



Indiana Insights

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Indiana Vision Expo returns to the Indiana State Library Saturday, September 9, 2023, from 10:00 am – 2:00pm.

This year we have two speakers:

Christine M. Donmoyer, PhD will be speaking about her book *Invisible Disability: Living with Macular Degeneration*. Her book is a guide for newly diagnosed AMD patients. It addresses the challenges that a patient faces in daily life. These challenges do have solutions as Donmoyer shares her insights from her unique patient perspective.

Julie Flaherty is a certified accessible travel advocate and specializes in accessible travel for individuals with disabilities / special needs. In her presentations she will share stories about her travel adventures as a visually impaired traveler. She will also share her secrets to good travel.

The following Vendors are planning to be in attendance:

- accessibility
- Bosma Enterprises
- Cori Braille Service
- Easterseals Crossroads
- Eye Can See
- FSSA-BVIS
- FUSE Inc.
- Indiana NFB Parents of Blind Children
- Indiana Voices
- Indianapolis Public Library
- Jean Brown- Macrame artist and author
- Marty and Julie Flaherty- Cruise Planners

- NFB-NEWSLINE
- QR Speak (Playing Cards)
- Royal Caribbean
- Simplified Insurance Solutions, LLC
- VA-Visual Impairment Services Team (VIST)



Indiana Talking Book and Braille Library
Summer Reading 2023

May 30-August 4
Ages 4-18

**To sign up: call 317-232-3738 or
email achumin@library.in.gov**

In conjunction with the Indiana talking book summer reading, the National Library Service has put together some great online zoom events. We will post the links on our website (www.library.in.gov/tbbl) and on our Facebook page. Please register for any of the talks that interest you through the appropriate link (coming in June).

National Library Service Summer Reading Programming Events

- Kickoff event (all ages): Monday, June 26 at 4:00 pm EDT
- Author Talk (Adult): Thursday, June 29 at 7:00 pm EDT, Shelby Van Pelt, Remarkably Bright Creatures
- Story time and music (K-3rd grade): Thursday, July 6 at 7:00 pm EDT
Author Talk (Middle grades): Tuesday, July 11 at 7:00 pm EDT, Celia Perez, The First Rule of Punk
- Author Talk (K-5th grade): Saturday, July 22 at 1:00 pm EDT, Annette Bay Pimentel and Jennifer Keelan-Chaffins, All the Way to the Top: How One Girl's Fight for Americans with Disabilities Changed Everything
- Author Talk (YA and Middle grades): July 27 at 7:00 pm EDT, Kwame Alexander, The Crossover
- Author Talk (YA): August 3 at 7:00 pm EDT, Jenny Torres Sanchez, We Are Not from Here

Travel Books for Summer Reading:

Around the world in 50 years: My adventure to every Country on Earth by Albert Podell (DB081883)

Journalist Albert Podell describes his travels to every country on Earth, including seven that no longer exist, since he began in 1962 with a trip to Canada. Describes personal relationships with his family and girlfriends, co-leading the Trans World Record Expedition, and ways he entered countries closed to tourists. 2015

Boundless: tracing land and dream in a new Northwest Passage by Kathleen Winter (DBG08012)

In 2010, the author took a journey across the storied Northwest Passage. From Greenland to Baffin Island and all along the passage, she bears witness to the new math of the melting North: where polar bears mate with grizzlies, creating a new hybrid species; where the earth is on the cusp of yielding so much buried treasure that five nations stand poised to claim sovereignty of the land; and where the local Inuit population struggles. 2014.

Ghost Rider: Travels on the Healing Road by Neil Peart (BRG01388*, DBG03434) *Braille title is still in production.

After the deaths of his daughter and then his common-law wife, musician Neil Peart got on his motorcycle and drove for over a year, traveling Canada, the U.S., and Central America. 2002.

Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer (BRG02981*, DB041823, LP012391) *Braille title is still in production.

This book discusses a fatal trek by a young man named Chris McCandless. After graduating from college in 1990, McCandless abandoned his car, gave away his money, and cut off contact with his family. Exactly 112 days after he wandered into the Alaskan wild, McCandless was found dead of starvation. 1996.

No Barriers: A Blind Man's Journey To Kayak The Grand Canyon by Erik Weiheimayer (BR021928, DB087291, LP020509)

Erik lost his sight as a teen but still seeks adventure around the world. He shares his experience kayaking the Colorado River and his efforts to help other blind people, especially children, learn to live adventurous lives. 2017.

Nomadland: Surviving America in the twenty-first century by Jessica Bruder (BR022203, DB086971)

A look at the subculture of older Americans who, unable to afford either mortgages or retirement, are traveling the country in RVs, campers, and vans. This book examines the life of one woman as she travels between seasonal jobs and reunions with her van-dwelling friends. Some strong language. 2017.

The Oregon Trail: a new American journey by Rinker Buck (DB082587)

Journalist and travel writer Rinker Buck not only describes the historical Oregon Trail but also recreates the westward journey himself. Over the course of four months, Buck and his brother travel the route by wagon, and Buck recounts their adventure. Strong language. 2015.

Overground Railroad: the Green Book and the roots of Black travel in America by Candacy Taylor (DB099296)

Taylor examines the influence and impact of the Green Book on the travel practices of black Americans primarily in the United States--but also internationally--during its publication from the 1930s to 1960s. Discusses safety issues facing black Americans and the guide's role in the Civil Rights Movement. Some strong language. 2020.

Sense of the World: How a Blind Man Became History's Greatest Traveler by Jason Roberts (BR016660, DB062703)

Biography of Englishman James Holman (1786-1857), who was blinded at twenty-five after serving in the Napoleonic wars and who then achieved fame as a world traveler. Quoting from Holman's memoirs, describes how he fought slavery in Africa, survived captivity in Siberia, charted the Australian outback, and published three books. 2006.

Sites Unseen: Traveling the World without Site by Wendy David (DB073854)

Based on her own experiences in Europe and North America, well-traveled blind psychologist provides tips and tools for taking trips without sighted assistance. Discusses where to go, how to get there, what to bring, what to do, and what questions to ask. 2010.

Traveling Blind: Adventures in Vision with a Guide Dog by my Side by Susan Krieger (BR018861, DB071184)

Stanford professor Krieger describes adapting to life with progressively limited vision caused by Birdshot Retinoblastoma. She writes of embarking upon local and long-distance trips and exploring the southwest desert with her guide dog Teela and her lover Hannah. 2010.

Traveling with service animals: by air, road, rail, and ship across North America by Henry Kisor & Christine Goodier (BR022919, DB097385)

A newspaper columnist and a travel writer, both seasoned travelers with service dogs, give advice for how best to navigate the challenges of such travel. They give general guidance as well as specific regulations and service animal policies on planes, trains, cruise ships, and more. 2019.

Travels with Charley in search of America by John Steinbeck (BR009952, DB016094)

Feeling that as an American writer he has lost touch with his country, the author sets out on a swing around the United States to see what it is really like. He travels in a trailer with 'an old French gentleman poodle.' Here is the leisurely account of what he saw, whom he talked with, and his conclusions, hopeful and otherwise. 1960.

Travels with George: in search of Washington and his Legacy by Nathaniel Philbrick (DB105722, LP021651)

Nathaniel Philbrick recounts his personal attempt to recreate the journey a newly elected George Washington undertook to tour all thirteen ex-colonies. His observations alternate between his own travel and that of Washington, noting the changes that have occurred over the centuries. 2021.

Terrific Trip: A Travel Memoir by Theresa Gilliland (DBC24899)

There are few road trips more iconic than a journey down the "Mother Road," Route 66. In this travel memoir, Theresa Gilliland, interweaves tales of travel, family, and living in the moment to take the reader on a journey through some of the United States' most noteworthy destinations. 2022.

Turn right at Machu Picchu: rediscovering the lost city one step at a time by Mark Adams (BRG03090, DB075354)

Mark Adams, a travel, and adventure magazine editor, decides to investigate claims that Hiram Bingham, the 1911 discoverer of Machu Picchu, smuggled out artifacts and stole credit for finding the site. Adams travels through Peru, finding a still-undiscovered country, and an answer to the question that has nagged scientists since Bingham's time: Just what was Machu Picchu? 2011.

A Walk In The Woods: Rediscovering America On The Appalachian Trail by Bill Bryson (BRG00311, DB046519, LP012667)

Back in America after twenty years in Britain, Bill Bryson decided to reacquaint himself with his country by walking the 2,100-mile Appalachian Trail, which stretches from Georgia to Maine. *A Walk in the Woods* is more than just a laugh-out-loud hike. Bryson's acute eye is a wise witness to this beautiful but fragile trail, and as he tells its fascinating history, he makes a moving plea for the conservation of America's last great wilderness. An adventure, a comedy, and a celebration, *A Walk in the Woods* is a modern classic of travel literature. 1997.

Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail by Cheryl Strayed (DB074646, LP018895)

Author recounts the three-month, 1,100-mile solo hike she took on a whim in 1995, after years of devastating personal losses. Describes her encounters with rattlesnakes, locals, fellow hikers, and her own thoughts during her trek from Los Angeles to Washington State on the Pacific Crest Trail. Strong language. 2012.

Education Scholarship Account applications for 2023-2024 are now open.

The Indiana Education Scholarship Account (ESA), funded by state tax dollars, provides education options for K-12 students with a disability, and income at or below the annual income qualification. ESA funding can be used on private school tuition, homebased education, therapies, tutoring and more. Average scholarship amount is \$17,500.

If you know someone whose child might be eligible, or if your family may meet these requirements, we encourage you to apply today at

<https://www.in.gov/tos/inesa/>

Student Eligibility

- Resident of Indiana
- 5-22 years old; K-12 grad level
- Must have a disability and require special education through an Individualized Education Program (IEP), Service Plan (SP), Choice Service Plan.
- Income at or below income qualification* (\$166,500 for a family of four)
*Visit website for full income table.

Qualified ESA expenses

- Private school tuition/fees, Homebased education
- Testing and examination services, Tutoring
- Educational camps, Equestrian therapy
- Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services
- Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) services
- Music and art therapy
- Other services provided by ESA approved providers

Questions?

- Contact the Treasurer's Education Scholarship Account Staff at: 317-232-0723 or ESA@tos.in.gov

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Indiana Talking Book and Braille Library Calendar:

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| Tuesday | July 4, 2023 | Library Closed |
| Monday | October 9, 2023 | Library Closed |
| Tuesday | November 7, 2023 | Library Closed |
| Friday | November 10, 2023 | Library Closed |
| Thursday | November 23, 2023 | Library Closed |
| Friday | November 24, 2023 | Library Closed |
| Monday | December 25, 2023 | Library Closed |
| Tuesday | December 26, 2023 | Library Closed |

Indiana Talking Book and Braille Library Hours:

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Eastern Time)