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## Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

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## Plainfield Guilford Township Public Library art reception showcasing private collection



The Plainfield Guilford Township Public Library is inviting the community to a special Gallery Art Reception on Saturday, March 22, from 2-4 p.m., at 1100 Stafford Road in Plainfield. The event celebrates the shared art collection of David Gulley and Kenneth J. Paul Jr., offering a glimpse into their passion for collecting.

Gulley's appreciation for art began in childhood, influenced by his parents' displayed artworks and an early visit to an art auction with his father. His love for collecting deepened after seeing the personal collection of his high school art teacher's mother. Paul's journey started with buying reproductions to decorate his residence at the time. He also found joy in preserving and

## Upcoming workshops and important dates

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

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

[Checking Out Kits Using the New ISL System](#)

When: March 25, 10-11 a.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

[Professional Development Roundtable](#)

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

Where: Online

Ball State University

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[Regional Branch Manager](#)

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Sullivan County Public Library

[Children's Librarian](#)

Westfield Washington 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



[Aurora Public Library - More than just a few books](#)

Aurora Public Library

[Historical society loans paintings to Eckhart Library](#)

Eckhart Public Library

[Hamilton County Library teaches tech to help prevent elder fraud and help local businesses](#)

Hamilton East Public Library

[Library to get new website](#)

Hancock County Public Library

[Library announces free March adult, teen programs](#)

Jackson County Public Library

[Library board meeting report](#)

Jackson County Public Library

[Silly Safari brings animals to Remington Library](#)

Remington Carpenter Township Public Library

reviving family heirloom artworks.

Together, Gulley and Paul expanded their collection by exploring galleries across Indiana, with a special fondness for the Brown County Art Guild and Brown County Art Gallery. It was at the Indiana Heritage Art Show, introduced by their friend Libby Givan Whipple, that they truly immersed themselves in the art world. More than just acquiring beautiful pieces, they cherish the friendships they've built with artists, whose immense talent and stories are reflected in the works they collect.

Join the Plainfield Guilford Township Public Library for an afternoon of art, conversation and inspiration. This reception is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact the Plainfield Guilford Township Public Library at 317-839-6602 or visit the library's [website](#).

## Longtime Harrison County Public Library employee Diana Lasky dies



The Harrison County Public Library has reported that employee Diana Lasky passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 11 after a months-long battle with acute myeloblastic leukemia. Youth in the community knew and loved Lasky as "the Library Lady" from her work at the Harrison County Public Library and the Corydon Elementary School library.

Lasky joined the Harrison County Public Library staff in August of 2007 as a library assistant in youth services. She assisted in all capacities and started a teen program that she called TAG, an acronym for Teen Activity Group. Under her direction, teens took

[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.

Where: Indiana State Library

[Indiana State Library Bicentennial Architectural Tour](#)

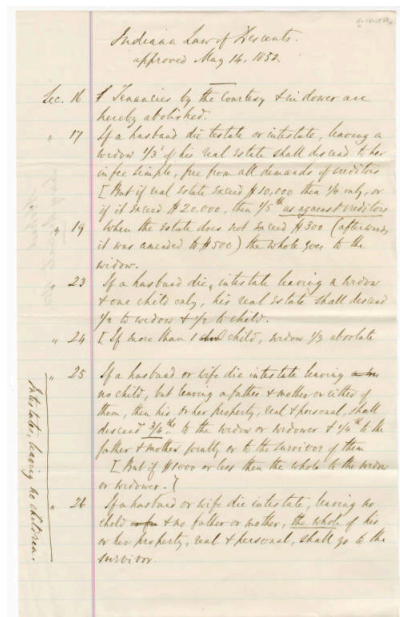
When: April 22, 12-1:30 p.m.

Where: Indiana State Library



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 [Digital Collections](#) page to view the latest additions.

## Indiana's Law of Descents



### [Spring is in the air at Tipton County Public Library](#)

Tipton County Public Library

### [City council hears feasibility report from library director](#)

Warsaw Community Public Library

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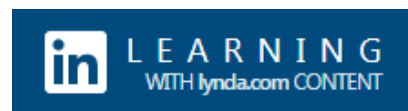
Follow the [Indiana State Library's blog](#) for weekly posts covering all aspects of the State Library.

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over decorating the library for Christmas, worked the life-sized Candy Land program, had poetry readings and more. She became youth services manager in 2018 and guided the department into video programming during the pandemic in an effort to continue to reach the community while the library was closed. Lasky was instrumental in getting Tyson Foods involved in the Winter Reading Challenge, dubbing the program "Read to Feed Harrison County." That effort continued to grow each year with other generous donors such as Duke Energy and Harrison REMC. She carried the brunt of moving Summer Reading record keeping to Beanstack.

"Words cannot express how much we will miss her positive outlook," reads a statement on the library's website. "Diana would say, 'Today is a good day to have a good day!'" Read more about Lasky and her life [here](#).

### Youth services leaders virtual roundtable scheduled for March 18



On Tuesday, March 18, from 2-3 p.m., the Indiana State Library will present a youth services virtual roundtable.

The roundtable offers an opportunity for youth service leaders to connect with their peers throughout the state and to discuss topics relevant to their job. The roundtable will be moderated by Indiana State Library's youth services consultant Beth Yates. Attendees' ideas, concerns and

The pictured [handwritten copy of Indiana's Law of Descents](#), by author Robert Dale Owen, drastically changed the apportionment of estates in Indiana, specifically as it applied to widows.

Before 1852 in Indiana, if a man died without children and his parents were also deceased, the rights to his property would go to any other blood relative before his wife. A widow was allowed to remain a tenant on her deceased husband's property, but not to be the majority owner. Despite this lack of ownership, the widow would be compelled to pay her portion of taxes levied on that property and maintain its upkeep. If the marriage resulted in children, they would receive full rights to the property. Owen's new law, passed on May 14, 1852, divides the property between widow and child. The revision excluded anyone other than the husband's parents from inheritance and the widow would receive the majority.

Owen served in the Indiana House of Representatives from 1835 to 1838 and from 1851 to 1853. He also served as a member of the 1851 Indiana Constitutional Convention and as member of the United States House of Representatives from 1843 to 1847.

### Jeffris Heartland Fund Midwest preservation grants available



The Jeffris Family Foundation invites applications for grants from the Jeffris Heartland Fund to support the development of important historic preservation projects in the states of Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and



## 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.

opinions will be the main topics of discussion. Participants are encouraged to come prepared to actively chat with their colleagues with their cameras and microphones on.

The discussion is open to anyone who takes on a leadership role at their public library in the area of youth services, including department managers, supervisors, youth services staff, branch managers and directors.

This roundtable will be one hour and is worth one LEU to Indiana library staff holding a five-year certificate. Please note that up to 10 LEUs per five-year certificate period may be earned for attending professional roundtable meetings.

Click [here](#) to read more and to register.

Wisconsin.

Grants will be made in the range of \$5,000 to \$50,000 to cover 50% the cost of an [Historic Structure Report](#), and must be matched dollar-for-dollar with cash from sources unrelated to the Jeffris Family.

Established 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, or government agencies in partnership with a 501(c)(3) organization, are eligible to apply. Applicants must be capable of matching the grant amount dollar-for-dollar. A cash match is required and can come from private or public sources, or from cash on hand or fundraising activities. Donated materials and services, staff salaries and organizational overhead costs are not eligible sources of a match.

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