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Sneak Peek: Indiana Library Leadership Academy

Today's library professionals require a skill set that positions them to identify and predict changes in the industry, the community they serve, and the needs of their stakeholders. In an effort to prepare the library community's future leaders for these 21st-Century challenges, the Indiana State Library's Professional Development Committee has established the Indiana Library Leadership Academy.

The inaugural 10-month academy will begin this July for a group of 50 cohorts whom will contribute to a meaningful project through a series of classes, workshops, and other meetings. The program commences with a five-day workshop at the Canyon Inn at McCormick's Creek State Park. State and national leaders in the library community, such as incoming ALA president Maureen Sullivan, will spend time with cohorts covering topics such as planning for the future, team-building, management, and emerging technologies. By the end of the week, participants will have defined the capstone project that will guide their work in the Academy over the next 10 months.

The Indiana Library Leadership Academy, valued at over \$2,100 per person, will be deeply subsidized by the Indiana State Library. Participants pay only \$150 over the course of the program and are welcome and encouraged to seek local grant or scholarship funding to cover their portion of the costs.

In the coming days, stay tuned for an announcement containing links to the online and Academy homepage on WebJunction Indiana.

Contest Asks Students to Share What INSPIREs Them



The Indiana Center for the Book is now accepting entries for the "What INSPIREs You?" essay contest.

Students are asked to tell us who or

what inspires you? Using INSPIRE to connect to reliable information from academic journals, newspapers, biographies and more, students may enter the contest through April 20, 2012 (postmarked date).

The 2012 contest is divided into three grade levels: 3-6; 7-9; and 10-12 and is open to Indiana residents. Winners will be notified by April 30, 2012 and invited to the 2012 Indiana Student Literary Awards on May 12, 2012 at the Indiana State Library.

Visit www.in.gov/library/essay.htm for complete contest rules and the official entry form.

Indianapolis to Host 2012 Evergreen International Conference

The 2012 Evergreen International Conference will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, home of Evergreen Indiana, at the Hyatt Regency Indianapolis.

New Look for WebJunction Indiana

[WebJunction Indiana](#) recently received a makeover, which features upgrades in both its design and functionality. Please note that many of [WebJunction Indiana](#) pages have new links so some saved bookmarks may need updating.

Upcoming Workshops, Events & Important Dates

2012 Budget 100 Webinar

When: [April 10 @ 10:00 AM](#)

When: [April 18 @ 2:00 PM](#)

Where: Live Online

ILF District Conferences

When: 8:30 AM (local time)

Where: Multiple Locations

4/10: District 8, 4/13: District 6

4/17: District 3, 5/01: District 1

5/04: District 2,

5/10: District 5 & 7

5/15: District 4

9th Annual Copyright Conference

When: April 18 - All Day

Where: Ball State University

SW Indiana Youth Service Roundtable

When: April 18 @ 10:00 AM

Where: Spencer Co. Public Library

IHSLA 2012 Annual Meeting

When: April 19 & 20

Where: Fort Harrison Inn - Indianapolis

Evergreen International Conference

When: April 25-28

Where: Indianapolis

Society of Indiana Archivists Annual Spring Conference

When: April 27-28

Where: University of Indianapolis

IOLUG Spring Program

When: April 27

Where: Indianapolis

EdCamp Indy

When: June 12

Where: Plainfield High School

[7 reasons why 'Hunger Games' slays 'Twilight'](#)

Your Library Making News?
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 [ISL Reference Hotline](#)

The conference is an annual opportunity for Evergreen users worldwide and those considering Evergreen to come together for discussion and continued education. With close to 1000 libraries currently running Evergreen in North America alone, we are expecting this year's conference to be even bigger than last year's with close to 200 attendees.


 [Evergreen International Conference 2012](#)


Visit evergreen2012.org to take a look at the 2012 Conference Program or to get more information about this year's conference.

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