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Entries Now Being Accepted for National Reading/Writing Contest

Entry forms for the '12-'13 Letters About Literature contest are now available on the [Indiana Center for the Book's website](#). The national reading-writing competition, sponsored by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress in partnership with Target Stores, calls for entrants to write a personal letter to an author, living or dead, from any genre (fiction or nonfiction, contemporary or classic, etc.) explaining how that author's work changed the student's way of thinking about the world or their self.

As in previous years, state contest winners will receive a cash award, plaque, and book of their letter from the Indiana Center for the Book at an awards ceremony in late spring. First-place winners also advance to the national level competition and are eligible for the \$1,000 grand prize and runner-up cash prizes.

Visit www.centerforthebook.org for contest updates and valuable teaching materials, such as lesson plans, writing samples, assessment checklists, and teacher tips. Letters About Literature is open to legal U.S. residents enrolled as a student in grades 4 -10 during 2012/2013 school year (note: contest is no longer open for grades 11 &12). Entries must be postmarked by **January 11, 2013** for consideration.

Indy Authors Fair Offers Full Slate of Authors, LEUs

Make plans this Saturday to join dozens of Hoosier authors while earning LEUs at the [Indy Authors Fair](#). The fair is scheduled from 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (EDT) at the Central Library in downtown Indianapolis. Ten workshops, expert panels, and programs are scheduled throughout the day, all of which offer one to two Library Education Units (LEUs).

Nearly 40 notable Hoosier authors will be present at the Authors Fair, including several previous Indiana Authors Award winners and finalists. John Green, winner of this year's national Indiana Authors Award, will headline the [Indiana Authors Award Dinner](#), which follows the Fair on Saturday.

The Indy Authors Fair is free and open to the public and is presented by the Eugene & Marilyn Glick Fund, the [Indianapolis Public Library Foundation](#); the [Indianapolis Public Library](#) and [The Writers' Center of Indiana](#).

[CLICK HERE](#) for the event brochure, which lists the complete line-up of workshops and related events.

Indiana Archivists Fall Workshop to Focus on Digitizing Photographs

The Society of Indiana Archivists invites library and archives professionals to join them for their [2012 Fall Workshop](#), "Digitizing Photographic Collections". The workshop is scheduled for Friday October 5, 2012 from 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM at the Indiana State Library and will cover basics of digitizing photograph collection and best practices for creating and maintaining digital collections.

Presenters Joan Hostetler and John Harris own Heritage Photo & Research Services. They regularly consult about photograph preservation and digital imaging with historical societies, museums, libraries, and archives throughout Indiana. Hostetler studied preservation and archives management at the George Eastman House International Museum of Photography and Film and has owned Heritage Photo since 1998. Harris is a graduate of the Cooperstown Graduate Program of the State University of New York and was Director of Local History Services at the Indiana Historical Society.

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 (**cancelled**)
Friday, Oct. 12: Purdue-Calumet, Hammond
Friday, Oct. 19: Ivy Tech, Evansville
Friday, Oct. 26: Ivy Tech, Ft. Wayne

Upcoming Workshops, Events & Important Dates

Indiana Vision Expo

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

Word of Mouth Marketing

When: October 4 @ 11:00 AM
 Where: Lowell Public Library

Book Club Basics

When: October 4 @ Noon
 Where: Lowell Public Library

AISLE Workshop: Getting the Most Out of INSPIRE -

When: October 3 @ 4:45 PM
 Where: Hamilton East Public Library - Noblesville Branch

Society of Indiana Archivists Fall Workshop

When: October 5 @ 9:00 AM
 Where: Indiana State Library

Indiana Computer Educators (ICE) Conference

When: October 11 & 12
 Where: Indianapolis Marriott East

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

ELAC WEBINAR

When: October 30 @ 2:00 PM

The workshop costs just \$30 for SIA members and \$40 for non-members. The Workshop has been approved for five (5) technology LEUs as well as two (2) Archival Recertification Credits by the Academy of Certified Archivists.

Where: Live Online

ILF Annual Conference

When: November 12-14

Where: Indiana Convention Center, Downtown Indianapolis

Register today for the 2012 Our Heroes' Tree program



[Our Heroes Tree](#)

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