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New book featuring Indiana State Library collection highlights now on sale



Upcoming workshops and important dates

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

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

Where: Jeffersonville Township Public Library

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

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Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

[Technical Services Team Lead](#)
Brownsburg Public Library

[Public Services Associate II \(part-time\)](#)
Indianapolis Public Library

[Public Services Librarian - Juvenile Focus](#)
Indianapolis Public Library

[Supervisor Librarian - Adult Focus](#)
Indianapolis Public Library

[Director of Access and Collection Services](#)
Mooresville Public Library

In 2025, the Indiana State Library will be celebrating its 200th anniversary. As part of the celebration, the State Library will be presenting programs, hosting escape rooms and trivia contests, screening a movie, holding a public reception and unveiling a new celebratory website.

As part of the festivities, the library has published "Laying the Foundation," a brand new book featuring collection highlights from the Indiana State Library. The richly-illustrated book features 100 items from the library's vast and remarkable collection. Spanning multiple centuries and covering a wide array of topics, items in the book represent only a small fraction of the historic and culturally significant materials held by the Indiana State library.

"Laying the Foundation" is available for purchase right now for \$20 in the Nook Gift Shop on the first floor of the Indiana State Library, located at 315 W. Ohio St. in downtown Indianapolis.

Westfield Library Foundation announces artists for new Gallery Wall

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 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

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

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



[Allen County Public Library first to offer database of historic aerial images for genealogy](#)

Allen County Public Library

[Allen County Public Library provides peek at solar panels, roof expected to save money](#)

Allen County Public Library

[Dolly Parton's Imagination Library thriving in Johnson County](#)

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Indiana

[Zionsville organizations earn community foundation grants](#)

Hussey Mayfield Memorial Public Library



Katie Setcoski, April featured artist

The Westfield Library Foundation has selected 15 local artists for the newly-established Michael and Karen Heaton Art Gallery Wall at the [Westfield Washington Public Library](#).

The Art Gallery Wall, strategically located in prominent areas throughout the library, will feature an eclectic array of artistic mediums. Selected artists for 2025 include:

- January: Scott Miller, Zionsville, watercolor.
- March: Kylie Amos, Westfield, watercolor.
- April: Elena Paul, Carmel, wildlife photography; Katie Setcoski, Westfield, photography.
- June: Donna Curry, Westfield, mixed media; Cameron Hartford, Westfield, oil, mixed media.
- July: Augusta Edwards,

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

Where: Webinar

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

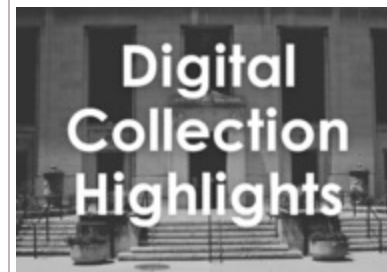
When: Jan. 9, 2025, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Marion Public Library

[Professional Development Roundtable](#)

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

Where: Webinar



Welcome to 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.

Turkey Talk newsletters

[IndyPL's Black literature center to host series of free events in 2025](#)
Indianapolis Public Library

[You might not know about these free perks at the library. What's the Deal?](#)
Indianapolis Public Library

[Library board meets](#)
Jackson County Public Library

[Lake County Public Library uses TikTok to bring in more patrons](#)
Lake County Public Library

[Middlebury library books brought to council discussion](#)
Middlebury Public Library

[Annual Thanksgiving feast held during story time](#)
Milford Public Library

[Library plans move for building repairs](#)
Morrisson-Reeves Library

[What should a renovated Morrisson-Reeves library include? Here's how to give suggestions](#)
Morrisson-Reeves Library

[Access e-books, e-audiobooks with a library card](#)
North Webster Community Public Library

[Visit Santa and Mrs. Claus at Sheridan Public Library](#)
Sheridan Public Library

[November is International Games Month](#)
Warsaw Community Public Library

Noblesville, oil; Neal Snapp, Noblesville, watercolor, oil and charcoal.
- August: Samuel Glenn, Sheridan, watercolor, acrylic and mixed media.
- October: Jessica Morrison, Carmel, acrylic and oil; Kristin Whitney, Westfield, acrylic.
- November: Steven Strawbridge, Carmel, oil; Elaine Keyes, Carmel, acrylic and oil.
- December: Francoise Webb, Westfield, acrylic and oil; Jaclyn Schilling, Westfield, watercolor, oil, mixed media and charcoal.

The months of February and September have been set aside to feature the artwork of African Americans during Black History Month and Latinos during Hispanic Heritage Month. March is Youth Artist Month and will feature artwork from local students, while Teacher Appreciation Month in May will feature the work of local art teachers.

“Our goal is to enrich the community’s cultural landscape and provide a platform for local artists to shine,” said Erin Downey, executive director of the Westfield Library Foundation. “We are thrilled to see the diverse talent represented on our Art Gallery Wall, showcasing the creativity that makes our community unique. This initiative not only supports



Turkey Run State Park published [Turkey Talk](#) weekly during the 1930s. Located in Parke County, Turkey Run became Indiana’s second official state park on Nov. 11, 1916. The park’s name is believed to originate from wild turkeys gathering for warmth in nearby gorges, known as “runs,” which allowed 19th-century hunters to easily trap and kill them.

Each “gobble” - their word for issue - of Turkey Talk covered staff and guest news and a range of activities and events at the park, as well as the occasional literary piece. The [Armistice Day issue](#) of Turkey Talk from 1938 not only highlighted the holiday which evolved into Veterans Day - and the park’s own birthday - but also mentioned the imminent Thanksgiving. On [page three](#), the staff wrote, “We’re thankful for Turkey Run, the most peaceful place we know.” The following [issue](#)

[Library will take expansion plan to commissioners](#)

Washington Carnegie Public Library

[Santa visiting Willard Public Library on Dec. 21](#)

Willard 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

our local artists but also invites library patrons to engage with art in a meaningful way."

Human-centered design workshop scheduled



On Tuesday, Dec. 10, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Leadership Johnson County will present "Human-Centered Design Thinking to Innovate and Solve Problems."

Innovation is key to every job and organization. Human-centered design can improve the success of a new or existing product or service by using a problem-solving approach that puts real people at the center of the development process. It begins with empathy for customers, employees, volunteers or donors, enabling one to create products and services that resonate and are tailored to an audience's needs. The goal is to keep users' wants, pain points and preferences front of mind during every phase of the process. The inspiration, ideation and implementation tools that attendees will learn in the very interactive workshop are adaptable to any situation.

The workshop will provide a fun, effective and highly flexible introduction to human-centered

on Nov. 19, 1938 detailed the Thanksgiving Day festivities at the park, including a log chapel service, "the dinner," nature hikes and other activities such as "just plain loafing in front of the fireplace."

Quaint newsletters like Turkey Talk appeared at quite a few state parks and Civilian Conservation Corps camps across Indiana during the New Deal era. Indiana had 56 CCC companies, many of which were hosted at its state parks, including Turkey Run. Young men, ages 18 to 25, signed up for renewable six-month terms, working on land management and park construction projects. These workers also had the opportunity to participate in a variety of classes and recreational activities, including newsletter publishing. Many more such newsletters are available to view in the [Open Spaces, Historic Places](#) and [Civilian Conservation Corps](#) collections in the [Indiana State Library Digital Collections](#).

Black History Month in public libraries programming survey



Indiana public libraries - including many branch locations - may receive an email invitation to



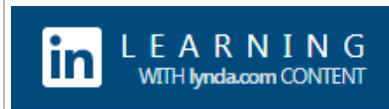
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Indiana library employees who would like to contribute a guest blog, please send an [email](#) with an idea.

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Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning



design tools that honor the people for whom the product, service or policy is being designed.

Participants will work together to create, improve, choose and evaluate new strategies and solutions that can be applied to any challenge or opportunity.

Registration is required. Cost is \$59 per person for Leadership Johnson County Signature Program graduates, Franklin College alumni, Franklin and Indy Chamber of Commerce members and Aspire members. General public pricing is \$69 per person. Group discounts are available. The workshop is approved for three LEUs by the Indiana State Library.

Click [here](#) to register for "Human-Centered Design Thinking to Innovate and Solve Problems."

The workshop will take place at the Johnson County Armory, located at 325 Minuteman Way in Franklin.

participate in a nationally representative online survey. The survey seeks to capture current Black History Month programming practices across the U.S. in public libraries of widely varying size and location, as guidance for improving and strengthening Black History Month programming in libraries for the next 50 years.

Participation in the survey, even if a library does not conduct Black History Month programming, is highly valued. The survey is confidential and libraries will be selected randomly. Responses will not be attributed to an individual, a specific library or a larger library system. The survey, which will take 15-20 minutes, will help generate actionable data. Libraries may find more information about the project [here](#) and on the [project website](#).

The research is funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and is being conducted by the University of Michigan in partnership with the Public Library Association and the Black Caucus of the American Library Association.

Libraries selected to participate will receive an email invitation from library.project@umich.edu with the subject line "IMLS-funded study."

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