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#### Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

[Youth Librarian](#)

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Floyd County Library

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#### Collaborative Summer Library Program to present inclusive practices webinar



On Nov. 20 at 2 p.m. Eastern Time, the Collaborative Summer Library Program will present "Artful Connections: Stephanie Haines' Vision for Inclusive and Inspiring Communities."

During the presentation, attendees will learn about the fundamentals of accessibility through the lens of creative arts activities. Presenter Stephanie Haines, of the Indiana Arts Commission, will cover what it means to be accessible; common adaptations libraries can make to creative tools and materials; and how libraries can be flexible and inclusive in their approach to planning arts experiences for a diverse community.

Haines is the Arts Education and Accessibility Program manager at the Indiana Arts Commission. She oversees the IAC's arts education research project Partnering Arts, Communities and Education, as well as Poetry Out Loud, the Indiana State Poet Laureate program and Creative Aging programming statewide. Haines served as chair of the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies Arts Education Working Group from 2019-2020. She is also the agency's accessibility coordinator, handling all ADA compliance procedures and leading an Accessibility in the Arts Advisory Committee. Haines earned a Master of Arts degree in arts administration from Indiana University, and a

#### Upcoming workshops and important dates

[Public Libraries and the Science of Reading](#)

When: Nov. 14, 2-3 p.m.

Where: Webinar

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

When: Nov. 15, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Where: West Lafayette Public Library

[Institutional Workshop](#)

When: Nov. 15, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Where: Indiana State Library

[2024 Annual Report and Bookkeeping Workshop - In-Person](#)

When: Nov. 21, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Where: Indiana State Library

[2024 Annual Report and Bookkeeping Workshop - Virtual](#)

When: Nov. 21, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[Webmaster Roundtable](#)

When: Nov. 26, 2-3 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[What's Up Wednesday: What's Cooking in the Library?](#)

When: Nov. 27, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Color Our World: Summer Reading 2025 In-Person Workshop](#)

When: Dec. 3, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Jeffersonville Township Public Library

[Color Our World: Summer Reading 2025 In-Person Workshop](#)

When: Dec. 9, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Central Time  
Where: Lake County Public Library - St. John Branch

[Public Library Social Media Policies: A Legal and Realistic Overview](#)

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

Where: Webinar

Indianapolis Public Library

[Public Services Librarian- Adult Focus](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

[Public Services Librarian - Juvenile Focus](#)

Indianapolis 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



[Bartholomew County Public Library Chosen as Indiana Library of the Year](#)

Bartholomew County Public Library

[Volunteer group puts garden to bed for season](#)

Bloomfield-Eastern Greene County Public Library

[Library hosts walk at cemetery](#)

Brazil Public Library

[Renowned art experts to present on the art of Eckhart Public Library](#)

Eckhart Public Library

[Gary Public Library holds 2024 Fall Fest and children's costume contest](#)

Gary Public Library

[Hamilton East Public Library in Fishers to host LibraryCon!](#)

Hamilton East Public Library

[Noblesville Revolutionary War patriot to be honored](#)

Hamilton East Public Library

[Poems added to archive](#)

Indiana State Library

[What's new at Indy's Center for Black Literature and Culture](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

[Jackson County Public Library board of trustees to meet at Seymour Library](#)

Jackson County Public Library

[CoAction and Multicultural Wellness Network host 'Harvesting Connections' to Celebrate National Caregiver Month](#)

Lake County Public Library

[LEGO Challenge entries due Nov. 23](#)

Milford Public Library

[Purdue Extension program 'What's In Your Bag?' Nov. 14](#)

Milford Public Library

Bachelor of Science degree in visual art education from the University of Indianapolis.

The free webinar is eligible for one LEU for Indiana library staff. Click [here](#) to read more and to register.

### NEA Big Read grants available

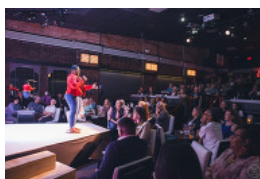


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Arts Midwest is now accepting grant applications for the NEA Big Read.

An initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest, the [NEA Big Read](#) supports community reading programs designed around a single NEA Big Read book. The goal of the program is to inspire meaningful conversations, celebrate local creativity, elevate a wide variety of voices and perspectives and build stronger connections in each community. Grants range from \$5,000 to \$20,000 each. Applicants will host book discussions, writing workshops and creative activities that celebrate unique aspects of their community, using as inspiration one of [22 available NEA Big Read books](#). Each title explores in some way a relationship with the physical environment.

Programming for the 2025-2026 grant cycle will center around the theme "Our Nature: How Our Physical Environment Can Lead Us to Seek Hope, Courage and Connection."

NEA Big Read programs vary and can be as short as a week or as long as several months. Beyond discussions of the book, organizations may choose to include a kick-off event, invite the author for a visit or have other events inspired by the content and themes of the book, including panel discussions, lectures, film screenings, art exhibitions, theatrical and musical performances, poetry slams, writing workshops and contests and community storytelling events.

The mandatory intent to apply is due Jan. 23, 2025, with final applications due Jan. 30, 2025. Funded projects must occur between Sept. 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026. Nonprofit organizations and public libraries located across the United States and the Native nations that share this geography can apply. Arts organizations, universities, libraries, service organizations, museums, school districts and tribal governments are all encouraged to apply.

[Color Our World: Summer Reading 2025 In-Person Workshop](#)

When: Dec. 11, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: LaGrange County Public Library - Topeka Branch

[What's Up Wednesday - Video Game Collections in Libraries, Pt. 2: Processing, Cataloging, Displaying, and Best Practices](#)

When: Dec. 11, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[Color Our World: Summer Reading 2025 In-Person Workshop](#)

When: Dec. 13, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Delphi Public Library

[Color Our World: Summer Reading 2025 In-Person Workshop](#)

When: Dec. 17, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Culver-Union Township Public Library

[Color Our World: Summer Reading 2025 In-Person Workshop](#)

When: Dec. 18, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Pike County Public Library - Petersburg Branch



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.

### Cagles Mill Lake



The latest addition to the Indiana State Library's Digital Collections includes materials about [Cagles Mill Lake](#) and its surrounding area, which covers 8,283 acres. The area includes a dam, Cataract Falls, the Lieber State Recreation Area and the Owen-Putnam State Forest. The lake lies in the Midwestern part of Indiana in Putnam and Owen Counties.

Originally named Cataract Lake, Cagles Mill Lake was selected - through cooperative action between federal, state and local agencies - to become Indiana's first flood control reservoir. It was selected under Public Law No. 761 of the 75th Congress, also known as the Flood Control Act of 1938. Construction lasted from 1948 to 1953. Where Mill Creek flows into the 1,400-acre

[Friends of the Library slash non-resident card fees](#)  
North Webster Community Public Library

[Historical film series launches](#)  
Syracuse Public Library

[Local kid unveils art sculptures at Vigo County Public Library](#)  
Vigo County Public Library

[Washington Carnegie Library hopes to expand service area](#)  
Washington Carnegie Public Library

[Westfield Library is beginning to look a lot like Christmas](#)  
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



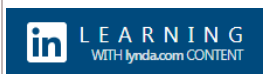
Follow the [Indiana State Library's blog](#) for weekly posts covering all aspects of the State Library.

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

### 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



Click [here](#) to read more - including information about eligibility and project requirements - and to apply for the Big Read grant.

### Noble County Public Library to receive 2024 Outstanding Library Award



The Noble County Public Library will receive the 2024 Outstanding Library Award at the annual Indiana Library Federation conference in Indianapolis this month.

The honor recognizes outstanding library service that consistently exceeds the expectations of the users and serves as an exemplary model for other libraries.

The Noble County Public Library serves 10 of the 13 townships in Noble County through three libraries located in Albion, Avilla and Cromwell. The library has long been a benchmark of services and collaboration efforts within the county as well as the region and the state. With less funding and staffing than most libraries of its size, the library's staff has worked within these constraints and maximized its resources to provide unique services, such as Kindergarten Prep School and the Bridge. The impact that the library has had, and continues to have, within its communities is a result of developing strong relationships outside the organization.

Connections with the Commissioners and the Emergency Management Agency allowed for the library to quickly adapt to being the county vaccination and testing site during the COVID pandemic. Partnering with Purdue Extension, Master Gardeners and local businesses brought about the creation of an educational Rain Garden at the library in Albion. Staff at the Cromwell and Avilla branches work with their towns and parks to bring families together through joint holiday and festival events.

"Every library in the world deserves to be recognized for what they do in their communities and we don't often think we are 'special'. This award isn't for us, it is for our towns, our county and our partners that have collaborated with us on so many amazing projects," said Sandy Petrie, executive director of the Noble County Public Library.

Read more about the annual Indiana Library Federation conference [here](#).

lake, U.S. Corp of Engineers designed the dam and reservoir. The area is also home to the upper and lower Cataract Falls, the largest falls in Indiana.

Today, the Lieber State Recreation area covers about 561 acres and was named after the father of Indiana' state parks system, Richard Lieber. The recreational area has shelters, beach areas, a volleyball court, a playground and a state-of-the-art aquatic center, as well as hiking trails, boat access to the lake and a campground.

The new subcollection is part of the State Library's bigger state parks collection - found in the digital collection - "[Open Spaces Historic Places](#)." The Cagles Mill Lake materials include early trail maps, tourist pamphlets, larger lake maps and maps of the surrounding area. The Indiana State Library plans on adding more state parks to the collection in 2025, including Shades Park.

### Library social media policies webinar scheduled by Indiana State Library



On Tuesday, Dec. 10, from 10-11 a.m., the Indiana State Library will present "Public Library Social Media Policies; A Legal and Realistic Overview."

Social media is a large part of the modern world. It can be a very important tool to help libraries promote their programs and interact with their local communities. Unfortunately, social media also has many pitfalls and can cause issues without appropriate rules and guidelines.

In "Public Library Social Media Policies; A Legal and Realistic Overview," Diana Doore, Indiana State Library certification director and legal consultant, will look at what social media is; what legal guidelines there are for public entities, such as libraries; why a library should have a social media policy; and what should and should not be included in a library's social media policy.

The free webinar will be approximately an hour in length and will be eligible for one LEU for Indiana library staff. Click [here](#) to read more and to register for the webinar.

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