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Registration Now Open for 21st Century Literacy Days

Register today for the 21st Century Literacy Days hosted by the Indiana State Library and brought to you by the Indiana Geographic Information Office.

[Click here](#) to register and for workshop & LEU details.

Dates & Locations:

Friday, Oct. 5: Ivy Tech, Lawrenceburg

Friday, Oct. 12: Purdue-Calumet, Hammond

Friday, Oct. 19: Ivy Tech, Evansville

Friday, Oct. 26: Ivy Tech, Fort Wayne

More Library News

[Anderson Herald Bulletin](#)

[Lapel's new Reading Buddies aims to get kids interested in books](#)

[Elkhart Truth](#)

[Mary Beck Elementary receives Youth Literacy grant](#)

[Fort Wayne Daily News](#)

[PNC helps children, new library grow](#)

[Fort Wayne Journal Gazette](#)

[Professor to speak on Union, Civil War Goshen News](#)

[Nappanee library awards prizes to readers](#)

[Greencastle Banner-Graphic](#)

[Tickets on sale for Oct. 5 PCPL 'Conversation with the Artists'](#)

[Kokomo Perspective](#)

[IU Kokomo library invites students to play with technology](#)

[Lafayette Journal & Courier](#)

[Purdue archives keep Neil Armstrong's story alive](#)

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[Tecumseh honors former media specialist Sue Jones' legacy](#)

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[Enter 'Finish the Scary Story' contest](#)

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[Yorktown Library adds programs for young readers](#)

[New Castle Courier Times](#)

[Library concludes 'geek' campaign](#)

[Northwest Indiana Times](#)

[Preserving the Past for Future Generations](#)

[Northwest Indiana Times](#)

[Hammond Public Library budget proposal draws criticism from city controller](#)

[Northwest Indiana Times](#)

[Young readers add their support](#)

[South Bend Tribune](#)

[Open Book to have author talks and more](#)

[South Bend Tribune](#)

New INSPIRE Campaign to Air Statewide throughout September

Keep an eye out and ear open for the new [Check Out the New INSPIRE](#)

INSPIRE promotional campaign featured on local radio stations and online newspapers statewide. The campaign will again feature the "Geek the Library" theme and spokespeople, including: former Miss America, Katie Stam (Seymour); radio and television personality Dan Dakich (Zionsville); and WNBA All-Star and Olympic Gold Medalist Tamika Catchings (Indianapolis). This campaign will primarily focus on the enhanced look and functionality of the new Inspire.IN.gov.

Additionally, in the coming weeks the State Library will distribute new INSPIRE promotional items that highlight popular resources like the *Testing & Education Reference Center* and new INSPIRE products like *Home Improvement Reference Center* and *Hobbies & Craft Reference Center*. These items will be distributed to any public, school or academic library that receives INfo Express delivery, and will be available at the ILF Annual Conference in November.

More INSPIRE marketing materials are also available on the [INSPIRE marketing webpage](#). This is also a place, and now is a great time, to update your website's widgets and links that feature the new INSPIRE.

Libraries, Individuals Encouraged to Join in Banned Books Week

[Banned Books Week](#): The American Library Association's (ALA) Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) is coordinating a "50-State Salute to Banned Books Week" to commemorate the 30th anniversary of Banned Books Week. From September 30 through October 6, 2012, OIF will highlight videos from ALA chapters (and other libraries, library-related organizations, and

bookstores, even those outside the US) proclaiming the importance of the freedom to read. The "50 State Salute" will consist of videos (no longer than 5 minutes) that emphasize ways in which each state's community celebrates the freedom to read during Banned Books Week. Video montages demonstrating more elaborate community celebrations are also accepted. The ALA cites this [video montage](#) from the Mooresville (Ind.) Public Library as a great example.

The deadline to [submit](#) a video is September 28. Only organizations (not individuals) may participate in the 50-state event. All individuals who wish to participate in Banned Books Week are encouraged to create a video for the [Banned Books Virtual Read-Out](#).

Best Kept Secret: Library Aims to Serve Hoosiers with Disabilities

Courtesy of Christina C. Wray, Librarian, Ind. Institute on Disability & Community [Indiana Institute on Disability and Community](#)

The [Center for Disability Information and Referral](#) (CeDIR) strives to be the primary disability library for residents of the State of Indiana by providing access to appropriate, quality materials and services. Whether you're a person with a disability, family member, educator, service provider, or a researcher in the field, CeDIR can help meet your information needs. Our materials are free to check out, and if you are outside of Bloomington, no worries we'll ship them straight to your door! Patrons can return our materials to any IU Library throughout the state, or mail them back to us at their cost.

Two Days Left to Apply for At-Risk Collections Preservation Grants

The Indiana State Historic Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) has two grant opportunities, archival assessment and digitization grants available to not-for-profit organizations and units of local government in the State of Indiana. Individual grants provide up to \$5,000 in funds and require a local match in cash or in-kind services. Applications are due by Friday, September 14, 2012 and may be found at [SHRAB.IN.gov](#).

Upcoming Workshops, Events & Important Dates

Association for Library Service to Children National Institute

When: September 20-22

Where: Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel

SAMS Conference

When: September 20 - 21

Where: Lebanon Public Library

IPLA Conference

When: October 2 @ 9:30 AM

Where: Oak Hill Mansion, Carmel

Legislative Fall Forum

When: October 3 @ 8:30 AM

Where: Oak Hill Mansion, Carmel

Indiana Vision Expo & Vision Walk

When: September 29 @ 9:30 AM

Where: Indiana State Library

Society of Indiana Archivists Fall Workshop

When: October 5 @ 9:00 AM

Where: Indiana State Library

Basic INSPIRE Training

When: October 23 @ 1:00 PM

Where: Wells County Public Library

Indiana Genealogy & Local History Fair

When: October 27 @ 9:00 AM

Where: Indiana State Library

ILF Annual Conference

When: November 12-14

Where: Indiana Convention Center, Downtown Indianapolis

View free LEU opportunities from:

[LYRASIS Product Discounts](#)
[WebJunction Indiana](#)

[Main St. Joe Co. Library now open on Sundays](#)

[Terre Haute Tribune Star](#)

[Clay Historical Society hosts storyteller](#)

[Terre Haute Tribune Star](#)

['Games can teach certain activities'](#)

Your Library Making News?

Email your news for inclusion in *The Wednesday Word*

 [SL Reference Hotline](#)

CeDIR has a lending library of approximately 8,000 books, kits, videos, and DVDs that are available to borrow by anyone in Indiana as well as Indiana University faculty, staff and students. Our materials cover issues impacting the lives of people with disabilities from birth through the aging process. Information is available on topics such as diagnosis, daily living, assistive technology, disability rights, education, employment, community living, early intervention, child care and more. We are also pleased to provide access to Language Assessment kits to licensed Speech Language Pathologists throughout the state.

Our materials are searchable through [IUCat](#) and you will also find resource guides, the latest posts from our blogs, a section just for kids and so much more on our [website](#)! Not sure quite what you're looking for? Feel free to [contact us](#), we're happy to help you find the right resource to fit your needs.

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