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#### Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

## 'Let's Move!' dance exercise program returns to North Webster Community Public Library



Elaine Coblentz and Deb Minear fry chicken during North Webster Community Public Library's "Whisk & Sizzle" cooking class.

The popular "Let's Move!" dance exercise program is returning to the North Webster Community Public Library this month. The high-energy program is inspired by Zumba and offers a fun way to stay active. Attendees can follow along with easy-to-learn dance videos that are perfect for all fitness levels. No prior dance experience is necessary.

The program meets once per month and is designed to get the heart pumping and the body moving. Participants should come prepared to sweat, laugh and enjoy a fantastic workout. Whether attendees are looking to add variety to their fitness routine or just to try something new, "Let's Move!" is a welcoming space for everyone.

This month, "Let's Move!" will be meeting at 5 p.m. on Thursday,

# Upcoming workshops and important dates

Benjamin Harrison Escape Room

When: Feb. 20, 12-1 p.m. Where: Indiana State Library

### <u>Indiana Disability Resource FINDER</u> Webinar

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

Where: Online

### <u>Indiana State Library Bicentennial</u> 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

# <u>What's Up Wednesday - ILF and Advocacy</u>

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

Where: Online

# Youth Services Leaders Virtual Roundtable

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

Where: Online

### **New ADA Website Requirements**

When: March 19, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Online

### <u>Checking Out Kits Using the New</u> ISL System

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

Where: Online

<u>Senior Teens Librarian</u> Allen County Public Library

Adult Services Librarian
Delphi Public Library

Branch Manager II
Elkhart Public Library

Manager - Acquisitions and Collection Development Indianapolis Public Library

Manager - Center For Black Literature & Culture Indianapolis Public Library

<u>Public Services Librarian - Adult</u> Focus

Indianapolis Public Library

Branch Manager
Johnson County Public Library

# <u>Adult Reference Assistant (part-time)</u>

Putnam County 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 <a href="here">here</a> for submission guidelines and to submit.

#### In the news



ACPL unveils The Studio at main library branch

Allen County Public Library

<u>Library offering programs for</u> adults

Brownstown Public Library

Foundation presents library with \$25,000

**Eckhart Public Library** 

Notre Dame's Hesburgh Library home to thousands of historic

Feb. 20. For more information, please call the library at 574-834-7122. This class is free and open to the public. No library card required.

The library is located at 110 E. North St. in North Webster. Click here to read more about future events at the library, including information about the "Whisk & Sizzle" cooking classes.

# Indianapolis Public Library celebrates over 3 million digital checkouts in 2024



The Indianapolis Public Library has announced that it surpassed 3 million digital checkouts on the Libby app for the year 2024, a milestone that underscores the community's embrace of digital reading. Libby, the library reading app, enables library cardholders to access a vast collection of e-books, audiobooks and digital magazines for free with a library card on devices including laptops, smartphones, tablets and certain e-readers.

"To put this number into context, in 2021 we reached 2 million checkouts for the first time, and we're thrilled to support such active use of our growing digital collections," said Deb Lambert, chief collection management officer at The Indianapolis Public Library. "The growth in digital checkouts demonstrates how our community values the convenience and accessibility of digital reading. We're proud to provide this resource to all community members with free library cards."

The award-winning Libby app is designed to provide library users free and easy access to digital <u>What's Up Wednesday - 2025 State</u> 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



Welcome to Digital Collection Highlights. Every other week, librarians at the Indiana State Library share images from the library's ever-growing digital collections. Visit the <u>Digital</u> <u>Collections</u> page to view the latest additions.

#### Ski Mount Wawasee

wrestling materials Hesburgh Library at Notre Dame

Indianapolis Public Library celebrates Black talent Indianapolis Public Library

JCPL branches are great gathering places for local groups Jasper County Public Library

New exhibit celebrating Marion's motorcycle history opens at library Marion Public Library

Muncie Public Library celebrates 150 Years

Muncie Public Library

Warsaw Library Board approves architect for renovations Warsaw Community Public Library

### Is your library making news?

Email news links for inclusion in the Wednesday Word's "In the news" section.

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#### State Library blog



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books, audiobooks and popular magazines, such as Consumer Reports, The New Yorker and Vogue. With Libby and an Indianapolis Public Library card, readers of all ages can find something they'll enjoy. The app offers features like offline access, customizable reading settings and options for those with reading differences such as dyslexia, making it inclusive for all readers.

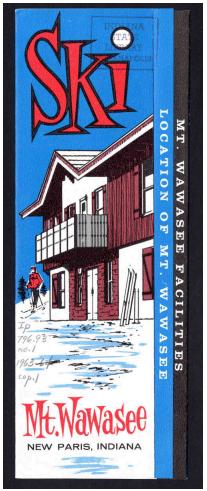
In addition to Libby, The Indianapolis Public Library offers free streaming services such as Kanopy, which provides access to a wide selection of videos and movies, and Lote4Kids, featuring books for ages 3–8 in over 70 world languages.

Click here to learn about the free streaming services from the Indianapolis Public Library.

"The Indianapolis Public Library offers free and open access to resources to create a more vibrant community with greater opportunity and participation," said Gregory A. Hill, CEO of The Indianapolis Public Library. "While many of our resources are available to everyone without a Library card, such as programs and reading materials at a branch, this digital checkout milestone highlights the additional benefits of having a Library card. It's a key to unlocking an even wider world of learning, entertainment and discovery."

Read the full press release from the Indianapolis Public Library here.

**Leadership Johnson** County to present 'Deepen Your Relationships Through Authenticity and **Vulnerability**'



Skiing is not a major sport in Indiana, especially compared to football and basketball. However, it is a very popular recreation, notably in southern Indiana. Paoli Peaks, near Paoli in Orange County, and Perfect North, near Lawrenceburg in Dearborn County, are both very popular southern ski resorts that have lots of visitors in the winter months.

Throughout the 1960s and 1970s, Mount Wawasee was a popular destination in northern Indiana.

Buzzard Hill, near New Paris in Elkhart County, became the first ski hill in northern Indiana in 1962. With its new ski lodge at the hill, Mount Wawasee was an immediate hit. It drew hundreds of skiers, visiting daily, from all over Indiana and neighboring states.

The Mount Wawasee Ski Lodge had seven ski slopes, and anyone from beginners to experts could learn cross-county style or just schuss their way through the snow. Built in the Swiss Chalet-style, the Mount Wawasee lodge offered

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# Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning



### **Indiana Library Passport**



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.



On Tuesday, March 11, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Leadership Johnson County will present "Deepen Your Relationships Through Authenticity and Vulnerability."

Many younger adults - often referred to as Gen Z - entering today's workforce have different expectations of work culture than earlier generations. They still want to perform at a high level and have meaningful work, but they increasingly value vulnerability, authenticity and humility in the culture of their profession.

Workshop facilitator Nichole Alspaugh Williams will help attendees choose authenticity as a life practice; identify and utilize their values to boost their resiliency; and recognize the benefits of being vulnerable in their relationships.

Registration is required for this workshop. Cost is \$59 per person for Leadership Johnson County Signature Program graduates, Franklin College alumni, Franklin and Indy Chamber of Commerce members and Aspire members. General public pricing is \$69 per person. Group discounts are available. The workshop will take place at the Johnson County Armory, located at 325 Minuteman Way in Franklin.

Click <u>here</u> to read more and to register. The workshop is eligible for three LEUs for Indiana library staff.

guests the elegance of a Swiss ski chalet, including a circular fireplace; hot drinks, hamburgers and pizzas from the cafeteria; a ski apparel store; and an equipment rental shop. The lodge also offered skiing classes and instruction and a very popular night skiing option where the slopes were brightly illuminated. Skiers could find numerous hotels and motels in the area to make a vacation of it.

In its heyday, the Mount Wawasee lodge employed over 30 people. The lodge eventually closed in 1987.

## Starke County Public Library holding its first ever mini comic con in April



On Saturday April 26, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Central Time, the Starke County Public Library will be holding its first ever mini comic con.

"The basis behind the comic con is to let our patrons who have never been to a comic con see what it's like, without having to spend the big bucks," said Nichol Chaja, business office coordinator at the Starke County Public Library.

The free mini con will include local artists and graphic novel authors, along with volunteers from local comic books stores to help with the event. Additionally, there will be some special guests teaching role playing games. A cosplay contest and a video game tournament will also be held.

Sponsors include Hall of Heroes Superhero Museum, Dark Horse Comics, Galactic Greg's, Secret Door Comics and more.

The Starke County Public Library is located at 152 W. Culver Road in Knox. Visit the library's <u>Facebook event page</u> for more details about the mini comic con.

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