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State Library to Renew Our Heroes' Tree Project

 Our Heroes Tree

Beginning next week, the Indiana State Library will assume the *Our Heroes' Tree* project with support from the Military Family Research Institute, which hosted the program through 2010. Registration will open next Wednesday, August 1.

Our Heroes' Tree is a national initiative founded to recognize and honor sacrifices made by the families of current and past service members. The goal of the project to support the efforts of military members and their families while providing military related programming for all ages.

The popular “**virtual heroes tree**” will once again be back. This virtual tree allows for families to electronically hang ornaments with a picture of a loved one who is serving our country. The ornaments help to raise awareness of those deployed and show continued support for the United States military.

Participating libraries are welcome to create their own programming for *Our Heroes' Tree*. Some past programs that have been implemented by libraries throughout Indiana include adopting a soldier or platoon, assisting military families to set up a family blog,

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Check out **UpNext**, the new official blog of the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Upcoming Workshops, Events & Important Dates

PLEASE NOTE: The New Director's Workshop originally scheduled for Aug. 2 has been rescheduled for Aug. 16.

Gale Virtual Reference Library eBooks from Inspire

When: July 25 @ 3:00 PM

When: August 15 @ 9:30 AM

Where: Live Online

Biography In Context for Inspire

When: July 31 @ 2:00 PM

Where: Live Online

Databases and the Common Core

When: August 2 @ 9:00 AM

When: September 11 @ 4:00 PM

Where: Live Online


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patriotic crafting ideas for children, writing letters to veterans, and hosting workshops for veterans to interact with the community.

ALA Introduces 2012 Library Card Sign-up Week Spokesperson

 Library Card Sign-up Month
 September is Library Card Sign-up Month and

the American Library Association (ALA) has several resources to help your library encourage patrons to sign up for the smartest card of all – a library card. Library Card Sign-up Month has been observed each September since 1987 and is a great opportunity for libraries across to remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all.

NFL All-Pro and two-time Super Bowl winner Troy Polamalu has been named spokesman for 2012 National Library Card Sign-Up Month. Indiana libraries can download promotional material such as print and audio PSA's featuring Troy Polamalu on the [Library Card Sign-up Month 2012 website](#). Also check out these [additional resources](#), such as sample press releases, proclamations, audio PSA's, programming ideas and more.

Nominations are Open for the I Love My Librarian Award

Nominations for the 2012 Carnegie Corporation of New York/New York Times [I Love My Librarian Awards](#) are open through September 12. Librarians can be nominated in three categories,

Workshop

When: August 8 @ 8:00 AM
 Where: Indiana State Library

New Director's Workshop

When: August 16 @ 8:00 AM
 Where: Indiana State Library

She Blinded Me With Library Science (Certification Workshop)

When: August 21 @ 10:00 AM
 Where: Live Online

CYPD 2012 Conference

When: August 26 & 27
 Where: Indianapolis Marriott East

Association for Library Service to Children National Institute

When: September 20-22
 Where: Sheraton Indpls. City Centre Hotel

Indiana Vision Expo & Vision Walk

When: September 29 @ 9:30 AM
 Where: Indiana State Library

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school librarians, public librarians, and university librarians.

This award recognizes those exceptional librarians who go above and beyond the typical duties of their jobs. 10 first place librarians will receive \$5,000 cash each, a plaque and \$500 travel stipend to attend an awards reception in New York. A plaque will also be given to each award winner's library.

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