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Author Shelley Shepard Gray to appear at Dubois branch of Jasper-Dubois County Public Library



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Where: Webinar

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Where: Dubois County Public Library-Jasper Branch

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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.

The Dubois Branch Library of the Jasper-Dubois County Public Library has announced an author talk and book signing for nationally-known author Shelley Shepard Gray on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 1 p.m. in the Community Room of the library.

Gray is the New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of more than 100 books, including her latest series, "A Season in Pinecraft." Many of her books deal with Amish themes and romance. Of this, Shelley said, "I started writing about the Amish because their way of life appealed to me. I wanted to write stories about regular, likeable people in extraordinary situations - and who just happened to be Amish. Getting the opportunity to write Inspirational novels is truly gratifying. With every book, I feel my faith grows stronger. And that makes me feel very special indeed."

Two-time winner of the HOLT Medallion and a Carol Award finalist, Gray lives in Ohio, where she writes full-time, bakes and can often be found walking her dachshunds on her town's bike trail. Many of her books can be found in the Jasper-Dubois County Public Library branches.

Due to limited seating, tickets will be required to attend this event. Tickets are free, but must be

[Webmaster Roundtable](#)

When: Nov. 28, 2-3 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[What's Up Wednesday - Anatomy of a Book Challenge](#)

When: Nov. 29, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

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

When: Dec. 1, 10 a.m.- 12 p.m.

Where: Lawrenceburg Public Library District

[CSLP's Summer Symposium - National Virtual Conference on Summer Reading](#)

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.

In the news



[BCSC board approve Cassidy as library trustee appointment](#)
Batesville Memorial Public Library

[Evansville library hosts Day of the Dead celebration](#)
Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

[EVV to host first annual Sensory Storytime and Disability Resource Fair](#)
Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

[The Goshen Public Library is launching their Give Me 5 Early Literacy Campaign](#)
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[Library virtual author series available](#)
Greensburg-Decatur County Public Library

[Hamilton East Public Library board appoints new secretary, approves budget](#)
Hamilton East Public Library

picked up at the Dubois Branch Library and will not be held longer than one day. Call the library ahead of time at 812-678-2548 to see if tickets are still available for pick up. No more than four tickets per person will be allotted. The library is located at 5506 E. Main St. in Dubois.

North Webster Community Public Library celebrates National Family Literacy Month



This month, the North Webster Community Public Library is observing National Family Literacy Month. Family Literacy Month celebrates the pivotal role that families play in nurturing literacy skills for children and young people. Throughout the month, families are encouraged to engage in reading activities that promote a love for learning within the household.

The North Webster Community Public Library seeks to empower families to read together by providing access to books,

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



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.

Time to talk turkey

[Kim Fields to headline IndyPL's Fall Fest](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

[Johnson County Public Library bringing the library to you](#)

Johnson County Public Library

[Petition to keep Kinsey Institute at Indiana University gains signatures Monday](#)

Kinsey Institute Library and Special Collections at Indiana University

[Museum celebrates Vonnegut's birthday, unveils new exhibit](#)

Kurt Vonnegut Museum and Library

[This woman hoarded 20,000 dictionaries. Now other verbivores can read them](#)

Lilly Library at Indiana University

[Milford Public Library offering jigsaw puzzle exchange](#)

Milford Public Library

[Holiday-inspired events set for New Castle library](#)

New Castle-Henry County Public Library

[Professional portrait artist to be featured at VCPL](#)

Vigo County Public Library

[Community First Bank gives \\$25K to Westfield Library Foundation](#)

Westfield Washington Public Library

Is your library making news?

audiobooks and story time programs for young children to help encourage a love of reading, even at an early age. The library is offering two different story times: one for babies and toddlers and one for preschoolers. The Baby and Toddler Story Time will meet on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. and the Preschool Story Time will meet on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

During Baby and Toddler Story Time - recommended for ages birth through 36 months - attendees will experience the fun of rhymes, songs and stories. After the story time, attendees are encouraged to network with other parents and grandparents to learn about resources for early literacy development. During Preschool Story Time - recommended for ages 3 through 6 - attendees will sing songs, share fingerplays and magnet stories, read books and learn through fun literacy activities and crafts.

Pre-registration is requested for both story times. Click [here](#) to read more about the programs and to learn how to pre-register.

Applications for National Digital Newspaper Program now being accepted



In November, many turkeys land on tables dressed for Thanksgiving, while two very lucky birds end up at the White House to be pardoned by the president and live out their days in Leesburg, Virginia. George H. W. Bush was the first president to [pardon a turkey](#), rather than eat it at Thanksgiving. However, the wild turkey held a special place in the hearts of Americans long before Bush's pardon. One story goes that Benjamin Franklin nominated the turkey to be the symbol for the early republic. Though not true, one sees how the rumor circulated. In a letter to his daughter Sarah Bache, dated Jan. 26, 1784, Franklin clearly states his preference for the wild turkey. In taking the bald eagle - the national bird - to task, he writes:

“For in truth, the turkey is in comparison a much more respectable bird, and withal a true original native of America. Eagles have been found in all countries, but the turkey was peculiar to ours, the first of the species seen in Europe

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The National Endowment for the Humanities is currently accepting applications for its National Digital Newspaper Program.

The National Digital Newspaper Program is a partnership between the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Library of Congress to create a national digital resource of historically significant newspapers published between 1690 and 1963. This searchable database will be permanently maintained at the Library of Congress and will be freely accessible online. The Library of Congress' accompanying [U.S. Newspaper Directory](#) of bibliographic and holdings information on the website directs users to newspaper titles available in all types of formats. During the course of its partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Library of Congress will also digitize and contribute to the National Digital Newspaper Program database a significant number of newspaper pages drawn from its own collections.

Successful applicants will select newspapers - published in states or jurisdictions between 1690 and 1963 - and over a period of two

being brought to France by the Jesuits from Canada, and served up at the wedding table of Charles the Ninth. He is besides, (though a little vain and silly tis true, but not the worse emblem for that) a bird of courage, and would not hesitate to attack a grenadier of the British guards who should presume to invade his farm yard with a red coat on."

Gobble up more fun facts about the indomitable [Benjamin Franklin](#) at the National Archives.

Libraries Transforming Communities grants available



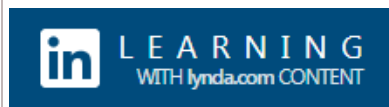
The Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities program will offer more than \$7 million in grants to small and rural libraries to increase the accessibility of facilities, services and programs to better serve people with disabilities.

The American Library Association will award two rounds of grants to be distributed over the next three years ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

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Text and Learn for Kindergarten program information



years, convert approximately 100,000 pages into digital files.

Organizations may request up to \$325,000. This includes the sum of direct and indirect costs. Approximately \$2.5 million will be distributed among an estimated 10 recipients.

Eligible organizations include nonprofits recognized as tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; accredited institutions of higher education - public or nonprofit; state and local governments and their agencies; and federally-recognized Native American Tribal governments.

Click [here](#) to read more, including a complete description of the program, a notice of funding opportunity and a grant application package. Applications are due by Jan. 12, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time.

To be eligible, a library must have a legal area population of 25,000 or less and be located at least five miles from an urbanized area, in keeping with the Institute of Museum and Library Services definitions of small and rural libraries.

Participating libraries will first conduct community input-gathering sessions to assure that their work aligns with local needs. Libraries will be required to identify the primary audience they are hoping to reach (e.g., homebound seniors, children with autism, deaf community members, etc.) and facilitate a community conversation with the impacted populations in order to guide the improvement of the library's services. Grantees would then use the funds to create services or improve their facilities based on the needs identified by their audience.

Applications close on Dec. 11. Click [here](#) to read more, including application instructions and guidelines. Click [here](#) to apply.

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