
Visit the John S. Wright Memorial Library at the Indiana State Library

Everyone is welcome to visit the Indiana State Library.

Staff is available to assist patrons with their research questions. Librarians with expertise in a variety of fields are on hand to provide guidance and information.

Access to most of the items in the collection of the John S. Wright Memorial Library is available through the Library's 2nd floor reference desk. The Academy's librarian is also available to help answer questions from Monday to Friday 8 a.m.—4 p.m. (317.232.3686).

Arrange for a class, club, department, or organization to visit the Indiana State Library. Staff can provide tours geared towards the specific needs and interests of the group in preparing for a research visit.

To arrange for a tour or research visit for a group, call (866) 683-0008.



INDIANA STATE LIBRARY

140 N. Senate Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46204
www.in.gov/library

Contact:

Reference Phone: 317.232.3678

Fax: 317.232.3728

Hours:

Monday-Friday 8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Thursday 8 a.m.—7 p.m.

**The library is open the second
Saturday of each month.**

**Additional Saturday hours are listed
on the website.**

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What is the Indiana Academy of Science?

The Indiana Academy of Science, the oldest scientific society in the state, was organized December 19, 1885 in Marion County, Indiana.

The mission of the Academy was stated in its first Constitution as encouraging:

...Scientific research and the diffusion of knowledge concerning the various departments of science; and to promote a dialogue between individuals engaged in scientific work, especially in Indiana...

From its original 71 members, the Academy has grown over the last century to have a membership of more than 1200. Each Fall and Spring the Academy hosts a meeting at various locations across the state at scenic state parks, colleges, universities, etc.

What are some of the Academy's Publications and Activities?

The Academy publishes its Proceedings twice per year and is actively involved in publishing other materials which focus on the sciences in Indiana. The Proceedings of the Indiana Academy of Science are distributed to both the Academy's membership as well as an exchange program which links the Academy to hundreds of

institutions and universities world wide.

In addition to being a professional organization, the Indiana Academy of Science is also active in the education and encouragement of future scientists. Youth activities include the Junior Academy and the Science Talent Search. Grant opportunities are also available to high school students, and Indiana's science teachers are encouraged to become members.

Members of the Academy also sit on some Indiana Governor's Councils and are active advisers to the Governor on scientific topics.

What is the John S. Wright Memorial Library?

The relationship between the Indiana Academy of Science and the Indiana State Library is an unique public-private partnership with a long history. In 1898 a contract was signed by both the Indiana State Librarian and the Academy, which created the John S. Wright Memorial Library. The collection is owned by the Academy, but managed by the Indiana State Library and is made available for its patrons' usage.

The John S. Wright Memorial Library (aka the IAS library) contains both an archive of the Academy's publications as well as an extensive collection of items from scientific organizations world-wide which have been received by the Academy as a part of its exchange program.

The Library is located within the Indiana State Library, but its collection is housed in a part of the

building that cannot be directly accessed by patrons. Access to most materials is available through the Library's Reference desk on the 2nd floor.

Items can be used by library users on premises, and some items can be checked out by those with a valid Indiana State Library card. Many materials from the Academy's Library collection also circulate extensively through the Library's inter-library loan program. This can be particularly useful if you are not physically able to come to the Indiana State Library but still wish to utilize the collection of the John S. Wright Memorial Library.

Where can I find more Information about the Academy?

The Indiana Academy of Science welcomes new members. To inquire about membership please contact the Executive director at 317-974-0827

The Academy also has a website available at: www.indianaacademyofscience.org

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