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Thorntown Public Library to launch seed library

Upcoming workshops and important dates

[Youth Services Leaders Virtual Roundtable](#)

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

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[New ADA Website Requirements](#)

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Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

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Brown County Public Library

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The Thorntown Public Library will launch a seed library for patrons and community members later this month. The first year of the project is being funded, in part, by a grant from Boone County Master Gardeners. The program will help address food insecurity in the community by offering patrons the knowledge to plant and care for a fruit garden, a vegetable garden, an herb garden or a flower garden. The Thorntown Public Library also plans to offer educational

[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

[Professional Development Roundtable](#)

When: April 10, 2-3 p.m.

Where: Online

[Every Child Ready to Read and School Readiness in Storytime](#)

When: April 17, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Where: Allen County Public Library

[Indiana Trivia Game](#)

When: April 17, 12-1 p.m.

Elkhart Public Library

[Supervisor Librarian - Adult Focus](#)

Indianapolis 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.

In the news



[A night of knights and nobles: Bartholomew County Public Library to host Renaissance Faire](#)

Bartholomew County Public Library

[CDPL opens Seed Library for 2025 growing season](#)

Crawfordsville District Public Library

gardening programs. The program is free and open to all ages. No library card is necessary

“As the Boone County community grows, Thorntown continues to not have a grocery store that provides fresh fruit or vegetables. Our small town deserves to have that access to fresh produce,” said Kirsten Wamsley, local history librarian. “I have made it a personal mission of mine to make some kind of difference in the health and knowledge of our community members.”

Some Thorntown community members share the harvest from their personal gardens, ensuring that other community members have access to free produce. By offering a seed library, the Thorntown Public Library aims to increase access of fresh produce by providing resources and gardening knowledge to everyone who walks in the door.

The seed library will launch on

Where: Indiana State Library

[Indiana State Library Bicentennial Architectural Tour](#)

When: April 22, 12-1:30 p.m.

Where: Indiana State Library

[Every Child Ready to Read and School Readiness in Storytime](#)

When: April 25, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Central Time

Where: Fort Branch Public Library



Welcome to the Government Information Minute. Every other week, government information librarians at the Indiana State Library cover current resources on governmental data at the state,

[Eckhart Public Library Staff Association receives \\$1,000 donation](#)

Eckhart Public Library

[Indianapolis library program helps educate Hoosiers about scams](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

[Library board meeting report](#)

Jackson County Public Library

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Jasper County Public Library

[Newton County Public Library board member honored for 31 years of service](#)

Newton County Public Library

[Holocaust traveling exhibit coming to Shake Library in March](#)

Shake Library at Vincennes University

[Sheridan Library thanks local Veterans for donation](#)

Sheridan Public Library

March 20, the first day of spring, and run through June 20, the first day of summer. Seeds can be requested through the end of September, even if they are not on public display. The program will operate on an honor system. Seeds will be available for free to anyone who comes into the library. The library asks that participants only take five packets per week. At the end of the season, unused and harvested seeds can be donated to the library for use in the next season. The library is not responsible for any seeds that do not germinate.

Those who have questions about the program, or those who would like to donate to the seed library, can contact Wamsley [via email](#) or by calling the library at 765-436-7348.

Upper Midwest Digital Collections Conference registration now open

national and international levels, all to keep the public well-informed. Follow the Indiana State Data Center on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) and feel free to leave comments and suggestions.

Congressional Record and Federal Register



The U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) provides real time access to the U.S. government through their [website](#). The [Congressional Record](#) is a daily window into the U.S. Senate and U.S. House and their many committees. The early actions of the nation's government were originally covered by [newspapers](#), then published as The Debates and Proceedings in the Congress of the United States - now known as the Annals of Congress - between 1789 and 1824. From 1824 to 1837, they were published as The Register of Debates, which overlapped with

[Lincoln visits library](#)

Waterloo-Grant Township Public Library

[Waterloo Library announces March activities](#)

Waterloo-Grant Township Public Library

[Collaboration assists Westfield-area nonprofits](#)

Westfield Washington Public Library

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The Upper Midwest Digital Collections Conference Planning Committee has announced that registration is now open for the 2025 Upper Midwest Digital Collections Conference and Minnesota Digital Library Annual Meeting. The conference will be held over two days at St. Paul's Union Depot in St. Paul, Minn. on Tuesday, May 6 and Wednesday, May 7. A streaming option for those unable to join in person will also be available.

Day one of the conference will feature a selection of workshops on a variety of topics, including digital storytelling with Knight Lab tools, collaborative and practical digital preservation and the evolving OCLC CONTENTdm platform. Day two kicks off with a talk by keynote speaker Craig Stevens from Northwestern University IT and the

The Congressional Globe from 1833 to 1873. The Congressional Record, the official record of the proceedings and debates, is available for each day the U.S. Congress is in session. It is available on both the [GovInfo.gov site](#) and the [Congress.gov site](#).

Its companion resource, the Federal Register, provides official public notice of congressional documents. This includes presidential documents, such as executive orders and proclamations; proposed, interim and final rules and regulations; and public notices from federal agencies and Congress. Researchers can view [Federal Register.gov](#) directly. They can also see current legislative activities of the 119th Congress [here](#).

In the United States, these activities take place in a transparent forum, thanks to the [U.S. Government Publishing Office](#). To learn more about the many federal documents and reports available to view, visit the [Indiana State Library](#), any of the [FDLP](#)



State Library blog



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

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

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Knight Lab, followed by 15 breakout sessions covering a range of digital collection subjects.

The in-person, full conference registration rate is \$45.

Registration includes the option to attend a preconference workshop on May 6 and the full program - keynote address and 15 breakout sessions - on May 7. The streaming registration rate is \$30. This option includes online access to the May 7 program, including the keynote and 12 breakout sessions, with access to recordings after the event.

Please visit the event [webpage](#) for more information about the full program and to register. Registration closes on Wednesday, April 30.

North Webster Community Public Library to host escape room

[libraries](#) in Indiana or any of the [FDLP libraries](#) across the country.

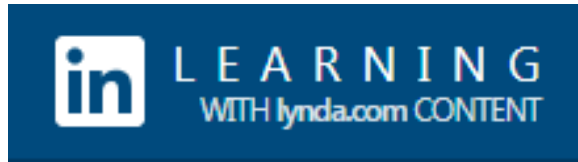
Allen County Public Library Questa Scholars announced



The Allen County Public Library and the Questa Education Foundation have announced Meisha Donerlson and Allison Nielson as their 2025 Questa Scholars. The Scholars Program provides an opportunity for library staff to advance their education in the field of library science. With continued support from the Allen County Public Library Foundation Board - in partnership with the Questa Education Foundation - the loan forgiveness program allows two library staff members to pursue a Master of Library Science degree with no out-of-pocket costs.

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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.



Sally Johnson, Amy Dennis and Amanda Demster work together to solve a library escape room game.

The North Webster Community Public Library is inviting the public to embark on a time-traveling adventure with the Indiana State Library's escape room kit. The escape room is available for a limited time from March 17-21. The immersive experience challenges participants to recover a stolen diary and unlock a century-old mystery.

Participants will step into the shoes of a historical detective as they work to retrieve the diary of Iris Baughman, an adventurous young woman from Indiana who documented her visit to the 1904

development of our team and grateful to our partners at Questa and the ACPL Foundation for making this possible," said Allen County Public Library executive director Susan P. Baier. "As technology changes, patron needs expand and librarianship evolves, this program is one way we're equipping our library with the expert workforce necessary to meet the demands of our growing community."

The program is available to current and future Allen County Public Library employees, and is designed to help remove financial barriers for those who want to become library professionals, but may face financial challenges in pursuing advanced degrees.

Donerlson is an outreach librarian at the Pontiac Branch, and Nielson is a branch assistant at the Monroeville Branch.

Read more about the program

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.

St. Louis World's Fair. However, there's a twist. Sammy, the Indiana State Library's mischievous interviewing toucan, has hidden the diary and only those with sharp minds and a love for history can solve his cunning puzzles.

[here](#), including information about eligibility requirements.

Designed for adults and teens, the escape room is an ideal challenge for history buffs and genealogy enthusiasts.

Spots are limited, and reservations are required. Call the North Webster Community Public Library at 574-834-7122 to secure a time slot. The library is located at 10 E. North St. in North Webster.

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