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### Submissions now being accepted for Letters About Literature

### Upcoming workshops and important dates

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### Indiana library jobs



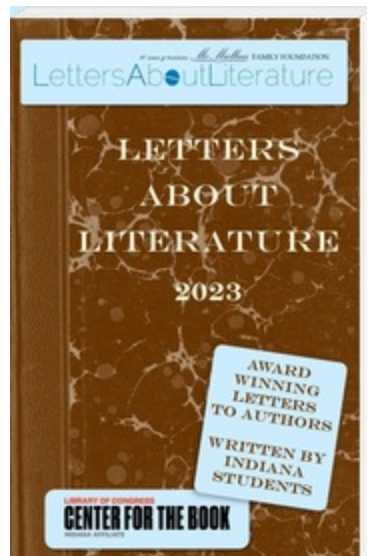
This week's new Indiana library jobs

#### [Library Director](#)

Monon Town and Township 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



Submissions are now being accepted for the 2023-24 Indiana Letters About Literature statewide writing contest. The contest is coordinated by the Indiana State Library and the Indiana Center for the Book and is centered around reading and writing.

Students are asked to read a book, poem or speech and write to the author - living or deceased - about how the book affected how they see themselves or how they see the world. Indiana students in grades four through 12 are eligible to enter the Letters About Literature reading and writing contest.

There are three competition levels: Level I, for grades four through six; Level II, for grades seven and eight; and Level III, for grades nine through 12. Prizes are awarded to the following winners in each level:

When: Dec. 7, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Where: Webinar

#### [Adventure Begins at Your Library - CSLP 2024 Training and Roundtable](#)

When: Dec. 8, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Warsaw Community Public Library

#### [Navigating Privacy Issues in the Public Library](#)

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

Where: Webinar

#### [Adventure Begins at Your Library - CSLP 2024 Training and Roundtable](#)

When: Dec. 15, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Central Time

Where: Porter County Public Library - Valparaiso Library Branch

#### [Adventure Begins at Your Library - CSLP 2024 Training and Roundtable](#)

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

Where: Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library

#### [Adventure Begins at Your Library - CSLP 2024 Training and Roundtable](#)

When: Dec. 19, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Brown County Public Library

#### [Adventure Begins at Your Library - CSLP 2024 Webinar and Virtual Roundtable](#)

When: Jan. 9, 2024, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Webinar



[‘A good fit’: Strategic plan expected to say North Christian Church could become a library branch](#)

Bartholomew County Public Library

[Eckhart Library planning activities](#)

Eckhart Public Library

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Milford Public Library

[Visit Santa at Sheridan Public Library](#)

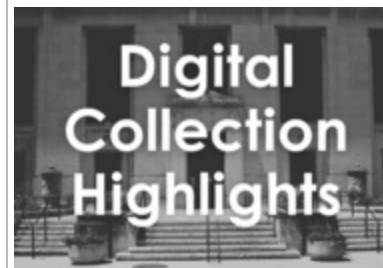
first place will win \$100; second place will win \$50; and third place will win \$25. Additionally, \$50 will be awarded to the highest scored letter written to an Indiana author and \$150 will be awarded to a teacher who has gone the extra mile to support their students in entering the contest.

Click [here](#) to access the call for entries, click [here](#) to access the group entry form and click [here](#) to access the individual entry form. A promotional video can be viewed [here](#). The submission deadline is Jan. 19, 2024.

Winners will be announced in late March of 2024. They will also receive an invitation to the Virtual Awards Ceremony, as well as a prize pack -including free books - mailed to their home. All winning letters are published in a booklet that is distributed free to the winning students. The guest author for the Virtual Awards Ceremony will be Rob Harrell.

The 2023-24 Letters About Literature contest is made possible by the James and Madeleine McMullen Family Foundation and the Indiana State Library Foundation. View the Letters About Literature contest website [here](#).

Please contact [Suzanne Walker](#), director of the Indiana Center for the Book, with any questions.



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.

## School newsletters and newspapers



School newsletters and newspapers were, and still are, a vital part of a school's distribution of information about students, class news, events,

Sheridan Public Library

[Warsaw Community Public Library](#)

[December events](#)

Warsaw Community 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

## Mock Caldecott workshops scheduled for January



Two Mock Caldecott workshops are scheduled for early next year. The first workshop is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 12, 2024 at the Carmel Clay Public Library. The second workshop is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 19, 2024 at the Wells County Public Library in Bluffton.

The workshops will give attendees the chance to examine some of the best-reviewed picture books of the year. Participants will learn about aspects of illustration and trivia from a 25-plus year veteran of hosting Mock Caldecott workshops, Susan Dailey of the Wells County Public Library. The workshops will also offer an opportunity for attendees to critically discuss the effectiveness of picture book illustration in a relaxed atmosphere and to network with other children's librarians and

graduations, sports, editorials and sometimes jokes and short stories. Students interested in journalism often wrote the articles and a student-run print shop produced the newsletters for distribution as part of the school curriculum. Here are a couple of great examples: [The Orange Peel](#) from the Sarah Scott Junior High School in Terre Haute and the [Annex News](#) from the Roosevelt High School in Gary.

Colleges and universities also published their own newsletters, such as the [College Cycle](#), published at the short-lived Ridgeville College, in Ridgeville. These often focused on academic editorials and articles. In the March 1893 issues, one can read about "Characteristics of the Elizabethan Literature" or "Science and Literature in the Primary School."

Some were very specific, such as [The Clothesline](#), the publication of the Block's High School Fashion Board. The board was organized in August 1940 and met at Block's Department Store in downtown Indianapolis. These newsletters have information about the board members who are students from local high schools, editorial columns, general fashion information, school information, society news, sports news and general articles.

The Indiana State Library has a [small collection of these newsletters](#), and many have been





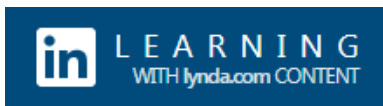
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Indiana library employees who would like to contribute a guest blog, please send an [email](#) with an idea.

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Back issues of the Wednesday Word are available [here](#).

### Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning



### Text and Learn for Kindergarten program information



### RUSA seeking journal submissions

those who appreciate picture books.

Click [here](#) to read more about the workshops.

Registration cost is \$25 per person, which includes a continental breakfast and an afternoon snack. Participants will attend lunch on their own. The workshop is eligible for five LEUs for Indiana library staff. Please email [Susan Dailey](#) to register, or with any questions. Participants should indicate which workshop they are interested in attending.

### Back in Circulation 2024 call for proposals



The Information School of the University of Wisconsin-Madison will host [Back in Circulation](#) - a conference for managers and staff in access and circulation services - on Oct. 7-8, 2024 in Madison.

UW-Madison iSchool is currently accepting proposals for the conference. Topics may include, but are not limited to: customer service; staff training; e-reserves, stacks management; change management; physical space design; keeping up with technology, diversity, equity and inclusion topics; and innovation. Circulation managers and staff

digitized and are available in the Education in Indiana digital collection. One can research or peruse them via the Suggested Topics link, then Student Newspapers and Periodicals.

Click [here](#) to read more.

### Teen displays works at North Webster Community Public Library



The North Webster Community Public Library is currently highlighting the talents of local teen Symin Dawson, whose innovative creations are on display at the library. At 16 years old, Dawson has become a "local sensation" with his unique approach to crafting sci-fi costumes, cosplay gear and original board games.

Dawson's artistic journey began during his family's four year stay in Virginia. Faced with limited entertainment options, he discovered a passion for creative expression. "I found a way to be creative on my own," Dawson said,



The Reference and User Services Association will be accepting submissions for its peer-reviewed journal RUSQ, now titled RUSQ: A Journal of Reference and User Experience, beginning Jan. 1, 2024.

The scope of the journal includes all aspects of library services to adults in all types of libraries. RUSQ publishes articles of interest to librarians in areas including but not limited to: general and subject-specific reference, user experience, readers advisory and collection development.

Click [here](#) to read more about the journal - including editorial policies - and to see the submission guidelines.

Please send any questions about the journal, or about submissions, to [Barry Trott](#), editor.

from public and academic libraries of all sizes attend this conference. Conference sessions are one hour in length, including presentation and Q&A. Priority will be given to sessions that include interactive elements and audience participation. Speakers will receive free conference registration.

UW-Madison iSchool encourages presenters representing a variety of personal and professional backgrounds, perspectives and voices. The school aims for conference presenters to be as diverse as the communities they serve. Submissions are welcome from anyone who is interested in presenting, including students, new professionals, first-time presenters and representatives of allied professions.

Click [here](#) to submit a proposal. A Google account is required. Proposals must be submitted by March 1, 2024.

The University of Wisconsin-Madison iSchool is on the Indiana State Library's [preapproved LEU provider list](#).

highlighting the resourcefulness that sparked his artistic endeavors.

Utilizing materials such as foam, wood, putty, PVC and plastics, Dawson meticulously crafts his sci-fi wonders. His favorite creations - the elaborate costume items - are a testament to his dedication and ingenuity.

Visitors to the North Webster Community Public Library can now view Dawson's work, which will be on display in the library through the end of the year.

For more information about the display, please contact the library at 574-834-7122. The library is located at 110 E. North St. in North Webster.

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