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State Library Awarded NEH Grant to Digitize Historic Papers

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has awarded a \$293,157 grant to the Indiana State



Library to digitize Indiana's historically significant newspapers. Indiana joins 25

states participating in the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP), a partnership between the NEH, the Library of Congress and participating states to provide enhanced access to American newspapers published between 1836 and 1922. Newspapers digitized as part of this two-year project will be included in the Library of Congress' [Chronicling America Database](#). The digitized papers will also be available through [Indiana Memory](#).

"This grant is crucial to the State's efforts to provide optimal public access to Indiana's historical documents and cultural heritage," said Jim Corridan, State Archivist and Associate Director of the Indiana State Library. "The State Library houses millions of copies of historic Hoosier newspapers and this initiative will enable Hoosiers instant access to these collections via the internet."

The Indiana State Library will be assisted on the project by an advisory group of representatives from the Indiana Commission on Public Library, the Indiana Historical Bureau, Ball State University, the Hoosier Press Foundation, the Indiana Historical Society, the Indiana University School of Journalism and Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis. The advisory group will develop criteria for inclusion of historic papers and ultimately select the newspapers to be digitized.

Indiana Digital Archives Named 2011 "Best Website"



The Indiana Digital Archives was once again recognized as one of the nation's best online resources for family history researchers. *Family Tree Magazine* named the Digital Archives a "Best Website of 2011," which encompasses genealogy and history-related sites from all sources public or private, subscription or free.

The magazine also named the Digital Archives a "Best State Website" in December, 2010.

The Indiana Digital Archives was one of only a handful of public resources to be named a "State-of-the-Art Archives." Specifically, the magazine cited the Digital Archives' 2.7 million-plus searchable records and the recent additions of indexes to Civil War and Indiana National Guard records.

Researchers can browse through these new indexes and other popular Indiana State Archives collections at www.indianadigitalarchives.org. From before statehood in 1816 and on through to its approaching bicentennial, Indiana has been home to thousands of settlers and immigrants. The Digital Archives enables Hoosiers and citizens worldwide to browse the vast collection historical and vital records housed at the State Archives.

Reminder: IMLS Seeks Your Input on Strategic Plan

Jobs in Indiana Libraries

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Upcoming Events & Workshops

New Director's Workshop

When: August 4 @ 8:00-3:30 PM

Where: Indiana State Library

Advanced Evergreen Cataloguing

When: August 9 @ 9:00-4:00 PM

Where: Adams Co. Public Library

Evergreen Indiana Circulation Training

When: Aug. 10 @ 9:00-1:00 PM

Where: Indiana State Library

ILF Reference Division Conference

When: August 10 @ 9:00 AM

Where: Flagship Center - Anderson

Evergreen Indiana Admin/Reports Training

When: August 11 @ 1:00

Where: Indiana State Library

Advanced INSPIRE Newspapers & Magazines

When: August 16 @ 2:00 PM

Where: Live Online

Director's Refresher Workshop

When: Aug. 18 @ 8:00-3:30 PM

Where: Indiana State Library

2011 CYPD Conference

When: August 28 & 29

Where: Indianapolis Marriott North

2011 SAMS Pre-conference & Conference

When: August 15 & 16

Where: West Lafayette PL

ACPL Library Camp 2011

When: September 16

Where: Allen Co. Public Library

Indiana Vision Expo/Walk

When: September 24 @ 9:00 AM

Where: Indiana State Library/ Downtown Canal - Indianapolis

Indiana Genealogy & Local History Fair

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On Friday, July 15, IMLS launched its  **IdeaScale Community Page** to engage the public in discussions that will help to shape their next five-year strategic plan. IMLS will use this input to help develop their plan, which will provide a roadmap for future activities, help IMLS communicate clearly and concisely about agency results, and provide for accountability.

Visit imls.ideascale.com to participate. Check back often to see new ideas and add your comments. The site will be open until August 12, 2011.

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

ILF Annual Conference

When: November 14-16
Where: Grand Wayne Convention Center - Fort Wayne

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