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Wednesday Word
The latest in Indiana library news

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Indiana State Library and SIDC team up to promote Affordable Connectivity Program

The Southern Indiana Development Commission has announced that it's working to help build awareness about the Affordable Connectivity Program, a Federal Communications Commission program. The program helps ensure that households can afford the broadband they need for work, school, healthcare and more.

Upcoming workshops and important dates

Planting the Seeds of Leadership: Growing Your Skills at any Level
When: May 3, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

Every Child Ready to Read and School Readiness in Storytime
When: May 4, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Central Time
Where: Jasper County Public Library - Wheatfield Branch

What's Up Wednesday? Beyond Books: Serving the Whole Patron
When: May 10, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

What Candidates Want: Revamping your Recruitment
When: May 17, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

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Indiana library jobs

This week's new Indiana library jobs

Outreach Librarian - All Ages
Allen County Public Library

Protesters gather against new Hamilton East library policy
Hamilton East Public Library

Children's Librarian
Hancock County Public Library

Youth Services Manager
Hancock County Public Library

Circulation Associate (part-time)
Harrison County Public Library

Area Resource Manager
Indianapolis Public Library

Children's Librarian
Johnson County Public Library

Youth Services Specialist II
Muncie Public Library

Library Assistant - Teen Central (part-time)
Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library

City Branch Manager
St. Joseph County Public Library

Branch Manager
Tippecanoe County Public Library

The program provides a discount of up to a $30 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to $75 per month for qualifying households on qualifying tribal lands. The benefit also provides up to a $100 per household discount toward a one-time purchase of a computer, laptop or tablet if the household contributes more than $10 and less than $50 toward the purchase through a participating provider.

A household is eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Program if the household income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Click here to view additional eligibility guidelines.

To promote the program, SIDC and the Indiana State Library will be teaming up at the following libraries to assist individuals with applying for the Affordable Connectivity Program:

- May 3, 1-7 p.m. at the Jasonville Public Library.
- May 4, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Linton Public Library.
- May 5, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Shoals Public Library.
- June 7, 12 p.m. -6 p.m. at the Owen County Public Library.
- June 8, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Washington Carnegie Public Library.
- June 15, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Brown County Public Library.
- July 13, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Mitchell Public Library.

Eligible households can enroll by submitting an online application, by printing a mail-in application or by contacting their preferred participating broadband provider and selecting a plan.

Port in the Storm: How You Can Support LGBTQ+ Youth
When: May 18, 11 a.m-12 p.m.
Where: Webinar

2023 Public Library Budget Workshop and Legislative Update
When: May 23, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Where: Indiana State Library and Webinar

Webmaster Roundtable - Virtual and In Person
When: May 23, 1-3 p.m. Central Time
Where: Webinar and Lowell Public Library

What's Up Wednesday - Digital Inclusion
When: May 31, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

What's Up Wednesday - Digital Resources
When: June 14, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

What's Up Wednesday - Bendable and St. Joe County Public Library
When: June 28, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

Professional Development Roundtable
When: July 6, 2-3 p.m.
Where: Webinar

What's Up Wednesday - Implementing Digital Tools
When: July 12, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

Webmaster Roundtable
When: July 25, 2-4 p.m.
Where: Webinar and at the Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library

What's Up Wednesday - Edelweiss and Libraries
When: July 26, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

[West Branch Manager](#)
Vigo 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 [here](#) for submission guidelines and to submit.

In the news

[Bedford Public Library hosting yoga, wedding traditions events in May](#)
Bedford Public Library

[Book on it: Winfield library a draw](#)
Crown Point Public Library

[Hamilton East Public Library highlights nearly 60 local authors](#)
Hamilton East Public Library

[Brain power: A Zionsville doctor promotes neurological health through the arts](#)
Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library

[Indiana State Library program expands literature access](#)
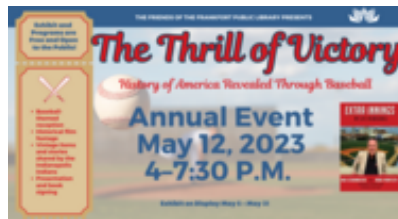Indiana State Library

[Grow your own herbs and veggies with free seeds from the Indianapolis Public Library](#)
Indianapolis Public Library

['I'm a doctor!' Kids inspired to join medical field at Black Medical Heroes Youth Summit](#)
Indianapolis Public Library

Frankfort Community Public Library schedules 'Thrill of Victory' baseball-themed event

"The Thrill of Victory," taking place at the Frankfort Community Public Library on May 5-31, is a special baseball-themed program held in conjunction with the Friends of the Frankfort Library's Annual Meeting on May 12. All programs and exhibits will be free and open to the public.

The main exhibit will explore baseball history and will feature items from the Indianapolis Indians and photos courtesy of the National Baseball Hall of Fame, National Archives, Indiana Historical Society, Indianapolis Indians and French Lick Resort.

On May 9 at 6 p.m., author and historian, Alan D. Gaff, will discuss one of his latest books, "Lou Gehrig: The Lost Memoir." Click [here](#) to register for the virtual program.

Beginning at 4 p.m. on May 12, the exhibit will continue with a baseball-themed evening reception and historical film footage. There will be presentations by the Indianapolis Indians, Conner Prairie and the Indiana State Museum, including vintage items from their baseball collections. At 6:30 p.m., author and freelance journalist, Mark Montieth, will discuss "Extra Innings: My Life in Baseball," the book he wrote with

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Total eclipse of 2024

On [April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse](#) will cross North America, but unlike in 2017, the path of 100% totality will sweep directly through Indiana from southwest to northeast. A total solar eclipse hasn't occurred over the lands of present-day Indiana in more than 800 years. After the 2024 total eclipse, the state will not experience another one until 2044.

Within the next 12 months, the United States will have two chances to view solar eclipses again with

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Indianapolis Public Library

[200-year-old court documents being digitized in Knox County](#)
Knox County Public Library

[Sheridan library holding public listening sessions](#)
Sheridan Public Library

[Tipton County Public Library updating branding](#)
Tipton County Public Library

[Library announces May artist of the month](#)
Vigo County Public Library

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

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State Library blog

Indianapolis Indians legend, Max Schumacher.

Click [here](#) for a more detailed schedule of the May 12 programs and to read more about "The Thrill of Victory."

These projects have been made possible through a grant from Indiana Humanities in cooperation with the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Sullivan County Public Library to host Indiana Album Scan-a-Thon this Saturday

On Saturday, April 29, from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., the Sullivan County Public Library will host an Indiana Album Scan-A-Thon at the Sullivan County History Museum.

The Indiana Album copies privately-owned photos, and other documents, and brings Hoosiers' collective history to the web, one image at a time. The public is encouraged to dig through their shoeboxes and albums and to bring Indiana-related items to the museum this Saturday. Volunteers will make high resolution scans while lenders wait. The scans and catalog records will later be uploaded into the [Indiana Album online catalog](#). All items will be

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an [annular solar eclipse on Oct. 14, 2023](#) stretching from Oregon to Texas and the previously mentioned [total solar eclipse in 2024](#) from Texas through Indiana and to Maine. On NASA's newly released [eclipse map](#), the paths of both eclipses appear as dark bands where the largest area of the sun will be covered by the moon. Locations in centers of their paths will experience each eclipse longer than those areas near the edges. There are several versions and resolutions of the map available to download.

It is never safe to view the annular eclipse without eye protection since the sun is never completely covered, leaving a ring of its corona exposed. During the total solar eclipse, eye protection is required during all phases except the minutes-long period of totality. Learn about [eclipse eye safety](#) from the American Astronomical Society. The marketplace is being flooded by counterfeit eclipse glasses that are labeled as if they're ISO-compliant when in fact they are not, so check the list of [reputable vendors of solar filters and viewers](#).

Visit Indiana has an [eclipse countdown website](#) as Hoosiers and visitors alike prepare to experience between 100% totality in the path and a 90% eclipse statewide on the afternoon of April 8, 2024. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources will be updating their [2024 eclipse webpage](#) with events, viewing locations, and more. As the excitement builds, more events will be announced.

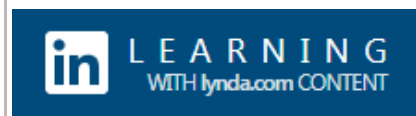## Arts Gala to benefit Plainfield Library this Friday and Saturday

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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Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning

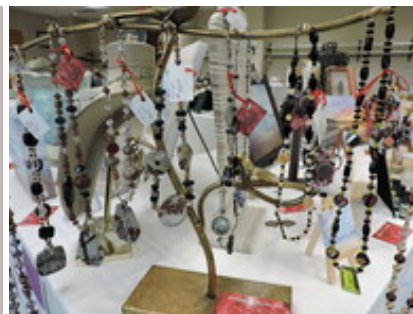## Text and Learn for Kindergarten program information

carefully handled and immediately returned to the owners. Make a reservation or learn how to submit scans by contacting The Indiana Album at 317-771-4129 or via email.

"Many lenders are too selective, mistakenly believing that their family items or recent snapshots are not significant enough," says Indiana Album director Joan Hostetler. "We not only document history with a capital H, but also the everyday person's journey. We accept photos up to present day. After all, history doesn't have an end date. We seek images of activities such as laundry day, farming, construction, church and club events, or interesting people, including portraits of prominent or pioneer residents, people participating in activities or great snapshots of everyday life. Of particular interest are visuals of houses, commercial structures, businesses, street scenes and images showing ethnic diversity."

The Indiana Album, a nonprofit organization, formed in 2012 and has digitized over 24,000 items shared by nearly 500 lenders.

The Sullivan County History Museum is located at 10 S. Court St. in Sullivan.

On April 28-29, the Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library will host an Arts Gala fundraiser to benefit library programming and initiatives.

Handmade, original artwork in a variety of media, and styles, created by local and regional artists, will be for sale. A special Starlight Reception will take place on Friday, April 28 from 6:30-9 p.m. During this exclusive event, attendees will have the opportunity to purchase artfully-crafted original artwork, while enjoying light refreshments. Live music will be provided by the Plainfield High School Orchestra.

The Gala will open to the public on Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. The Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library is located at 1120 Stafford Road in Plainfield.

For more information, visit the library's Arts Gala website or call 317-839-6602.

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