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Indiana Libraries Named Among Nation's Best

Library Journal recently [named seven Indiana public libraries as Star Libraries](#). Two of these seven, New Carlisle & Olive Township Public Library and Spencer County Public Library, received top designation as being five-star libraries. Joining the list as four-star libraries were Allen County Public Library, Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library and Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library. Waterloo-Grant Township Public Library and Williamsport-Washington Township Public Library were named three-star libraries.

The ratings are based on the [Library Journal Index of Public Library Service](#), which offers an overall indication of how a library's performance stacks up to peer libraries with similar expenditures. The index measures four per capita areas that indicate public service - circulation, visits, program attendance, and public Internet use. The top libraries in each group get five, four, or three stars. All rated libraries, stars or not can use their scores to learn from their peers, inform their stakeholders of achievements and service opportunities, and improve library awareness and funding.

Funding & Technology Survey Extends November Deadline

The annual American Library Association (ALA) [Public Library Funding & Technology Access Survey](#) deadline has been extended to Friday, November 18, 2011. While many of Indiana public libraries (Gates Grant libraries) are required to complete the survey, all libraries are eligible and Indiana typically has a good response rate. Also, this may be the final opportunity to participate as financial support from the Gates Foundation ends in 2011.

The survey can only be done online, but a [PDF version](#) is available for your review. The survey takes about 30-40 minutes to complete. This [survey website](#) has an FAQ and a link (near the top) to get into the survey itself. Individual Indiana library codes, which are needed to start the survey, may be found [here](#). For problems or questions, contact survey support at 301-405-9445 or ipac.umd@gmail.com.

LOC Newspaper Program Adds Four-Millionth Page Online

After a recent update of over 190,000 newspaper pages to the [Chronicling America website](#), the Library of Congress project now provides access to more than 4.1 million searchable newspaper pages from 581 newspaper titles, published in 25 states between 1836 and 1922. Chronicling America is a Website providing access to information about historic newspapers and select digitized newspaper pages. The project is a long-term effort to develop an Internet-based, searchable

SHRAB Governor's Awards

The State Historic Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) seeks nominations for its 2011 Governor's Award. The Award honors individuals who have contributed substantially toward the preservation, recognition, or appreciation of Indiana's historic records through their support, leadership, innovation and volunteerism. Each year, one professional and one volunteer are honored for their service.

Nominations for the Governor's Award must be postmarked by **Tuesday, November 15, 2011** for consideration. Award guidelines and the nomination form are available on the [SHRAB website](#).

Conferences & Workshops

Security in the Library

When: Nov. 10 @ 10:00 AM

Where: Akron Carnegie PL

Book Club Basics

When: Nov. 10 @ 11:00 AM

Where: Akron Carnegie PL

Evergreen Circulation Training

When: November 10 @ 1:00 PM

Where: Indiana State Library

ILF Annual Conference

When: November 14-16

Where: Fort Wayne

TeachingBooks.net Overview

When: November 17 @ 2:00 PM

Where: Live Online

Fall Institutional Libraries Workshop

When: November 21 @ 9:15 AM

Where: Indiana State Library

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When: December 8 @ 1:00 PM

Where: Indiana State Library

Northern Indiana Library Administrators Roundtable

When: December 9 @ 9:00 AM

Where: Kendallville Public Library

Advanced INSPIRE Academic Resources

When: December 14 @ 10:00 AM

Where: Live Online

Evergreen Indiana Circulation Training

When: December 15 @ 9:00 AM

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database of U.S. newspapers with descriptive information and select digitization of historic pages.

The Indiana State Library was recently awarded a \$293,157 grant from the [National Endowment for the Humanities](#) (NEH) to digitize Indiana’s historically significant newspapers. Newspapers digitized as part of this two-year project will be included in the [Library of Congress’](#) [Chronicling America](#) Database as well as [Indiana Memory](#). You can continually monitor the status of this project at the official [Indiana Historic Newspaper Digitization Project wiki](#).

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