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Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

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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

IEEE announces 2025 Science Kits for Public Libraries grant



Science Kits for Public Libraries

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Region 4's Science Kits for Public Libraries Grant program is offering up to \$2,000 in funding to public libraries to establish a circulating science kits collection. Libraries must be located within Region 4, which includes all of Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Wisconsin and northerly portions of Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Nebraska and South Dakota.

The application form is now available on the SKPL website and library submissions will be accepted until Jan. 16, 2025. Libraries that have previously applied for the grant, but did not receive funding, are invited to submit again.

Public libraries have a long tradition of building stronger communities by providing life long learning opportunities for children and teens. The SKPL Team is honored to have the opportunity to enrich the services that public libraries offer. SKPL enables children, parents and teachers the chance to borrow library kits for hands-on STEM learning at home or in the classroom.

Visit the [SKPL website](#) for the application form, submission details and a map of Region 4.

Ohio Valley Group of Technical Services Librarians Conference announced; program

Upcoming workshops and important dates

[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

[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](#)

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Monroe County Public Library

[Monroe County Public Library unveils new StoryWalk near Southwest Branch](#)
Monroe County Public Library

proposals now being accepted



The Ohio Valley Group of Technical Services Librarians has announced that its 2025 conference will take place on May 15-16 at the Cunningham Memorial Library at Indiana State University in Terre Haute. The Conference Program Committee is now accepting program proposals for the conference.

The purpose of the [organization](#) is to provide an opportunity to gather together for the interchange of ideas and discussion of issues in library and archive technical services; to form a united group with the aim to keep in touch with movements in the field of technical services; and to cooperate with other library organizations with similar goals.

Technical service departments are responsible for managing and organizing processes that ensure library collections are cataloged, classified and accessible to users. Unlike other aspects of librarianship, technical service work is often invisible despite being paramount to the success of library users. At the 2025 Ohio Valley Group of Technical Services Librarians Conference, the Conference Program Committee wishes to shed light on unseen work and discuss the impact of technical services by examining best practices, resource management, emerging technology and more.

The committee invites forward thinking submissions in all areas related to technical services librarianship including acquisitions, cataloging, serials, metadata, open access initiatives, electronic resources and preservation in academic, public and special libraries. Participants are encouraged to think about the importance of technical services work and its impact throughout libraries and communities alike.

Proposals are due by Jan. 15, 2025. Time slots for all sessions are 50 minutes, including time for questions from the audience. Submissions for presentations, panel discussions, lightning rounds, workshops, and other formats are welcome.

Click [here](#) for more information - including suggested topics of

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

[Collaborate Summer Library Program 2025 Color Our World Webinar](#)

When: Jan. 7, 2025, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Where: Webinar

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

When: Jan. 9, 2025, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Where: Marion Public Library

[Professional Development Roundtable](#)

When: Jan. 9, 2025, 2-3 p.m.
Where: Webinar



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.

National Native American Heritage Month



November is [National Native American Heritage Month](#). People in the U.S. with Native American ancestry self-describe in a variety of ways. The website of the Smithsonian [Museum of the American Indian](#) features [an article](#) which encourages people not to assume any one person accepts the same terminology, and to ask Native Peoples their personal preferences. As the [guide](#) from the [Native Governance Center](#) mentions, terminology changes and is highly personal, so it is best to ask an individual what they prefer.

It is important for people to engage in their own research first, however, before they ask. There are several ways to get informed. Visit the State

[Library Customer Appreciation Day at Nappanee Public Library Thursday](#)
Nappanee Public Library

[Newton County Public Library to host upcoming events](#)
Newton County Public Library

[The Shoals Public Library is asking the community for help](#)
Shoals Public Library

[Warsaw Library Board hears update on feasibility study](#)
Warsaw Community Public Library

[Westfield library expands Spanish-language book collection](#)
Westfield Washington Public Library

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State Library blog



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Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning

interest and the future registration link - and to submit a proposal.

SPEAK 2025 author lineup announced by Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library



Last month, the Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library concluded its 2024 SPEAK series with a presentation by bestselling author Victoria Christopher Murray. The library has now announced the author lineup for the SPEAK 2025 series: Kwame Alexander, Timothy Egan, Angela Jackson-Brown and Ralph Shayne.

"The authors selected for SPEAK 2025 encourage us to reflect on our individual and shared pasts," said Erika Qualls Barnett, programming manager at the Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library.

The first author in the series, Timothy Egan, will speak on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Evansville. Egan's most recent book, "A Fever in the Heartland: The Ku Klux Klan's Plot to Take Over America, and the Woman Who Stopped Them," is a New York Times bestseller.

Ralph Shayne, author of "Hour of Need," will present at Victory Theatre on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 7 p.m. His graphic novel pays tribute to heroes who saved the Danish Jews during the Holocaust.

Angela Jackson-Brown, an award-winning writer, poet and playwright who is also an Associate Professor in the Creative Writing program at Indiana University, will speak on Saturday, June 21, 2025 at 2 p.m. at the Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library Central Branch. Some of her best-known works include "When Stars Rain Down" and "The Light Always Breaks."

The series will conclude with Kwame Alexander, a poet, educator, publisher, Emmy® Award-winning producer and #1 New York Times bestselling author of 40 books. Alexander will present on Thursday, Oct. 2, 2025 at 7 p.m. at Victory Theatre. Some of Alexander's best known works include "This Is The Honey," "Why Fathers Cry At Night," "An American Story," "The Door of No Return," "Becoming Muhammad Ali" and "Rebound."

Library to read [Native American History and Genealogy Resources](#). Visit museums like the [Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art](#). Visit trusted websites such as the Library of Congress for historical sources like [Indigenous Peoples of the Americas: A Guide to Resources](#). Resources on Native American heritage span the U.S. and Canada, where the term First Nations is used. For more information, see the [Indigenous Peoples of Quebec and Eastern Canada](#).

North Webster Community Public Library announces new additions to Library of Things collection



North Webster Community Public Library staff member Sally Johnson tries out the new microscope available in the Library of Things.


The North Webster Community Public Library has announced new additions to its Library of Things collection, which provides the community with a variety of non-traditional items available for checkout. The collection continues to grow, offering resources that foster hands-on learning, family fun, and creative exploration.

Among the latest arrivals is a microscope. Equipped with multiple lenses and slides, this tool offers a fascinating way to explore the world of the very small, making it ideal for educational activities or hobbyist use. Another addition is a second metal detector for the collection, enabling more patrons to treasure hunt or discover local history right in their backyard.

The library is also expanding its range of games with popular titles like Splendor and Carcassonne, which provide hours of strategy-based fun for friends and families. For younger patrons, the Paw Patrol magnets and busy board bring playful learning experiences to life, offering hands-on activities that encourage fine motor skills and creative play.

The latest additions join a diverse array of items already available, including LP albums, a portable car jump starter and an anemometer, reflecting the library's dedication to serving the community's varied interests.

To explore the full Library of Things collection - or place a hold on an item - visit the [library's website](#).

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