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Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

[Digital Media Lab Specialist \(part-time\)](#)

Carmel Clay Public Library

[Reference and Instruction Librarian and Coordinator of Library Technology](#)

DePauw University

[Reference Librarian](#)

Elkhart Public Library

[Children's Librarian](#)

Floyd County Public Library

[Development and Community Engagement Manager](#)

Inaugural Lunch and Learn program from State Library scheduled for March 14



The Indiana State Library has announced the launch of a new program series called the Lunch and Learn Series. The series will run throughout 2024, with six programs already planned.

The inaugural program, "Fire Insurance Maps Online," will take place on March 14 from 12-1 p.m. in the History Reference Room at the Indiana State Library.

Originally created to help insurance companies assess structures' fire resistance, historic fire insurance maps now have a wide variety of uses, including historic preservation, land use research and urban development. Presenter Jamie Dunn, supervisor of the Genealogy Division at the Indiana State Library, will teach attendees about fire insurance maps and the Indiana State Library's Fire Insurance Maps Online database.

Each program is eligible for one LEU for Indiana library staff. Click [here](#) to register. Limited seating will be available. Attendees should bring their own lunch.

Follow the [Indiana State Library's Facebook page](#) for more information on the upcoming programs as it becomes available.

The Indiana State Library is located at 315 W. Ohio St. in downtown

Upcoming workshops and important dates

[Digital Preservation 101: What Libraries Should Know](#)

When: Feb. 22, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Webmaster Roundtable](#)

When: Feb. 27, 2-3 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[What's Up Wednesday: Talking Book and Braille Library: Helping the Visual, Physical and Reading Disabled Hoosier](#)

When: Feb. 28, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Free and Low Cost Programming for Youth](#)

When: Feb 29, 2-3 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[What's up Wednesday: Nature Play](#)

[Days at our Local Libraries](#)

When: March 13, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Indiana State Library Lunch and Learn Series - Fire Insurance Maps Online](#)

When: March 14, 12-1 p.m.

Where: Indiana State Library

[Every Child Ready to Read and School Readiness in Storytime](#)

When: March 26, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Where: Morgan County Public Library

[What the Research Says - Digital Privacy in Libraries as Digital Literacy](#)

When: March 27, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Navigating Book Selections with Book Resumes on TeachingBooks](#)

When: April 11, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[Professional Development Roundtable](#)

When: April 11, 2-3 p.m.

Where: Webinar

Goshen Public Library

[Library Assistant \(part-time\)](#)
Hancock County Public Library

[Manager, Center For Black Literature & Culture](#)
Indianapolis Public Library

[Project Coordinator](#)
Indianapolis Public Library

[Director of Distinctive Collections](#)
IUPUI University Library

Those who would like their Indiana library job posting to be listed in the Wednesday Word must submit the position and its description to the Indiana State Library. Click [here](#) for submission guidelines and to submit.

In the news



[ACPL staff learning more about recently identified Mary Jane Doe](#)
Allen County Public Library

[Valentine's Day fun at the library](#)
Allen County Public Library

[Art exhibit to be displayed at EVPL to celebrate Disability Awareness Month in March](#)
Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

[EVPL collecting donations for 'Be Kind for Ollie' comfort bags](#)
Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

[IPS, Indy Library expand partnership to 12 more schools](#)
Indianapolis Public Library

[Friends of the Library sale set for March 2](#)
Jackson County Public Librar

[Library announces March book discussions](#)
Jackson County Public Library

[Library announces March programs for teens and adults](#)
Jackson County Public Library

[Library invites community to Snuggle Up With a Book Ball](#)
Johnson County Public Library

[Marion Public Library receives \\$100,000 grant](#)
Marion Public Library

[Perry County Public Library to offer free solar eclipse glasses](#)
Perry County Public Library

[Warsaw Library Board discuss story walk project](#)

Indianapolis.

Please contact [Stephanie Asberry](#), deputy director of Public Services and Statewide Services at the Indiana State Library, with any questions.

UW-Madison iSchool Back in Circulation proposals due March 1



University of Wisconsin-Madison iSchool is currently accepting proposals for its Back In Circulation conference to be held on Oct. 7-8 in Madison, Wisconsin. Back In Circulation is a conference for managers and staff in access and circulation services. Circulation managers and staff from public and academic libraries of all sizes attend this conference.

The committee is seeking ideas about best practices in access services and circulation. Topics may include but are not limited to: customer service; staff training; e-reserves; stacks management; change management; physical space design; keeping up with technology, diversity, equity and inclusion topics; and innovation.

Conference sessions are one hour in length, including presentation and Q&A. Priority will be given to sessions that include interactive elements and audience participation. Speakers will receive free conference registration. The University of Wisconsin-Madison iSchool encourages presenters representing a variety of personal and professional backgrounds, perspectives and voices. The aim is for conference presenters to be as diverse as the communities they serve. Submissions are welcome from anyone who is interested in presenting, including students, new professionals, first-time presenters and representatives of allied professions.

Click [here](#) to submit a proposal. A Google account is required. Proposals are due by March 1. Click [here](#) to read more about the conference, including information on the keynote speaker, Mia Henry. Conference registration is \$315 and registration will open this summer.

The University of Wisconsin-Madison iSchool is an [approved LEU provider](#) by the Indiana State Library.

Please contact the [University of Wisconsin-Madison iSchool](#) with any questions.

Nominations now being accepted for Sara Jaffarian Award for school libraries

[Every Child Ready to Read and School Readiness in Storytime](#)
When: April 12, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Where: West Lafayette Public Library

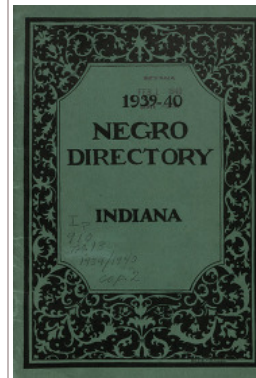
[What's Up Wednesday: We Need More Than Just Yoga and Meditation: Really Supporting the Mental Health Needs of Librarians and Library Workers](#)
When: April 24, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

[Every Child Ready to Read and School Readiness in Storytime](#)
When: May 3, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Where: Floyd County Library



Welcome to Digital Collection Highlights. Every other week, librarians at the Indiana State Library share images from the library's ever-growing digital collections. Visit the [Digital Collections](#) page to view the latest additions.

1939-40 Negro Directory, Indiana



The first publication of its kind in the state of Indiana, [the Negro Directory](#), compiled and published by prominent Indianapolis businessman Ivory L. Johnson, was created to focus on African American owned businesses in both Indianapolis and Terre Haute.

A prime motivation for this type of publication was to highlight local businesses people could use without fear of being refused service due to the color of their skin. As explained in the preface: "Companies employing colored people or part of whose customers are colored are listed also, in order that buyers may know that they may expect friendly service and appreciation."

Note on terminology: Language used in the primary sources shared does not reflect language that would be used today.

Warsaw Community Public Library

Is your library making news?

[Email](#) news links for inclusion in the Wednesday Word's "In the news" section.

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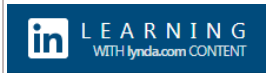
Follow the [Indiana State Library's blog](#) for weekly posts covering all aspects of the State Library.

Indiana library employees who would like to contribute a guest blog, please send an [email](#) with an idea.

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Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning



Text and Learn for Kindergarten program information



The American Library Association is inviting school librarians to apply for the Sara Jaffarian School Library Program Award. The \$5,000 award recognizes outstanding humanities programming in kindergarten through twelfth grade. Previously awarded to school libraries serving grades K-8, this year's Jaffarian Award is the first to include eligibility for school libraries also serving grades 9-12.

The intent of the award is to recognize humanities programs that expand student horizons beyond "basic education." A humanities program can be focused on many subject areas, including but not limited to social studies, poetry, drama, art, music, language arts, foreign languages and culture. Programs should focus on broadening perspectives and helping students understand the wider world and their place in it. The humanities program should be initiated and coordinated by the school librarian and exemplify the role of library programming in advancing the overall education goals of the school.

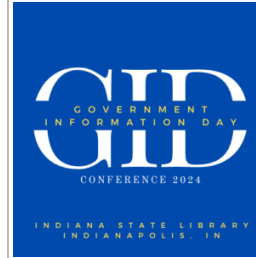
Sara Jaffarian was a dedicated school librarian and longtime ALA member. She began her career as a librarian in the public school system of Quincy, Massachusetts. She later served as the director of libraries for the Greensboro Public Schools in North Carolina and the Supervisor of Libraries for the Seattle Public Schools in Washington.

U.S. school libraries, public or private, that serve children in any combination of grades K-12 are eligible, provided the library is staffed by a state-certified librarian. Libraries are encouraged to self-nominate. Nominated programs must have taken place during the current 2023-24 school year.

Nominations for the 2024 Sara Jaffarian School Library Program Award will be accepted until May 1. Click [here](#) to read more about the award. Click [here](#) to apply online.

The award, presented annually by the ALA Public Programs Office, is sponsored by the ALA's [Cultural Communities Fund](#) in cooperation with the [American Association of School Librarians](#). Please email the ALA [Public Programs Office](#) with any questions.

Government Information Day conference schedule released



The Government Information Day Planning Committee has released its 2024 conference schedule. The free biennial conference for librarians interested in learning about government resources and improving information literacy will take place on Friday, May 17 at the Indiana State Library in downtown Indianapolis. The conference will be a one-day event, with attendees now able to attend in-person or virtually.

This year's keynote speaker will be Scott Matheson, Superintendent of Documents with the Government Publishing Office. In addition to the keynote address, three concurrent sessions will be offered. Individual sessions include "Legal Resources," "ILOHI in Review," "Consumer Protections," "Escape Room!," "GPO's Collaborations" and more. Sessions are subject to change. Click [here](#) for the GID 2024 conference schedule and for more information about the conference, including session descriptions. Two registrations, one for in-person attendance and one for virtual attendance, will open in March. Please note that only sessions that are scheduled to take place in the History Reference Room will be available virtually.

Each session - including the tour of the Indiana State Library - will be eligible for one LEU for Indiana library staff.

The Indiana State Library is located at 315 W. Ohio St. in Indianapolis. Parking validation will be available for attendees who park in the Senate Avenue parking garage directly across from the State Library.

Please contact GID 2024 Planning Committee chair [Brent Abercrombie](#) with any questions about the conference or the conference schedule.

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