archives and library and information science graduate programs. Read more [here](#).

The National Leadership Grants for Libraries funding program enhances the quality of library services nationwide by addressing critical

source for Indiana agricultural data and news. Visit the Hoosier Ag Today [website](#) and find a new Market Snapshot on the front page that shows the performance of main Indiana crops and livestock. For detailed market prices and market news, visit the full page [here](#).

Readers can also search featured Ag news stories, listen to agricultural podcasts and install the Hoosier Ag Today app, all on the [website](#).

North Webster Community Public Library announces beginner tech classes



The North Webster Community Public Library is excited to announce the return of its popular Beginner Tech class series this August. Designed to help community members enhance their digital literacy, the series will feature two free classes focusing on essential computer skills.

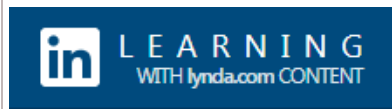
The first class, "Internet Basics," will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 9. Participants will learn fundamental terminology, functionality and navigation of internet browsers, search engines and websites. This will equip them with the knowledge needed to effectively browse the web.

The second class, "Windows 10 Basics," is scheduled at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 23. This session will cover the basics of navigating Microsoft Windows 10, a widely-used operating system, helping participants gain new confidence in using their computers.

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Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning



needs in the library and archives fields. Read more [here](#).

The models, tools, research findings, services and partnerships resulting from these awards can be widely used, adapted, scaled or replicated to extend and maximize the benefit of federal investment to libraries and archives of all sizes.

All classes are free, but registration is required. Interested individuals can get more information or register by calling the library at 574-834-7122.

The North Webster Community Public Library is located at 110 E. North St. in North Webster.

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