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Over \$300,000 in LSTA Grants Awarded to Indiana Libraries

The Indiana State Library recently awarded [LSTA Grants for Indiana](#) \$150,000 in technology sub-grants to [23 Libraries](#) [Indiana libraries](#). In all, the State Library received 38 technology sub-grant applications requesting \$316,726 in LSTA funds. The 2012 LSTA technology grants will fund the purchase of mobile laptop labs, improved connectivity and networking infrastructure, eReaders and iPads, among other items. An additional six technology projects will also be made possible in part through a new partnership with Net Literacy. All projects involve the provision or replacement of public access computers.

[Eleven](#) more Indiana libraries received over \$154,000 in LSTA funds for digitization projects. The theme for the [2012 Digitization Grant Program](#) is the approaching Indiana Bicentennial in 2016. Many of the awarded projects focus on materials with statewide significance related to the Statehood Bicentennial.

All LSTA applications were reviewed by members of the Indiana State Library Advisory Council and State Library staff. Applications for grant opportunities with rolling deadlines ([Innovative Library Technology Grant](#) & [Information Access for the Unserved Grant](#)) are accepted year round. Guidelines for 2013 technology and digitization grants will be released this fall.

Contact Jennifer Clifton at (317) 234-6550 or jclifton@library.in.gov for more information about these opportunities and the LSTA program. Learn more about past grants, projects and statewide library services funded through LSTA at in.gov/library/lsta.htm.

Digital Bookmobile Making 2-Day Stop in Indiana this May

[Digital Bookmobile Coming to Indy!](#)

The [Digital Bookmobile](#) is scheduled to make its only stop in Indiana on Thursday, May 24 and Friday, May 25 at the Indianapolis Public Library. The 74-foot, 18-wheel tractor-trailer is visiting communities nationwide to promote downloadable eBooks, audiobooks, music, and video.

Sponsored by Overdrive, the Digital Bookmobile creates an engaging download experience around the host library's digital media collection and 'Virtual Branch' download website. The vehicle is equipped with broadband Internet-connected PCs, high-definition monitors, premium sound systems, and a variety of portable media players. Interactive computer stations give visitors an opportunity to search the digital media collection, use supported mobile devices, and sample eBooks, audiobooks, music, and video from the library.

IMCPL to be Featured in ALA Advocacy Webinar

"Rallying Your Community: Mobilizing the Grassroots" will be the topic of a **free** webinar sponsored by the American Library Association's Committee on Library Advocacy from 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. CDT on Wednesday, May 2. The webinar will demonstrate how two community

Deadline Nears to Apply for Leadership Academy

Applications for the Indiana Library Leadership Academy (ILLA) are being accepted until **Sunday, May 13, 2012**. The [application](#) available online.

The State Library's Professional Development Committee established the Academy to prepare future library leaders for 21st-Century challenges. The inaugural 10-month academy will begin this July for a group of 50 cohorts with a five-day workshop at the Canyon Inn at McCormick's Creek State Park. The cost of the Academy is just \$150 (\$2,100 value) for participants thanks to a significant subsidy from the Indiana State Library.

Additional details are available on the [ILLA webpage](#) or by contacting Wendy Knapp at wknapp@library.in.gov.

Upcoming Workshops, Events & Important Dates

[ILF District Conferences](#)

When: 8:30 AM (local time)

Where: Multiple Locations

5/04: District 2 * 5/10: District 5&7
5/15: District 4

[Spring Institutional Workshop](#)

When: May 14 @ 9:15 AM

Where: Indiana State Library

[Spring LEU workshops](#)

When: May 17 @ 9:30 AM

Where: Spencer Co. Public Library

[Preservation Night: Save Your Treasures](#)

When: May 17 @ 5:30 PM

Where: Indiana State Library

[Budget Basics Workshop](#)

When: May 21 @ 9:45 AM

Where: Live Online

[Serving Seniors](#)

When: May 24 @ 10:00 AM

Where: Live Online

[Overdrive Digital Bookmobile Visit](#)

When: May 24 & 25

Where: Indianapolis Public Library

[Lowell library director celebrated as she steps down](#)
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organizations, the Sustainable Library Citizens Coalition of Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library and Urban Librarians Unite of New York City, have used their voices to impact library funding.

Marci Merola, director of the ALA Office for Library Advocacy, will moderate the webinar and demonstrate practical applications of resources from the ALA Office for Library Advocacy. Registration is required. Visit ala.ilinc.com/register/thvbchx to register.

Workshop to Examine Methods to 'Save Your Treasures'

The Indiana State Library is offering  an evening of preservation tips and tricks on Thursday, May 17, 2012 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. The workshop will offer instruction on how to protect fragile documents and photographs, steps for preserving water-damaged items, and may other preservation-related topics and practical advice on how to care for your treasured collections.

The workshop is worth three (3) Library Education Units and registration is available [online](#). Visit the State Library's [Preservation & Conservation Services webpage](#) for more information.

EdCamp Indy

When: June 12
 Where: Plainfield High School

2012 Indiana Vision Expo

When: September 29 @ 10:00 AM
 Where: Indiana State Library

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 [WebJunction Indiana](#)

 [ISL Reference Hotline](#)