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## Two Public Libraries Awarded Significant Community Block Grants

Congratulations to the Andrews-Dallas Township Public Library and the Haubstadt Branch of the Fort Branch-Johnson Township Public Library, which have been named as [recipients of 2012 Community Focus Fund \(CFF\) grants](#) from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.



The [Andrews-Dallas Township Public Library](#) will receive \$261,102 for infrastructure improvements to the Library originally built in 1926. The project involves the construction of a new accessible main entrance, a street level entrance to the basement meeting room, an additional fire exit and other improvements that would make both levels of the building accessible to everyone in the community.

The [Fort Branch-Johnson Township Public Library](#) has been awarded \$400,000 to pay for construction of the new Haubstadt Branch.

These grants were included in the 16th round of CFF grants awarded by Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman since 2005. CFF grants assist Indiana's smaller cities and towns with their long term development initiatives. The grant dollars fund projects such as sewer upgrades, new fire trucks, libraries and community centers. CFF grants are funded by the federal Community Development Block Grant program and administered by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

More information about CFF grants and the application process is available [online](#).

## National Leadership Series Making October Stop in Chicago

[Lead the Change Conference Series Coming to Chicago](#) The highly-rated national leadership conference, [Lead the Change](#), is coming to Chicago on October 25 at the Chicago Public Library's Harold Washington Library Center. [Lead the Change](#) brings together library leaders and staff at every level for a motivating and informative day designed to energize, inspire and enlighten. Attendees will learn how today's top libraries are leading change and transforming their communities.

Attendees should be prepared for a day of dynamic presentations, case studies, and conversations presented by B.A. David Company founder David Bendekovic and Library Journal, featuring librarians and thought leaders from around the country. The goal of the series is for participants to walk away with insights, best practices, leadership tools and a unique action plan to transform their library and enrich the community.

## One Week Left to Show Love for Librarians

Nominations for the 2012 Carnegie [2012 I Love My Librarian Award](#) logo Corporation of New York/New York Times [I Love My Librarian Awards](#) are open through September 12. Librarians can be nominated in three categories, school librarians, public librarians, and university librarians. The Awards website also provides [promotional tools](#) to encourage your patrons or students to nominate their favorite librarian.

This award recognizes those exceptional librarians who go above and beyond the typical duties of their jobs. Ten 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.

## State Records Board Offers Grants to Preserve At-Risk Collections

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 Indpls 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

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