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### Indiana Library Jobs

### PopCon 2016 Recap



The Indiana State Library partnered with several local libraries to provide a library presence at this year's Indy PopCon. This was the first year that libraries have banded together for this popular convention and the goal was to promote libraries as a potential resource for people who are interested in various facets of 'geek culture' which encompasses everything from gaming to comic books and innovative technologies.



Hello, and welcome to the Government Information Minute.

This bi-weekly column is brought to you by the Government Information Librarians at the [Indiana State Library](#). We cover current resources on Govt Info at local, state, national, and international levels. It's all for you, to keep you updated and well-informed! Suggestions and comments welcome. Check out more Indiana Govt Info updates on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).



[Information Technology Specialist/Library Assistant](#)  
Rockville Public Library

[Youth Services Page](#)  
Hammond Public Library

[Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant](#)  
South Whitley Community Public Library

To see the complete list of current openings listed on the ISL Continuing Education Jobs page click [here](#)

## In The News



[County's bicentennial festivities worth attending](#)  
Bartholomew County Public Library

[Carmel Clay Public Library fashion show to celebrate Indiana bicentennial](#)  
Carmel Clay Public Library

[Cunningham Memorial Library assists with digital preservation of history](#)  
Cunningham Memorial Library,  
Indiana State University

[Library adds 18th century grammar to collection in honor of university's sesquicentennial](#)

Library staff from the Muncie Public Library, Morrisson-Reeves Library (Richmond), Johnson County Public Library, Monroe County Public Library, Hagerstown Jefferson Township Library and the Indianapolis Public Library were on hand to present information on all the fun materials and programs that libraries can offer conference attendees. People who stopped by the booth were given free Fangirl or Fanboy buttons for showing their library cards and while the bulk of library cards shown represented various libraries from Indiana, there were plenty of out of state library cards, some from as far away as New Mexico.

Overall, library staff were able to discuss library services with hundreds of conference attendees demonstrating that it pays to be creative when looking for venues to provide library outreach!

## Libraries Read: 1 Book events announced



“Is Google making us stupid?” Nicholas Carr asked, in a celebrated Atlantic Monthly cover story. Carr delves further into the question in his book *The Shallows: What The Internet Is Doing To Our Brains*, the selected title for “Libraries Read: 1 Book.”

MCLS invited library staff across Indiana and Michigan to place votes on one of four titles to select one book that we will all read and discuss together for professional development. Nicholas Carr’s book captured the most votes. In *The Shallows*, he explores the net’s intellectual and cultural consequences.

## Indiana's State Agency Databases



With the plethora of information available on the internet, it can be difficult to sort out “the best” from all “the rest.” The official website of the State of Indiana, [www.in.gov](http://www.in.gov), provides various ways to search or link to government information on state agency pages. But how will you know to look for official sources of information if you don’t know that a specialized database or resource even exists? Let’s take a moment to highlight some useful resources maintained by Indiana state agencies.

- The Indiana Secretary of State [Securities Division](#) provides [links to databases](#) you can use to check the licensing and registration of individuals and/or firms in the financial services industry.
- Search the [INBiz database](#) for business entities and documents about Indiana public businesses that are registered with the Indiana Secretary of State [Business Services Division](#).
- For both historical and current information about sites, buildings, bridges, and cemeteries

Cunningham Memorial Library,  
Indiana State University

[WPA indexing keeps century-old news at fingertips](#)

Gary Public Library

[State archives building headed to IUPUI campus](#)

Indiana State Archives

[Peggy Peck Obituary](#)

Jennings County Public Library

[LaGrange library hosts interactive science program](#)

LaGrange County Public Library

[Sidewalks by LaPorte County Public Library to close](#)

La Porte County Public Library

[New Horizons Receives First Lady Charitable Grant for New Café](#)

Lawrenceburg Public Library

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The Allen County Public Library will not be hosting Library Camp in 2016 but will plan to host it again in 2017. If you have questions please contact Michelle Merritt at [mmerritt@acpl.info](mailto:mmerritt@acpl.info)

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## Free training on lynda.com



MCLS encourages library staff to read the book throughout the summer, then join us in a Twitter chat and regional discussions about the book.

According to Randy Dykhuis, MCLS Executive Director, “During 2014, MCLS conducted a series of community conversations with librarians throughout Indiana and Michigan, utilizing the tools from the Harwood Institute for Public Innovation. The desire to have discussions in many formats, and to communicate with one another outside of our silos was a recurring theme. By reading one book together, we aim to create deeper connections among libraries that span geographic and other boundaries.”

## Book Discussions

- July 21, 2 pm Eastern. Twitter Chat. Use the hashtag #mclschat
- August 2, 10 am to Noon Eastern. Monroe County Public Library, Bloomington, IN
- August 3, 10 am to Noon Central. Lake County Public Library, Merrillville, IN
- August 4, 2 pm to 4 pm Eastern. Indianapolis Public Library Service Center, Indianapolis, IN
- August 5, 11 am to 1 pm Eastern. MCLS, Lansing, MI: This discussion will be led by Michigan librarian extraordinaire Kevin King, Head, Branch and IT Services Kalamazoo Public Library
- September 29. Peter White Library, Marquette, MI: This discussion will be part of the Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation (UPRLC) meeting. Time to be determined. Look for more information soon!

around the state, check out the [State Historic Architecture and Archaeology Research Database](#), also called SHAARD, which is maintained by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources [Division of Historic Preservation & Archeology](#).

- [Additional DNR databases](#) include Water Permits, Water Well Records, Oil & Gas Online Well Records, and an Indiana Beekeepers Swarm List.
- The [Indiana Department of Environmental Management](#) provides enhanced access to public records through the [Virtual File Cabinet \(VFC\)](#), an online repository for a vast amount of the agency’s public records.
- The [Indiana Roadway Inventory](#) dataset is maintained by the [Indiana Department of Transportation](#) and provides mapping data and includes the functional classification of roads, total mileage, owner and the assets assigned to roadway sections.
- [Indiana Gateway for Government Units](#) collects and provides access to information about how taxes and other public dollars are budgeted and spent by Indiana’s local units of government. Participating state agencies currently include the [Department of Local Government](#)

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Credit: 2 general LEUs for Indiana staff for in-person discussions

### Register for a book discussion:

- Register for an in-person book discussion using the online [Libraries Read: 1 Book Registration form](#).

### Related event

Reading Redefined: Deep Reading, Learning, and the Impact of Digitization

On September 30, a collaborative of Michigan library service agencies are sponsoring Reading Redefined: Deep Reading, Learning, and the Impact of Digitization, a one-day symposium in Lansing to discuss the ways that reading is changing as our environment and interactions become ever more digital. We are excited to have Maryanne Wolf and Natalie Phillips as plenary speakers. [Read more and register>>](#)

**For more information**, visit our [Facebook page](#) or read our [blog](#).

Questions regarding Libraries Read: 1 Book or the discussions should be sent to Michelle Bradley, MCLS Manager, Member Engagement, at [bradley@mcls.org](mailto:bradley@mcls.org) or call Michelle at 800-530-9019.

## Saving the Monarch Butterfly One Community at a Time



[Finance](#), the [State Board of Accounts](#), and the [Indiana Education Employment Relations Board](#).

## Upcoming Workshops & Important Dates

[Midwestern Roots Conference by the Indiana Historical Society](#)

When: July 14-16th

Where: Indianapolis Marriot East

[Libraries and the Children of Indiana Nature Park](#)

When: July 19, 2016, 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Where: Webinar

[Evergreen Indiana-Local Administration](#)

When: July 30, 2016, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Where: Eckhart Public Library

[Technology Accessibility Webinar](#)

When: August 1, 2016, 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Where: Webinar

[Ask an Expert Webinar: Active Shooter webinar](#)

When: August 2, 2016, 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Where: Webinar

[Ask an Expert: Incorporating Yoga into Library Programming](#)

When: August 3, 2016, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Where: Webinar

[Rock Star Start Up](#)

When: August 8, 2016, 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Where: Brownsburg Public Library

[Rock Star Start Up](#)

When: August 9, 2016, 10:00 am

On July 12, 2016 at the Oaklyn Branch Library, 3001 Oaklyn Drive, the Evansville Mayor Lloyd Winnecke took the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge, committing to help the monarch and other pollinators. This new, national campaign will work with mayors and local government chief executives to help save the declining monarch butterfly.

The Oaklyn Branch Library Meadow offers a unique educational opportunity on pollinators and the monarch butterfly. The meadow is planted with native wildflowers and prairie grasses similar to those growing in open, sunny areas in Indiana 200 years ago when our state was first founded. These are the same varieties of plants on which monarch butterflies fed and laid their eggs and monarch caterpillars grew and thrived centuries ago. The meadow is rich with native plants that provide nectar-rich blooms over many months, from golden alexander early in the spring through native asters and goldenrod in late fall. Included in the mix of wildflowers are several types of milkweeds, including butterfly weed and common milkweed.

"Mayors and other local government officials play a pivotal role in advancing monarch butterfly conservation in urban and suburban areas," said [Collin O'Mara](#), president and CEO of the National Wildlife Federation. "By working together we can ensure that every American child has a chance to experience majestic monarchs in their backyards and communities."

Learn more at [NWF.org/MayorsMonarchPledge](http://NWF.org/MayorsMonarchPledge) and get more updates from the National Wildlife Federation at [NWF.org/News](http://NWF.org/News).

The [National Wildlife Federation](#) is America's largest conservation

- 11:00 am  
Where: Elkhart Public Library

[The Difference is You! Conference](#)

When: August 10, 2016, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
Where: Indianapolis Public Library - Central Library

[INSIRSI User's Group Annual Meeting](#)

When: August 12, 2016, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Where: Library Services Center at the Indianapolis Public Library

[Evergreen Indiana Basic Circulation](#)

When: August 17, 2016, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Where: Orleans Town & Township Public Library

[Evergreen Indiana Holds Training](#)

When: August 17, 2016, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
Where: Orleans Town & Township Public Library

[CYPD Children & Young People's Division Conference](#)

When: August 21 - 22  
Where: Indianapolis Marriott East

[INSPIRE for Grades 6-12](#)

When: August 24, 2016, 9:30 - 10:30 am  
Where: Webinar

[INSPIRE for Grades 6-12](#)

When: August 30, 2016, 3:00 -- 4:00 pm  
Where: Webinar

	organization inspiring Americans to protect wildlife for our children's future. Follow us on <a href="#">Facebook</a> , <a href="#">Twitter</a> , and <a href="#">Instagram</a> .	
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