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## Vision Expo Coming to the State Library September 28

The Indiana State Library is hosting its 8th-Annual Indiana Vision Expo on Saturday, September 28th, from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. This year's Expo will focus on art and features John Bramblitt, award-winning blind artist and author, as keynote speaker. The Expo will also welcome visually-impaired artists from around the state who will be exhibiting their work. Additionally, a wide variety of vendors and non-profit agencies will be on hand providing the latest in adaptive technology, independent living aids, and other resources for Hoosiers with vision loss.

This year's event will again be held in conjunction with the annual Foundation Fighting Blindness [Indy VisionWalk](#), which will be held on the downtown canal adjoining the State Library prior to the start of the Expo. Visit [www.indianavisionexpo.org](http://www.indianavisionexpo.org) for additional information and an updated list of our vendors and artists.

### Team with Talking Books to Enhance Your Low Vision Services

Indiana libraries also have a way to bring Talking Books services to their local schools and communities by becoming an [institutional partner](#). Libraries with institutional accounts have free access to a deposit collection of up to 60 large print titles, and receive a complementary BARD account and NLS Digital Player. These tools enable libraries to introduce this free service to students and patrons with visual, physical, or learning disabilities that make it difficult to read standard print, as well as educate them on how to use associated assistive technologies like BARD and the digital player. This is also a great, cost-free way to augment your homebound services, even those in unserved areas, as all materials are shipped for free directly to patrons' homes.

Contact the Indiana Talking Book & Braille Library at 1-800-622-4970 or [TBBL@library.in.gov](mailto:TBBL@library.in.gov) for more information about the service or anything mentioned in this article.

## Entries Now Accepted for Annual Statehood Day Essay Contest



Entries are now being accepted for the popular [Statehood Day Essay Contest](#) for fourth graders. The theme of this year's contest is "Hoosier Bicentennial Heroes" and asks students to write an essay reflective of the theme and convey clear thoughts.

The contest is open to any Indiana public, private or home-schooled fourth-grade student. Essays can range from 100 to 300 words, handwritten or typed, and all essays must be postmarked by October 25th, 2013 for consideration. The contest winner and finalists will be asked to read his/her essay at the Statehood Day Celebration on December 11, 2013. More

## Register Today for Story Time Boot Camp

Register today for Story Time Boot Camp. Space is limited and many locations may fill up quickly. Visit the [WebJunction Indiana Online Calendar](#) to secure your spot. Locations:

- Rushville PL:** 8/27 @ 9:00 AM
- Carmel Clay PL:** 9/5 @ 9:00 AM
- Vermillion Co. PL:** 9/12 @ 9:00 AM
- Allen County PL:** 9/17 @ 1:30 PM
- Ohio Twp PL System:** 9/18 @ Noon (CDT)
- New Albany Floyd Co. PL:** 9/26 @ 10:00 AM
- Mooresville PL:** 10/3 @ 9:00 AM
- Jay County PL:** 10/18 @ 9:30 AM
- Remington Carpenter Twp PL:** 10/30 @ 9:30 AM

## Upcoming Workshops, & Important Dates

### 2013 CYPD Conference

When: August 25 & 26  
Where: Marriott East - Indianapolis

### Storytime Boot Camp

When: August 27 @ 9:00 AM  
Where: Rushville Public Library

### Meaningful Use: Libraries connecting patrons to ACA resources

When: August 28 @ 1:00 PM  
Where: Live Online

### Genealogy for Night Owls

When: September 4 @ 5:30 PM  
Where: Indiana State Library

### 2013 SAMS Conference

When: September 19 & 20  
Where: Pendleton Public Library

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**Northwest Indiana Times**  
[Crosstown couples can keep rivalry alive at Whiting library](#)  
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contest information and complete guidelines can be found on the [contest webpage](#).

The Indiana Statehouse Tour Office and the Indiana Center for the Book sponsor the annual contest held in conjunction with Indiana Statehood Day - a celebration of Indiana's birthday. Additionally, several state agencies, cultural & historical organizations, and government officials have planned a complete schedule of Statehood Day festivities. If your group or school is interested in attending Statehood Day at the Indiana Statehouse, contact Jennifer Hodge in the Statehouse Tour Office at 317-233-5293 or [jhodge@idoa.in.gov](mailto:jhodge@idoa.in.gov).

**Two Weeks Remain to Nominate Your Favorite Librarian**

Nominations for the 2013 Carnegie Corporation of New York/New York Times  [I Love My Librarian Award](#) will be accepted through September 6, 2013. The award invites library users nationwide to recognize the accomplishments of librarians in public, school, college, community college and university libraries for their efforts to improve the lives of people in their community.

Up to 10 librarians will be selected and will receive a \$5,000 cash award, a plaque and a travel stipend to attend the awards ceremony and reception in New York, hosted by The New York Times. For more information or to submit a nomination, please visit [lovelibraries.org/ilovemylibrarian](http://lovelibraries.org/ilovemylibrarian).

**ILF Annual Conference**

When: October 22 & 23  
 Where: Indiana Convention Center - Indianapolis

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