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# Indiana State Library

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### Difference is You Conference date announced; award nominations now open



This year's Difference is You Conference will be held on Friday, Sept. 20 at the Indiana State Library.

The Difference is You Conference is an annual training event for library support staff and paraprofessionals created by the Indiana State Library's Professional Development Committee. The theme this year is "Grow Your Garden." While the

### Upcoming workshops and important dates

[Preserve Your Family Treasures: The Indiana State Library Public Conservation Clinic](#)

When: April 29, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Where: Indiana State Library

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

When: May 3, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Where: Floyd County Library

[What's Up Wednesday: Employee Wellness Incentive: Corrective to Inclusive](#)

When: May 8, 10-11 a.m.  
Where: Webinar

[The Game Master Librarian, Part One: How You and Your Library Can Be a Portal for TTRPG Learning Experiences](#)

When: May 8, 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Where: Webinar

## Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

### [Administrator of Business](#)

East Chicago Public Library

### [Associate Director of Finance](#)

East Chicago Public Library

### [Associate Director of Public Services](#)

East Chicago Public Library

### [Associate Director of Technical Services](#)

East Chicago Public Library

### [Department Assistant for Circulation and Audiovisual](#)

East Chicago Public Library

### [Department Assistant of Public Relations \(part-time\)](#)

East Chicago Public Library

### [Youth Services Librarian](#)

Garrett Public Library

### [Youth Services Library Assistant \(part-time\)](#)

Hancock County Public Library

### [Children's Library Assistant \(part-time\)](#)

Harrison County Public Library

### [Children's Department Library Assistant](#)

Huntington City-Township Public Library

### [Adult Services Supervisor](#)

Muncie 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

conference is geared primarily toward support staff, all are welcome.

Topics at this year's conference include emotional intelligence, AI, youth mental health, teaching technology and more.

The Difference is You Award winner will also be announced at the conference. The award recognizes a library support staff worker who goes above and beyond for their community. The committee encourages everyone to think about a library staff member who has taken change in stride and done great things and to nominate that person for the Difference is You Award. Click [here](#) to make a nomination. Please note that a Google account is required to access the nomination form. Library staff may be nominated multiple years, but previous winners are exempt. The nomination due date is May 14.

Visit the [Difference is You website](#) for more information about the conference, including the conference schedule, session descriptions and the registration fee when it becomes available. A list of past Difference is You Award winners can also be viewed.

Please contact [Paula Newcom](#) of the Indiana State Library with any questions.

## Government Information Day virtual attendance registration now open

### [Indiana State Library Lunch and Learn Series - Indiana State Library Digital Collections](#)

When: May 9, 12-1 p.m.

Where: Indiana State Library

### [Getting Started with Girls Who Code](#)

When: May 9, 2-3 p.m.

Where: Webinar

### [2024 Government Information Day](#)

When: May 17, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Where: Indiana State Library

### [Webmaster Roundtable](#)

When: May 28, 2-3 p.m.

Where: Webinar

### [What's Up Wednesday: Grace in the Workplace](#)

When: May 29, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

### [What's Up Wednesday: Moving Beyond Avoidance: Conflict Resolution for Beginners](#)

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

Where: Webinar

### [The Walk and Talk Webinar: Touring the Indiana State Library](#)

When: June 26, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Webinar



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, 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.

submission guidelines and to submit.

## In the news



[A new bipolar 1 support group meets at ACPL](#)

Allen County Public Library

[ACPL and Blessings in a Backpack announce partnership to fight food insecurity this summer](#)

Allen County Public Library

[Literacy Alliance and ACPL's Friends of the Library to present 'A Night At the Library' fundraiser](#)

Allen County Public Library

[Library board agrees to accept gift of the North Christian Church building and property](#)

Bartholomew County Public Library

[MRL joins Evergreen](#)

Morrisson-Reeves Library

[North Webster Community Public Library now offering memory care kits for checkout](#)

North Webster Community Public Library

[City of Portage to open library garden for all to enjoy](#)

Porter County Library System

[Indiana's first poet laureate remembered with presentation at Willard Public Library](#)

Willard Public Library

[Willard Library hosting 'Renovation Raffle' half-pot to fund repairs](#)



Virtual attendance registration is now open for the 2024 Government Information Day conference. This free one-day event will take place on Friday, May 17. Government Information Day is a biennial conference for librarians interested in learning about government resources and improving information literacy.

The virtual portion of the conference will include three sessions.

"The ILOHI in Review: The History, Lessons and Resources of the Indiana Legislative Oral History Initiative," presented by Michella Marino and Ben Baumann of the Indiana Historical Bureau, will take place from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Click [here](#) to register.

"Escape Rooms, the Library of Congress, and YOU!," presented by Suzanne Walker of the Indiana State Library, will take place from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Click [here](#) to register.

"GPO's collaborations: Increasing access to and preservation of the National Collection of U.S. Government Public Information Registration," presented by Suzanne Ebanues, supervisory management analyst from the Government Publishing Office, will take place from 3-4 p.m. Click [here](#) to register.

Each session is eligible for one LEU for Indiana library staff.

Click [here](#) to read more about Government Information Day,

## 'Round our Indiana homesteads...



April's rains have righted March's drought, and many Hoosiers have turned their thoughts to planting. Fields, crops and trees are ingrained in the Hoosier conscience, with many Hoosier poets and composers including Sycamores, corn and hay in their works. But, what of soybeans? Last year, Indiana farmers planted about 5.50 million acres of corn and soybean each. This year the state estimates that 31% of the crops will be corn and 29% soybean.

Sure, soybean doesn't wave quite like corn, or grow knee-high by the Fourth of July, but like corn, the crop feeds livestock and poultry and is integral in the creation of [biofuels](#), used to power the [trams](#) at the State Fair. Moreover, it is converted into fiber such as that found in carpet.

The [United States Department of Agriculture](#) maintains all sorts of statistics related to crop production and offers detailed statistics by state. Those for Indiana can be found [here](#).

This growing season, take one moment to read up on what Indiana farms are producing, and then take another to appreciate those Indiana homesteads where the soybean waves.

## PALSave program releases new open textbook in ultrasound physics

Willard 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**



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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including information about the in-person portion of the conference.

For any questions about 2024 Government Information Day conference, please contact Brent Abercrombie, federal documents librarian at the Indiana State Library, at 317-232-3677 or [via email](#).

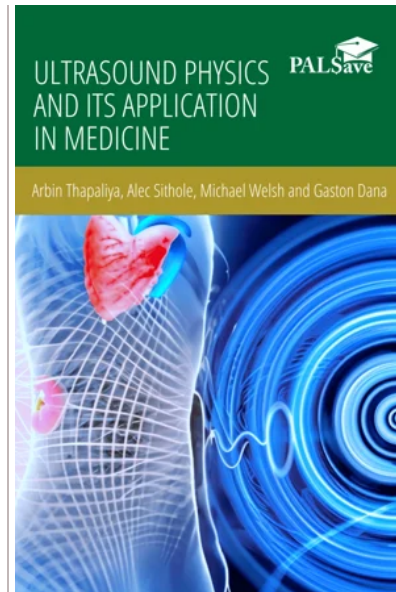
**Tippecanoe County Public Library renovation open house scheduled for May 2**



The Tippecanoe County Public Library, located at 627 South St. in Lafayette, invites everyone to drop in for a "See It Now" Renovation Open House on Thursday, May 2, from 3:30-6 p.m. There will be brief remarks at 4:15 p.m., and live music will be performed by Sharon McKnight and Company. Light refreshments and fun giveaways also will be available.

"We are thrilled to head toward the final phase of this renovation project. We are tremendously grateful for the patience shown by library customers and determined now is a good time for a mini-celebration of the construction progress," said County Librarian Jos N. Holman. "We are indeed in countdown mode."

The Youth Room phase is in the final stages. The next - and final - phase includes the meeting rooms, women's restroom and the Alabama Street entry areas. The renovation of the 49,000 square-



The Private Academic Library Network of Indiana has announced the release of "[Ultrasound Physics and its Application in Medicine.](#)"

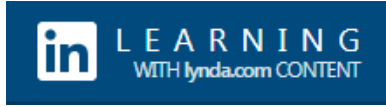
This open textbook, made possible through a [Textbook Creation Grant](#) from the [PALSave: PALNI Affordable Learning](#) program, is set to enhance the way medical professionals learn and apply ultrasound technology. As a peer-reviewed, open educational resource it is entirely free to students and is ready for use in any classroom.

The book is co-authored by Arbin Thapaliya, associate professor of physics at Franklin College; Alec Sithole, chief analytics officer, City of Kansas City, Mo.; Michael Welsh, physician, Johnson Memorial Health; and Gaston Dana, physician, Johnson Memorial Health.

Thapaliya received a PALSave Textbook Creation Grant for the project in 2022. He is among several faculty authors at PALNI supported institutions who are working toward eliminating textbook costs and making quality open educational resources widely available.

The textbook covers a wide range of topics, including the principles of ultrasound physics, its applications

### Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning



### Text and Learn for Kindergarten program information



foot building, which was opened to the public in 1989, began in March of 2023. The estimated timeline for the entire project was 16-18 months.

The estimated budget for the project is \$6-\$6.5 million. The general contractor is MattCon General Construction, Inc., the owner's representative is Kettelhut Construction, Inc. and the Architectural firm is Cordogan Clark, Inc. The renovation is part of a 15-year vision by the Tippecanoe County Public Library Board of Trustees.

Click [here](#) to view photos of the renovation process, read an overview of the project, see architectural drawings and to get the latest updates on the progress of the renovation.

in various medical specialties and practical aspects of diagnostic ultrasound. With end-of-chapter experiments, educators can facilitate hands-on learning experiences, allowing students to reinforce their understanding and develop practical skills essential for their careers.

With support from Lilly Endowment Inc., PALNI's PALSave Textbook Creation Grant Program awards funding to faculty members from PALNI-supported institutions to create open textbooks.

Click [here](#) to read the full PALNI press release.

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