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Indiana State Library offering bicentennial architectural tour



The Indiana State Library would like to invite the public to celebrate its bicentennial in 2025 with an architectural tour of the

Upcoming workshops and important dates

[Color Our World: Summer Reading 2025 In-Person Workshop](#)

When: Jan. 31, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Franklin County Public Library District - Brookville Branch

[What's Up Wednesday - "Sorry, I Don't Speak Librarian: Finding Your Voice and Writing for Your Audience"](#)

When: Feb. 12, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Online

[Virtual Webmaster Roundtable](#)

Webster Community Public Library

- 'Travels on an Inland Voyage...' by Christian Schultz
- Culver-Union Township Public Library receives \$3,000 GivingTuesday donation

building. In marking 200 years of providing resources, education and services, the Indiana State Library looks forward to welcoming visitors to celebrate this momentous occasion. The tours offer an opportunity to explore the library's rich history and architectural beauty.

When: Feb. 18, 2-3 p.m.

Where: Online

[Using TeachingBooks at the Public Library](#)

When: Feb. 19, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Online

[Benjamin Harrison Escape Room](#)

When: Feb. 20, 12-1 p.m.

Where: Indiana State Library

[Indiana Disability Resource FINDER Webinar](#)

When: Feb. 25, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Online

[Indiana State Library Bicentennial Architectural Tour](#)

When: Feb. 25, 12-1:30 p.m.

Where: Indiana State Library

[What's Up Wednesday - Bookmarking Success: Partnering with the School Care Team to Enhance Library Impact](#)

When: Feb. 26, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Online

[What's Up Wednesday - ILF and](#)

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Discover the architectural wonders of the building, including its impressive Neoclassical Revival style with Art Deco influences. The tour lasts 60-90 minutes and is designed to enrich the library experience, while providing valuable insights into the resources and history of the state.

"Come celebrate with us and explore the Indiana State Library's rich history and stunning architecture," said Michelle Sharp, collections and outreach manager at the Indiana State Library.

A total of five free tours will be available in 2025, beginning on Feb. 25. Subsequent tours will take

Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

[Children's Librarian](#)

Allen County Public Library

[Teen Librarian](#)

Allen County Public Library

[Scholarly Communication Librarian](#)

Butler University Libraries

[Public Services Librarian - Adult Focus](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

[Circulation Leader](#)

Tippecanoe County Public Library

[Public Library Director](#)

Union City Public Library

Those who would like their Indiana library job posting to be listed in the Wednesday Word must submit the position and its description to the Indiana State Library.

Click [here](#) for submission guidelines and to submit.

place on April 22, June 24, Aug. 26 and Oct. 28. Each tour begins at 12 p.m. at the circulation desk inside the Ohio Street entrance of the Indiana State Library. The Indiana State Library is located at 315. W. Ohio St. in downtown Indianapolis.

Click [here](#) to register. Links to the additional tour dates can be found by clicking on the Show More Dates link. Limited spots are available.

Those interested in touring the library in groups of five or more should contact [Michelle Sharp](#) to schedule a separate tour.

Enlace Academy students receive library cards from The Indianapolis Public Library

[Advocacy](#)

When: March 12, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Online

[Youth Services Leaders Virtual Roundtable](#)

When: March 18, 2-3 p.m.

Where: Online

[What's Up Wednesday - 2025 State of the Child with Indiana Youth Institute](#)

When: March 26, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Online

[Thematic Programming for Multicultural Celebrations](#)

When: April 8, 2-3 p.m.

Where: Online

[What's Up Wednesday - The Indiana Collection at the Indiana State Library](#)

When: April 9, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Online

In the news



[Allen County Public Library announces free tax preparation](#)
Allen County Public Library

[Allen County Public Library wins financial reporting award for 32nd consecutive year](#)
Allen County Public Library

[Community center building to become east-side library branch](#)
Bartholomew County Public Library

[Library to offer free tax service](#)
Brown County Public Library

[Library friends hosting book, media sale](#)
Eckhart Public Library

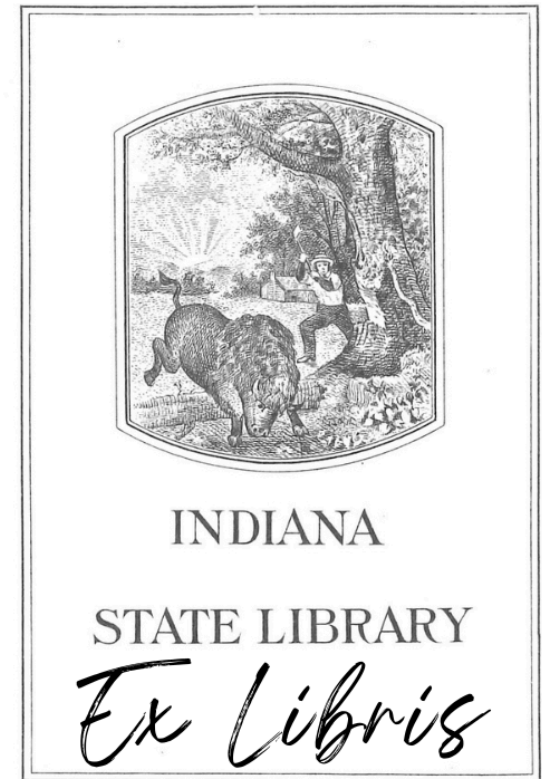
[Hamilton East Public Library among more than 100 selected by](#)



Gregory A. Hill, CEO of The Indianapolis Public Library, distributes library cards to Enlace Academy students. Photo credit: Indianapolis Public Library.

The Indianapolis Public Library has partnered with Enlace Academy, a K-8 charter school located in the heart of Indy's International Marketplace, to provide free library cards to its students. This effort is part of The Indianapolis Public Library's eResource Card campaign, an initiative aimed at equipping all public school students in Marion County with access to vital library resources.

Enlace Academy serves a total of 685 students, and 442 of those students previously lacked library cards. Through this partnership, all



Welcome to Ex Libris. Ex Libris will appear as a special column in the Wednesday Word throughout the year. The General Collection at the Indiana State Library houses an array of materials related to matters at home and abroad, and Ex Libris aims to bring these items to light.

'Travels on an Inland Voyage...' by Christian

[PLA to boost digital literacy](#)

Hamilton East Public Library

[HEPL celebrates national Take Your Child to the Library Day](#)

Hamilton East Public Library

[Ivy Tech Indy opens new library, tutoring center](#)

Ivy Tech Indianapolis

[Library board wraps up 2024, prepares for this year](#)

Jackson County Public Library

[Muncie Public Library celebrates 150 years](#)

Muncie Public Library

[Shoals library ready for groundbreaking](#)

Shoals Public Library

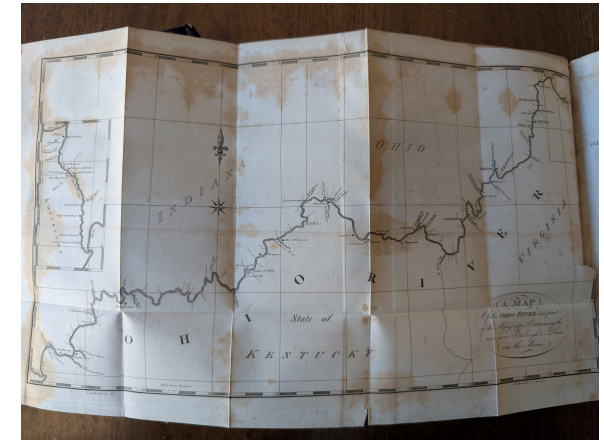
[You can investigate paranormal activity at Indiana's oldest library after dark](#)

Willard Public Library

Enlace students now have access to the library's wealth of resources. The eResource Card grants students the ability to borrow eBooks and eAudiobooks, stream music and videos and access over 80 research databases. Additionally, it offers limited borrowing privileges for physical materials. Students can upgrade to a full library card by visiting any Indianapolis Public Library branch with a parent or guardian.

"This brings us one step closer to our goal of providing a gateway to lifelong learning for every student in Marion County," said Cordia Watkins, circulation manager at The Indianapolis Public Library. "As we continue to grow our World Languages Collection, it is an honor to support a school where more than 100 languages are spoken. We are proud to help equip the next generation with the knowledge and tools to succeed."

Sarah Marot, a reading interventionist at the school, said

Schultz

Armed with a keen mind, a healthy curiosity, a facility with languages and a reliable gun, Christian Schultz set forth into the new world in early 1800. "Travels on an Inland Voyage Through the States of New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee," published in New York in 1810, comprises two volumes of letters that he sent along the way.

Schultz chronicles the dangers of travel, the beauty of nature, the variedness of the natives he encounters and his thoughts on the towns he passes. He weighs in on where cane grows and how to secure enough supper for days by

Is your library making news?

[Email](#) news links for inclusion in the Wednesday Word's "In the news" section.

To be featured in the Wednesday Word, please [email](#) a press release and a photo.



State Library blog



Follow the [Indiana State Library's blog](#) for weekly posts covering all aspects of the State Library.

that 87% of students at the school speak a home language other than English. She regularly incorporates library resources into her work.

"I use the TumbleBooks app weekly for afterschool tutoring sessions," Marot said. "We read stories in English and explore titles in LOTE4Kids, particularly in Spanish and Haitian Creole, which are primary languages for many of our students. Getting library cards removes barriers and provides access to free, high-quality literature and digital resources. Getting our kids library cards is the most amazing thing ever."

Read the press release from the Indianapolis Public Library [here](#).

Celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day at the North Webster Community Public Library

shooting pigeons resting in trees on the banks of the Ohio River. He ventures into the Indiana Territory long enough to record some observations and enjoy the thriving town of Jeffersonville.

The work is one of the earliest to detail travel as far west as the Mississippi and the passage up and down it. On his journey, Schultz crosses upstate New York, western Pennsylvania and ventures down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to New Orleans. The second volume is an account of his exploration from the mouth of the Ohio River and south. As well as written descriptions, Schultz provided illustrations of his travels. These include a map of the entire United States and smaller maps of states and territories.

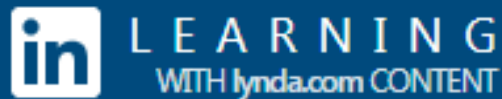
Schultz is both deliberate and whimsical in his address. Complete volumes of the work are rare, but there are several online copies, such as this [one](#).

Indiana library employees who would like to contribute a guest blog, please send an [email](#) with an idea.

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Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning



Indiana Library Passport



The North Webster Community Public Library invites families to join in on the Take Your Child to the Library Day celebration on Saturday, Feb. 1. This day is dedicated to introducing children to the wonders of the library and the joy of literature. With engaging activities planned throughout the day, it's the perfect opportunity to make lifelong memories while nurturing a love for reading.

Families can enjoy a variety of activities throughout the event. Photo opportunities will be available to capture fun moments and commemorate the day. Children can express their creativity with special themed coloring pages and other art projects designed for the occasion. Additionally, two 30-minute

Culver-Union Township Public Library receives \$3,000 GivingTuesday donation



The Culver-Union Township Public Library received a generous \$3,000 gift this past GivingTuesday. The library's neighbor and community supporter, First Farmers Bank of Culver, donated the money to be put toward the revitalization of their teen area.

"We are extremely grateful for the ongoing support of the community and this generous donation will be used to revamp our teen area and give our teen patrons a more comfortable and beneficial experience here at CUTPL," said



The Indiana Library Passport, a creative digital experience that encourages everyone to visit libraries across the Hoosier state, is open to Indiana residents and outside visitors alike. The passport has more than 170 libraries and branches to explore.

Read more about the passport [here](#). Libraries interested in joining the Indiana Library Passport – free of cost – should contact the [communications director](#) at the Indiana State Library.

Scooby-Doo interactive movie experiences will take place at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., providing an exciting way for kids to engage with stories and characters they love.

Libraries play a vital role in early childhood development by providing access to books, resources and programs that stimulate curiosity and imagination. Take Your Child to the Library Day is a nationwide initiative to encourage families to explore their local libraries and discover all they have to offer.

This event is free, but space for the interactive movies is limited. Families are encouraged to register for their preferred time slot by calling the library at 574-834-7122.

Montana Golden, Youth Services manager at the Culver-Union Township Public Library.

According to the [GivingTuesday website](#), "GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of radical generosity. GivingTuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Since then, it has grown into a year-round global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate and celebrate generosity."

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