

"Cookie" Indiana State Library Bison



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The Indiana State Library named their bison “Cookie” after the first State Librarian, John Cook (1841-1844). The artwork and imagery are representative of Indiana, the library’s rich collection and architecture found within the historic building.

The bison’s head and neck are covered with the American flag and the state flag of Indiana. A mural of the Corydon, Indiana ‘Constitutional Elm’ is located on the left side and James Whitcomb Riley’s book cover of “Poems of Childhood” can be found on the right side. Below each mural are symbols of Indiana, including the state bird, flower and tree. The bison’s back and mid-section are a collage of photographs, newspaper clippings, documents and book covers found in the library’s collection. The hind legs are covered with the iconic limestone and brass owls found on the exterior and interior of the building. A small insignia of the 38th Indiana Infantry Division, Indiana National Guard can be found on the bison’s base.

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Hours

Mon	8 am-4:30 pm
Tue	8 am-4:30 pm
Wed	8 am-4:30 pm
Thur	8 am-7:00 pm
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