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2015 Summer Reading Program Update

A Message From Suzanne Walker:

If you are participating in the 2015 Summer Reading Program, then you should have already received your **CSLP manuals**. They shipped in October. You do not have to have a catalog to begin ordering product. You can create an account on the CSLP website and order immediately: http://www.cslpreads.org/.

The **Teen Video Challenge** is up and running. You can find the two forms you need by navigating to the Collaborative Summer Library Program resources I've put together for you here: http://www.in.gov/library/4642.htm.

I encourage Teen Advisory Groups, Teen Councils, and Wonder Teens everywhere in Indiana to enter the contest. I'm happy to answer questions about this.

Genealogy Librarian Crystal Ward

![ISL Genealogy Librarian Crystal Ward standing in front of a map of Indianapolis]

ISL Genealogy Librarian Crystal Ward

A One-on-One Conversation with Crystal Ward
By: Ryan Brown

For the fourth installment of this five part December series, I sat down and had a conversation with Genealogy Librarian Crystal Ward. Genealogy is a huge part of the services that the Indiana State Library provides, and Crystal was more than happy to talk about all of the interesting artifacts in the ISL collection.

RB: Tell me about how you came to ISL, and what made you want to

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Kendallville Public Library

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Trainings are scheduled. For the first time, I'm working with a team of librarians around the state to offer trainings to you. I want to thank the following libraries for allowing their staff to participate in training their fellow librarians for the Collaborative Summer Library Program: Alexandria-Monroe Public Library, Brownsburg Public Library, Kendallville Public Library, Morgan County Public Library, New Castle-Henry County Public Library, Peabody Public Library, South Whitley Public Library, and Vigo County Public Library.

[You may now sign up for trainings here](#)

The trainings will all include 4 hours of training; 2 for the Early Literacy / School Age group and 2 for the Teen / Adult group. You may choose to attend all four hours or just the two hours that work best for you. They will be worth four LEUs total. Please see the Indiana State Library's Calendar of Events (linked above) for specific times for each training.
Three more trainings have been added to this list. No more trainings will be added this year.

Rock Star Trainings are also available and are indicated with an asterisk.
• Jan 7 / Brownsburg Public Library
• Jan 12 / St. Joseph County Public Library
• Jan 14 / New Castle-Henry County Public Library
• Jan 28 / Morgan County Public Library
• Jan 28 / Peabody Public Library
• Jan 29 / Westfield Washington Public Library – NEW (Plus Rock Star)*
• Feb 3 / Frankfort Clinton County Contractual Public Library
• Feb 5 / Vigo County Public Library
• Feb 10 / Franklin County Public Library District
• Feb16 / Kendallville Public Library
• Feb 19 / Wells County Public

become a librarian in the first place?

CW: I started out working in libraries. In high school I was a page at the Haughville Branch, and then I worked at several libraries. I worked at academic libraries, the Indianapolis Museum of Art and Marion County Jail Library, so I'm used to working with the public doing reference work. When I saw the job listing for ISL I thought, "Oh that sounds very interesting." I had done my own genealogy, so it was kind of a hobby to start with. When I had seen the position I thought, "Oh I can do that!" So I applied, and that is how I ended up here. When I was working in high school I never thought that I would be a librarian. I just needed some money to get a car and all that stuff.

RB: Were you volunteering there?

CW: No. I was paid. I was a page in high school at Haughville. It is a branch of IPL.

RB: You didn't think you were going to become a librarian. What did you think you were going to do?

CW: I had no idea. I thought about going into nursing, but I wasn't really interested in that. When I was a kid I thought I would be a teacher. I just kind of stumbled upon it and I liked working there. That's why I started working at libraries.

RB: Is there any particular project that you are working on right now that is really interesting?

CW: Right now we are trying to get started with digitization. We are just at the very front part of that. Our biggest project is organizing the vault and moving it from its location now to a different location.

RB: What is the process of digitization?

CW: What we want to do is to digitize our pamphlet files. The problem with our pamphlet files is that it is stuff that people have donated over the years that isn't big

statue
Kokomo-Howard County Library

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Milan High School Library

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New Albany-Floyd County Public Library

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Putnam County Public Library

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Vigo County Library

Crackerjack now at library
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Upcoming Workshops & Important Dates

Train the ECRR 2.0 Trainer
When: January 8, 2014
Where: Johnson County Public Library

Every Child Ready to Read 2.0
When: January 15, 2015
Where: Tippecanoe County Public Library

Every Child Ready to Read 2.0
When: February 12, 2015
Where: Brownsburg Public Library

Teaching Books Webinar: Literacy Connections Across the Curriculum

Library
• Feb 20 / Perry County Public Library
• March 3 / Bartholomew County Public Library
• March 11 / East Chicago Public Library – New
• March 19 / Knox County Public Library – New

Some additional training opportunities include:

• CSLP Webinars – CSLP usually does webinars in January and February. Check here for updates (it is not currently updated):
http://www.cslpreads.org/

• Indiana State Library Webinars – I will offer two webinars. They are listed below. You may register for them now.

Summer Reading Webinars from the Indiana State Library

February 23rd – 1:00-2:00 / 2015 CSLP Summer Reading Ideas – 1 LEU

March 5th – 10:00-11:00 / CSLP Summer Reading Ideas – 1 LEU

Rock Star Trainings!
I will be offering some Rock Star trainings across the state. These will be an hour long and will be appropriate for people who are struggling with learning the guitar or ukulele or are just learning the guitar or ukulele. They will be held on the same day as SOME of the trainings above. They are marked with an asterisk.

Please let me know if you have questions about any of this. Best of luck planning your 2015 Summer Reading Programs!

Have a great holiday season!

enough to put on the shelf, like one or two pages. A lot of it is compiled family history. People may have taken material from a lot of books and just photocopied it, put it together, and given it to us as their family history. So we're not sure about the copyrights for a lot of that stuff. What we want to do is concentrate more on the Family Bible pages that we have in the pamphlet files and digitize those. Then go through the family history and see if something is free from copyright and not compiled from a bunch of different sources without citing it properly.

RB: What do you mean by Family Bible?

CW: Well. [Grabbing an example from her desk] I don't think they do it much anymore, but back with the old family bibles they would have a section in the front where you could put parent's records, like who the mother and father were, the births in the family, the deaths in the family, and people would write down that information.

RB: So it's like a little genealogy record.

CW: Right. That somebody has created. I don't think that they are in bibles now.

RB: What would be the time period that you see most of these from?

CW: Most of them are late 1700's.

RB: You have materials that are older than the state?

CW: Yeah we do! We found a few things from the 1700's. They were in German.

RB: What is the bulk of what you have?

CW: The bulk of what we have are indexes of county histories, stuff that was published about genealogical records. Our collection is split up between county records, city records, our family histories, any kind of military research, and then the separate states. We collect heavily on Indiana and the feeder states, the

When: February 17, 2015
Where: Webinar

[Teaching Books Webinar:](#) Literacy Connections Across the Curriculum
When: February 18, 2015
Where: Webinar

[Teaching Books Webinar](#): Summer Reading Program Supports.
9:00am-9:50am
When: Tuesday, April 21
Where: Webinar

[Teaching Books Webinar](#): Summer Reading Program Supports.
4:00pm-4:50pm
When: Tuesday, April 21
Where: Webinar

State Library Seeking Applications for 2015 LSTA Grant Program

The application process is now open for the 2015 LSTA grant program. Applications must be received by 4:00 PM EST on Friday, March 13th, 2015 and include the following opportunities for Indiana libraries and partnering historical and cultural organizations:

• Technology Grants
Technology Grants help Indiana libraries provide their users with the new and improved technology necessary to meet their residents' ever-changing needs for library services and access to information.

• Digitization Grants
The suggested theme for the 2015 Digitization Grant Program is the Indiana Bicentennial. While adherence to the theme is not required, projects incorporating this theme are encouraged.

If you have questions about your eligibility, a grant application requirement, or anything else concerning 2015 LSTA grant opportunities, please don't hesitate

What is a Pop-Up Library?

Pop-up libraries have become all the rage. Across the United States, organizations are setting up these improvisational libraries in public places and schools.

What is a pop-up library? A pop-up library could be as simple as taking a cart around the school, or setting up shelves with books, chairs and free coffee in a public area. The idea is to make books accessible to people who wouldn't normally take the time to go to a library and read. It is a lot of fun, and encourages people to read something that they wouldn't necessarily seek out.

[Click here to see how to create your own pop-up library.](#)

ILHB Votes to Move Forward with Standards Review Process

In the summer of 2014, the Indiana Library and Historical Board requested a committee be assigned to review existing library standards. After four meetings around the state, the committee recommended to the board changes in the current standards. The recommended changes streamline and clarify the existing standards.

At the December 12 meeting, the ILHB voted to proceed with the review and adoption process for the proposed standards. This process will include a series of public hearings. The dates for the public hearings will be announced in early 2015, along with the new standards being considered.

ILHB Raises PLAC Fee to $65

surrounding states. We don't collect much on anything out west, just the route people would have taken to get to Indiana from the Northeast. That is mostly what we collect on.

RB: What would you say is the age range of most of the collection?

CW: I couldn't tell you cause we get things donated. We could get something published in 1970 and we could have gotten it donated yesterday.

RB: But you say there is a wide range. So there could be stuff from the 1700's or there could be something from last year?

CW: Uh huh.

RB: Is there any particular item in the genealogy collection that really stands out for you?

CW: I think the family trees that people have created are pretty awesome. We have those up in the map room.

RB: If you were going to convince someone to visit ISL, what would you say to them?

CW: I would say we are the 'other public library' downtown that you don't know about. We have a beautiful building and wonderful people here that are willing to help you search for records about your family history or Indiana.

RB: What do you like to do when you are not working here?

CW: Play with my dogs.

RB: What kind of dogs do you have?

CW: I have two Mini Schnauzers and a German Shepherd.

RB: Oh really? I had a Schnauzer at my dad's place when I was growing up. His name was Spike. He was a really tough dog.

CW: His name is Dwight [pointing to the Schnauzer], did you ever watch the office? Yeah, and that is Odessa.

to contact Jennifer Clifton, LSTA Grant Consultant, at (800) 451-6028. Visit the LSTA homepage to learn more how LSTA grants support Indiana libraries.

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At the December 12 meeting, the Indiana Library and Historical Board voted to raise the cost of PLAC cards from $50 to $65 beginning January 1, 2015. This decision was based on the recommendation of the Indiana State Library staff. The operating costs for libraries continue to rise and the ISL and ILHB concluded that pricing the PLAC cards at a rate comparable to the state average of non-resident card costs was advisable.

A poster is attached.

Click HERE for more information about this announcement.

ILHB Votes to Change Service Fees and Fines

During the December 12 meeting, the Indiana Library and Historical Board voted under the recommendation of Indiana State Library staff to approve a change in service fees and fines. These new service fees and fines will take effect on January 1, 2015.

For a detailed outline of the new fees and fines, please visit the ISL website.

RB: They are funny dogs.

CW: Yeah they are.

RB: What have you read recently?

CW: Actually, I just finished *The Winter People* by Jennifer McMahon and I have two that I haven't started.

RB: What is your favorite book of all time?

CW: My favorite of all time? That's like asking somebody, "What's your favorite child" [Laughing] or "Who's your favorite dog." I couldn't pick a favorite book. I could pick a favorite genre I love – Thrillers, Psychological Thrillers.

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