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Wednesday Word
The latest in Indiana library news

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New Indiana Library Passport launches on May 8

The Indiana State Library has announced that the newest version of the Indiana Library Passport - a digital experience that encourages everyone to visit libraries across the Hoosier state - will launch on May 8 with many upgraded features. The passport, open to everyone, showcases more than 140 main libraries and branches to explore in an easy, mobile-friendly way.

Upcoming workshops and important dates

Every Child Ready to Read and School Readiness in Storytime
When: May 4, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Central Time
Where: Jasper County Public Library - Wheatfield Branch

What's Up Wednesday? Beyond Books: Serving the Whole Patron
When: May 10, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

What Candidates Want: Revamping your Recruitment
When: May 17, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

Port in the Storm: How You Can Support LGBTQ+ Youth
When: May 18, 11 a.m-12 p.m.
Where: Webinar

2023 Public Library Budget Workshop and Legislative Update
When: May 23, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Indiana library jobs

This week's new Indiana library jobs

Community Engagement Manager
Anderson Public Library

Collection Development Librarian
Hamilton East Public Library

Adult Programming Specialist
St. Joseph County Public Library

Area Branch Assistant Manager
St. Joseph County Public Library

Youth Associate Librarian
St. Joseph 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

Children invited to attend a block party at the Bedford Public Library
Bedford Public Library

Brownstown library announces children's programming
Brownstown Public Library

Brownstown library announces programs for adults

Library patrons can visit a dedicated mobile passport landing page where they can sign-up for the passport by providing their name, email address and mobile phone number. A link is then sent to their mobile phone, which opens the passport and directs the user to add the button icon to their home screen. There is never anything to download and no bulky apps take up space on a user's phone. On the landing page, click the Learn More button to see all of the libraries on the passport. Once downloaded, participants then use the location services on their phones to check in to participating libraries once per week.

In addition to the returning quarterly prize drawing for participants who check in to libraries on the passport trail, this year, passport users will have an opportunity to claim a limited-edition Indiana Library Passport mug. When users check into a library, they will be awarded 100 points. Once a user earns 2,000 points, they can redeem those points for the mug, while supplies last.

Also new this year, users will now be able to see the distance from their current location to any library on the passport. Additionally, a new advanced filtering option lets passport holders sort by name and by libraries near them. Carnegie libraries are also filtered out as special attractions. Finally, the passport now displays the weather of a user's current location.

Please note that the previous version of the Indiana Library Passport will be retired on May 8 as the new version launches. Current passport holders will need to sign up for the new version of the Indiana Library Passport on or after May 8, as their information

Where: Indiana State Library and Webinar

Webmaster Roundtable - Virtual and In Person
When: May 23, 1-3 p.m. Central Time
Where: Webinar and Lowell Public Library

What's Up Wednesday - Digital Inclusion
When: May 31, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

What's Up Wednesday - Digital Resources
When: June 14, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

What's Up Wednesday - Bendable and St. Joe County Public Library
When: June 28, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

Professional Development Roundtable
When: July 6, 2-3 p.m.
Where: Webinar

What's Up Wednesday - Implementing Digital Tools
When: July 12, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

Webmaster Roundtable
When: July 25, 2-4 p.m.
Where: Webinar and at the Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library

What's Up Wednesday - Edelweiss and Libraries
When: July 26, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

Welcome to Digital Collection Highlights. Every other week, librarians at the Indiana State

Brownstown Public Library

[Eckhart Public Library receives donation](#)
Eckhart Public Library

[Library hosting 'seed swap'](#)
Eckhart Public Library

[Indiana Humanities awards 15 nonprofits more than $40,000 in grants](#)
Frankfort Community Public Library

[Hamilton East library updates policy on kids' access to books with offensive terms, crimes](#)
Hamilton East Public Library

[Indianapolis Public Library introduces accessible workstations](#)
Indianapolis Public Library

[Indianapolis Public Library offering patent trademark resources](#)
Indianapolis Public Library

[Signups start for Indianapolis Public Library's summer reading program](#)
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[JCPL branches to provide gobs of programs in month of May](#)
Jasper County Public Library

[JCPL seeks public input for new strategic plan](#)
Johnson County Public Library

[Knox County Public Library named as county's Nonprofit of the Year](#)
Knox County Public Library

[Milford Public Library celebrates National Children's Book Week](#)
Milford Public Library

[Monroe County Public Library board meeting recap](#)
Monroe County Public Library

[Newton County Public Libraries close for staff development](#)
Newton County Public Library

[True crime book club starting soon](#)
North Webster Community Public Library

will not automatically be transferred. Click [here](#) for detailed instructions on how to sign up and on how to use the passport. Click [here](#) to read the Indiana Library Passport FAQs. Read more about the new passport [here](#).

The 2023-24 Indiana Library Passport program is sponsored by the Indiana State Library Foundation.

Please contact [John Wekluk](#), communications director at the Indiana State Library, with any questions.

Genealogy for Night Owls returns to Indiana State Library on May 23

The Indiana State Library is once again hosting its popular Genealogy for Night Owls event on May 23, from 5-8 p.m.

This after-hours research event at the Indiana State Library will feature a library tour, a presentation on unique sources in the library collections and one-on-one consultation sessions with representatives from the Daughters of the American Revolution, Palatines to America and Central Indiana DNA Interest Group. The Indiana State Archives will also be present to discuss their records and holdings.

Registration is free and required. Click [here](#) to register.

Library share images from the library's ever-growing digital collections. Visit the [Digital Collections](#) page to view the latest additions.

Annual opening of the Lincoln Pioneer Village and Museum

HOMECOMING
THE ROCKPORT PARK IMPROVE-
MENT ASSOCIATION, Inc.,
invites you to an
OLD FASHIONED PIONEER CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, MAY 27, 1951
IN THE ROCKPORT CITY PARK AND THE
LINCOLN PIONEER VILLAGE

Celebrating the annual May opening of the Lincoln Pioneer Village and Museum in Rockport offers an opportunity to remember the original opening day celebration of the historic memorial in May of 1951. Commemorating the site where Abraham Lincoln's youthful days were spent, this historic village and museum have served over 70 years now providing the public with information about one of Indiana's - and the country's - most memorable figures. During the events of the original celebration, another Indiana native would also be represented. George Honig, a Rockford native artist, was commemorated as the creator of the Lincoln Pioneer Village's memorial tablet.
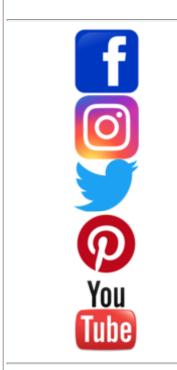
Throughout the original opening celebration, there were costumed "pioneers" to help introduce and teach visitors all about the site, a tradition that they have carried on to today giving the site a touch of the past that's tangible to visitors.

[Sheridan Public Library packs food for I.D.E.S.](#)
Sheridan Public Library

[School year children's programming wraps up](#)
Syracuse 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 Indiana State Library is located at 315. W. Ohio St. in downtown Indianapolis.

Please contact [Jamie Dunn](#), Genealogy Division supervisor at the Indiana State Library, with any questions.

ACPL shares 2022 Community Impact Report

The Allen County Public Library has released its [2022 Community Impact Report](#). The report, which utilizes data from the library's annual report to the Indiana State Library, reflects how the library system's services and collection contributed to the education, literacy, access and discovery in Allen County over the past year.

In 2022, the library saw a 7.8% increase in number of library visits for a total of nearly 1.5 million visits across the system's 14 locations. Borrowing was up as well with a 12% increase over 2021 for a total of 4.1 million items borrowed. The library also put concerted effort into addressing the digital divide through access to high-quality Wi-Fi in its branches. The resulting 1,035,476 Wi-Fi sessions equated to a 20% increase over 2021.

"Every day, we know we are having an impact, but when we take a moment to really dig into the numbers and compare that impact year over year, it gives us an opportunity to hold ourselves accountable," said executive director Susan Baier. "Our work will never be done, but to see such growth in a year gives us something to celebrate and reminds us of the

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Presently, the site in Rockford opens annually in May and runs through the end of October. The Village has plenty of experiences for people of all ages. Guided tours have been provided now for decades and the pioneers there are great at bringing the past to life.

The [above advertisement](#) comes courtesy of the Indiana State Library's Rare Book and Manuscript Division and is part of the Broadsides Collection, which range in size and topic vastly and date from the early 1800s until today. Public announcements, posters and broadsides of all kinds are browsable [here](#) from the Rare Books and Manuscripts digital collections

ALA Great Stories Club applications due May 10

Grant applications are now open for inclusion in a brand new Great Stories Club theme, "Imagining Tomorrow: Building Inclusive Futures," from the American Library Association.

The series will feature science fiction books that explore questions of equity, identity and alternate futures. The club is a thematic reading and discussion program that engages teens who are facing difficult challenges through literature-based library outreach programs.

Applications will be accepted from all types of libraries - public, school, academic and special - in the United States. Thirty-five libraries will be selected to receive 11 paperback copies of theme-related books to use in the reading and discussion groups, as well as a $500 programming stipend, online training, an array of program resources and support. Participating

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Text and Learn for Kindergarten program information

critical needs we fill in Allen County."

Among the most impressive growth was in the area of library programming which was offered both on-site at library branches and off-site at community outreach events. In 2022, the library served nearly 95,000 attendees in more than 5,000 programs. This is a 62% increase in participation and a 328% increase in offerings over 2021.

An additional item of note is the success of the ACPL's new Rolland Center for Lincoln Research which opened in January 2022. The interactive space showcases the Library's impressive collection of Abraham Lincoln artifacts and welcomed more than 20,000 visitors in its first year.

libraries must work in partnership with, or be located within, an organization that reaches underserved teens.

Selected libraries may choose up to four books from the following reading list: "Victories Greater Than Death" by Charlie Jane Anders, "Across a Field of Starlight" by Blue Delliquanti, "The Marrow Thieves" by Cherie Dimaline, "The Sound of Stars" by Alechia Dow and "War Girls" by Tochi Onyebuchi.

Applications are due by May 10. Click here to read more and click here to apply.

Please email ALA with any questions about "Imagining Tomorrow: Building Inclusive Futures."

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