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Colts, Publisher Donate *Football Digest* to Indiana Libraries

Indiana Football Digest and the Indianapolis Colts have [2011 Indiana Football Digest](#) graciously donated one copy of the *2011 Indiana Football Digest* to each Indiana public library, including branches. This is the third time in the last five years and the first time since 2008 that the Digest and Colts have made this generous donation. The 424-page 2011 edition provides a detailed season preview for all Indiana High School Athletic Association football teams and in-state college football programs.

The Indiana State Library began shipping the books last Monday to all public libraries that receive INfo Express delivery services. Books designated for branch libraries will be sent in one package to each district's central library. Please keep a lookout for the Digest if it has not arrived already.

Also, please join the State Library in thanking the Indianapolis Colts for their steadfast support of literacy and Indiana libraries!

Judges Sought for National Reading/Writing Contest

The Indiana Center for the Book is currently seeking judges for this year's Letters About Literature competition. Letters About Literature is a national reading-writing contest sponsored by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, in cooperation with the Indiana Center for the Book, and in partnership with Target Stores. Students in grades 4 through 12 are invited to write a personal letter to an author, living or dead, from any genre, explaining how that author's work changed the student's way of thinking about the world or themselves. This program promotes reflective writing.

Approximately 1,500 Indiana students enter the contest annually. However, judges will only be required rate semifinalist essays in one category, which averages 30-35 essays per level, per judge. The deadline to submit essays for this year's contest is January 6, 2012. Judges will receive their semifinalist essays and judging materials in early February and submit their winners the following month.

If you are interested in judging the 2011 contest, contact Drew Griffis at agriffis@library.in.gov. Visit the [Indiana Center for the Book's website](#) learn more about Letters About Literature and other Center programs.

ALA Seeks Applicants for New Discussion Program

The American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office is accepting applications for [Building Common Ground: Discussions of Community, Civility and Compassion](#), a multi-format discussion program for public audiences to spark action, engagement, and reflection within the community. The goal of this project is to engage the public in contemplation and discussion of the importance of community, civility and compassion in their daily lives. By bringing adult audiences together in the library for programs and events that include reading, viewing, reflection, discussion and

State Library Seeks Input on Technology Tools

The State Library wants to know how you use participatory technology tools, sometimes referred to as Web/Library 2.0 tools. We are interested in developing new continuing education opportunities and need your feedback. Please take a moment to complete our [simple eight-question survey](#) before October 31.

Conferences & Workshops

[Ind. Black Librarians Network 10th Anniversary Conference](#)

When: October 14 & 15
 Where: Purdue University Black Cultural Center - West Lafayette

[Midwest ContentDM Users Group](#)

When: October 14 & 15
 Where: Ball State University

[SW Indiana YA Roundtable](#)

When: Oct. 18 @ 11:00 AM (CST)
 Where: Oakland City PL

[Advanced INSPIRE Genealogy & Local History](#)

When: October 19 @ 2:00 PM
 Where: Live Online

[Serving Homeschoolers](#)

When: Oct. 20 @ 10:00 AM
 Where: Roann Paw-Paw Twp. PL

[Programming for Babies](#)

When: Oct. 20 @ 11:00 AM
 Where: Roann Paw-Paw Twp. PL

[Indiana Genealogy & Local History Fair](#)

When: October 22 @ 9:00 AM
 Where: Indiana State Library

[Every Child Ready to Read 2nd Edition Workshop](#)

October 24 - Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

[Advanced INSPIRE K-12 Resources](#)

When: October 25 @ 1:00 PM
 Where: Tipton Co. Public Library

[IOLUG Fall Program](#)

When: October 28
 Where: Indiana Wesleyan University- Indianapolis North

[Marketing Your Physical Space](#)

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civic engagement initiatives, the program will support public libraries as they strive to enhance the quality of life and learning in their communities.

In December, 30 public libraries around the country will be selected to host a series of 4 to 8 events between February 1, 2012 and November 30, 2012. The selected libraries will receive a \$2,500 grant to support program-related expenses, access to programming materials and a series of online, professional development and project, as well as promotional materials.

More information, including the online application, is available at www.ala.org/commonground. Applications are due November 18, 2011.

When: Oct. 31 @ 1:00 PM (CDT)
Where: Lowell Public Library

ILF Annual Conference
When: November 14-16
Where: Fort Wayne

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