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2013 is Renewal Year for Grandfathered Certified Public Librarians

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We are preparing for a very big year for public librarian certification. Over 2,000 library professionals were grandfathered in 2008 and these licenses are due for renewal in the 3rd quarter of 2013 (between 7/1 and 9/30 this year).

These are your first official 2013 reminders of two points:

1. Maintaining your certification in good standing is not only your responsibility but is also tied to public library standards and your library's funding. It's important!
2. There will be random audits throughout the grandfathered renewal quarter. We recommend you prepare by organizing your LEUs somewhere you can easily access them.

More information is forthcoming on establishing online renewals through the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency website.

Individuals that meet current certification requirements for licensure may be eligible to renew prior to the 3rd quarter of this year. The advantage to early renewal (for those who are eligible) is you can start your 5-year LEU cycle over again that much sooner. Individuals who are retaining their grandfathered status must wait until the July 1–September 30 window to renew.

Please contact Emily Schaber at 317-234-6217 or emschaber@library.in.gov for more information about LEUs and the renewal process. You can also find more information via the [Public Librarian Certification homepage](#).

PLA, IMLS Seeks Input on Summer Reading Programs

[Summer Reading Survey](#) *Courtesy of Laurie C. Brooks, Associate Deputy Director of State Programs, Institute of Museum & Library Services*

PLA has received over 1,000 responses to the summer reading survey! The PLA team and IMLS thank you for getting the word out to the public libraries in your state via email and newsletters. In case anyone missed the original message, we want you to know that there is still time to participate....January 31, 2013 is the deadline.

The survey, aimed at identifying the different types of summer reading programs available in public libraries across the country, is being managed by PLA and promises to provide a wealth of new information about the characteristics of summer reading programs, the type of evaluative information that is gathered, and the resources needed to improve program efficacy.

Information about the effort along with a link to the survey instrument can be found at: <http://summerreading.pla.org/>. Again, we appreciate your effort in encouraging participation throughout your state.

Book Club Resources Offer Something for Every Type of Patron

From preschoolers to retirees and everyone one in between, [Indiana libraries](#) have access to great book club resources that can enhance your public programming. Notable resources include:

Proposals Sought for Resource-Sharing Conference

The Academic Libraries of Indiana and the Indiana State Library [seek presentation proposals](#) for [Discovery to Delivery IV: Connecting the Community](#) until **January 15**. Presentations should be 30-35 minutes in length with an additional 10 minutes at the end of each session for questions and discussion.

The free resource-sharing conference will be held at Ball State University on March 8, 2013 from 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM. The conference is open to all Indiana libraries, and is attended by representatives from academic, public, and special libraries.

Upcoming Workshops, Events & Important Dates

NE Indiana YA Roundtable

When: January 10 @ 10:00 AM

Where: Wells Co. Public Library

SE Indiana YA Roundtable

When: January 17 @ 10:00 AM

Where: Greensburg-Decatur Co. PL

Every Child Ready to Read Workshop

When: January 17 @ 9:30 AM

Where: Huntington City-Twp. PL

Every Child Ready to Read Workshop

When: January 25 @ 10:00 AM

Where: Aurora Public Library

Overview of IndianaMap

When: January 30 @ 2:00 PM

Where: Live Online

Digital Learning Day

When: February 6, 2013 (all day)

Where: Across the Nation

Every Child Ready to Read Workshop

When: February 6 @ 9:30 AM

Where: Tipton County Public Library

after 3 hours

[Terre Haute Tribune Star](#)

[Check Out New Tech](#)

[WTHR-TV \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[eBook downloads double at Indianapolis libraries](#)

[Yorktown Press](#)

[Library encourages families to read 1,000 books](#)

Your Library

Making News?

Email your news for inclusion in *The Wednesday Word*

 [ISL Reference Hotline](#)

- **Children/YA Book Club Kits:** Book Club Kits contain 15 copies of each title in paperback and a discussion guide. The kits circulate for 3 months. Click [here](#) for a complete listing of available kits.
- **Storytime Kits (Preschool):** Each thematic storytime kits contains books, manipulatives, music CDs and an activity guide – just about everything you need to present a preschool storytime (or two) at your library. Click [here](#) for a complete listing of available resources.
- **Big Idea Storytime Kits (Preschool):** If you are looking to add math and science elements to your storytimes, these are the kits for you! The BIG Idea kits feature hands-on activities created by the Vermont Center for the Book's [Mother Goose Programs](#) as well as books and a guide to help plan your storytime.
- **Shared Book Discussion Resources List:** This [database](#) is a listing of book discussion/club resources owned by and located at public libraries throughout Indiana.
- **Novel Conversations:** The Indiana Humanities' statewide lending library is open to any Indiana library or civic book club. They lend [more than 360 titles](#) free of charge.

All of the resources are available via INfo Express. Visit www.in.gov/library/kits.htm to learn more about these great resources and other book club related programs for Indiana libraries.

Libraries and Pinterest

When: February 8 @ 10:00 AM

Where: Jasper County Public Library - Wheatfield

Readers Advisory for Youth

When: February 21 @ 10:00 AM

Where: New Albany-Floyd County Public Library

Discovery to Delivery IV: Connecting the Community

When: March 8 @ 9:00 AM


Where: Ball State University


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