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New Digital Collection Documents Indy Library History



The Lawrence J. Downey Library History Collection is the Indianapolis Public Library's latest offering of digital images and recordings of historical and cultural interest to Indianapolis citizens, students and researchers. It is presented in memory of the Library's former Associate Director who served the Indy Library for 42 years, retiring in 1988. Many of the images are included in Downey's 1991 book, *A Live Thing in the Whole Town*, which provides a comprehensive history of the institution. A 2011 volume of the Library's history, *Stacks* by Skip Berry and Mary Ellen Gadski,

Indiana State Library Now Features Lynda.com



The Indiana State Library is excited to announce the launch of lynda.com from the [ISL website](#). This service will be available to Indiana library staff at no charge. All you need to do is find a course you would like to take on lynda.com and fill out the [course application form found on the ISL website](#).

Lynda.com provides a vast online library of instructional videos covering the latest software, creative, and business skills. Taught by accomplished teachers and recognized industry experts, lynda.com is a high-quality resource for employees looking to develop skills in Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Suite, project management, communication, and a wide range of other topics.

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highlights other information and materials from Library archives.

The Indy Library's digital collection includes historic Indianapolis firefighter photos and objects, Indianapolis Public Schools yearbooks, Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce newsletters, English Opera House program, artifacts from The Children's Museum, World War I posters, the correspondence of May Wright Sewall, historic Indianapolis postcards, oral histories from the Irvington neighborhood, and audio recordings of James Whitcomb Riley.

The Lawrence J. Downey Library History Collection is made possible by past and present Library employees and friends of Lawrence J. Downey through gifts to The Indianapolis Public Library Foundation. The Foundation continues seeking funds to expand the Downey collection and begin other digitization projects.

To access this collection, visit www.indypl.org and click on the [Digital Collections](#) link from the homepage.

Former ISL Librarian Awarded Willard C. Heiss Family History and Genealogy Award



Diane Weiner Sharp holding up her award after the ceremony

During a ceremony held at the [Indiana Historical Society's](#)

For more information on getting started on lynda.com, check out the [tutorial video on how to use lynda.com](#), or contact customer service at cs@lynda.com.

Terry Black Explains Her Involvement with Read-To-Me



ISL Administrative Secretary Terry Black
A One-On-One Conversation with ISL Administrative Secretary Terry Black
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ISL Communications Director
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I recently sat down with Terry Black of the Indiana State Library. Terry is an Administrative Secretary for the ISL that volunteers as a coordinator for the Read-To-Me program. She was eager to talk to me about this wonderful program for both the inmates and families involved. For more information on the Read-To-Me program please visit the [Indiana State Library website](#).

RB: Tell me about the Read-To-Me program...

TB: The Read-To-Me program was started in 2000 and is funded by the federal LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) grant. I came on board a few years ago starting off as an assistant, but now am doing a bit more as a coordinator.

The State Library provides books and supplies to inmates who read and record the stories on tape so that their children can hear a story read by their incarcerated parent. Those stories are then sent to me so that I can distribute them amongst the families of the inmates.



Indiana Library News

[Civil War artifacts at BSU](#)

Bracken Library, Ball State University

['Anything Goes'](#)

Carnegie Public Library

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Northwest Indiana Libraries

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Pike High School Library

[PCPL to recognize vets with Heroes' Tree and ornament-making effort](#)

Putnam County Public Library

[Free, DIY holiday card workshop](#)

St. Joseph Public Library

Is Your Library Making News?

Founders Day Dinner held on December 1, 2014, former [Indiana State Library](#) librarian Diane Weiner Sharp was awarded the Willard C. Heiss Family History and Genealogy Award.

The award is given to a family historian for his or her distinguished service and career in Indiana family history. Ms. Sharp worked at the ISL for 47 years serving family and local historians, lineage and hereditary societies, libraries, and other constituencies. Ms. Sharp started and coordinated the ISL's annual Indiana Genealogy and Local History Fair, as well as its Genealogy for Night Owl's event.

A published author of articles pertaining to genealogy, Ms. Sharp has spread her passion for family history beyond the walls of the ISL, developing and presenting programs at library and genealogy conferences.

The Indiana State Library would like to congratulate Diane Weiner Sharp on this outstanding achievement.

IU East Director Frances Yates Named 'I Love My Librarian Award' Winner



IU East Director Frances Yates
Indiana's own Frances Yates was recognized as one of ten librarians to receive the prestigious Carnegie Corporation of New York/New York Times [I Love My Librarian Award](#).

The I Love My Librarian Award recognizes the hard work and dedication that these exceptional

RB: Are recordable books a part of this program?

TB: That is something new that we plan to add to the program. I'm not sure when it will take place...it may start in January or so. The difference is they will have a recordable book which will make it easier for the inmates to record their voices and cut down on extra equipment being used.

RB: What kind of positive outcomes have you seen for the families and the inmates involved with Read-To-Me?

TB: I recently attended a breakfast appreciation program for the volunteers at the women's prison. At the program, the inmates cooked breakfast and served it to the volunteers. We did a little networking and talking to the prisoners. The Read-To-Me program was very well received there. I felt like a star because the coordinator of the event said, "The Read-To-Me lady is here", and they all surrounded me and were very appreciative and happy with the program. Just by the way everyone was expressing themselves; it seemed like a positive thing.

>>>Read the rest of this interview at: www.facebook.com/indianastatelibrary

Fayette County Public Library Received Grant

On March 31, 2014, [Fayette County Public Library](#) received a \$5,000 grant from the Duke Energy Foundation to provide Little Free Libraries for Fayette County. The ribbon-cutting ceremony of the first Little Free Library was held at Roberts Park on October 24, 2014. Five libraries have been placed as of December 8, 2014. Another seven will be placed in 2015.

Upcoming Workshops & Important Dates



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Have You Completed the Digital Inclusion Survey?

All public library directors are invited to complete the national [2014 Digital Inclusion Survey](#). This survey includes questions on public access technology, digital literacy and training, and library programs.

Data collected through this survey will be incorporated into [interactive tools and maps](#) pairing information related to digital library services with demographic data, helping libraries better understand their community needs. The survey results will also be used to inform policy- and decision-makers about the essential contributions of libraries in the areas of digital literacy, economic and workforce development, civic engagement, broadband, and public access to the Internet.

The survey deadline has been extended to **December 12th**. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please contact IPAC at ipac@umd.edu or (301)405-9445.

librarians exhibit on a daily basis. Library patrons from around the country are encouraged to vote for their favorite librarian, and each winning librarian is awarded a \$5,000 prize at an award ceremony and reception held in New York City.

A more complete article about the award as well as information on [IU East Director Frances Yates](#) can be found at the [American Libraries Magazine website](#).

Newton County Libraries Receive Grant

[Newton County Public Library](#), Lake Village Memorial Township Library, recently received a grant from the [Newton County Community Foundation's "Circle of Giving"](#) initiative. Grant monies will be used to purchase Kindle Fire HD for Kids tablets and limited decibel headphones for in-house use at the Lake Village Memorial Township Library. This new offering will be available in January 2015.

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When: December 4, 2014
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Where: Webinar

[Welcome to Evergreen 2.7](#)

When: December 15, 2014
Time 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Where: Webinar

[Welcome to Evergreen 2.7](#)

When: December 17, 2014
Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Where: Webinar

[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](#)

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

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