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Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Indiana seeking partner volunteers for ILF presentations



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Indiana is currently seeking a co-presenter for each of the following locations at the 2024 Indiana Library Federation regional conferences:

- Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne on Wednesday, April

Upcoming workshops and important dates

[Adventure Begins at Your Library - CSLP 2024 Training & Roundtable](#)

When: Feb. 16, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Monticello-Union Township Public Library

[What the Research Says - Playful Lectures: How Games Can Help Learning](#)

When: Feb. 21, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Digital Preservation 101: What Libraries Should Know](#)

When: Feb. 22, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Webmaster Roundtable](#)

When: Feb. 27, 2-3- p.m.

Where: Webinar

[What's Up Wednesday: Talking Book and Braille Library: Helping the Visual, Physical and Reading Disabled Hoosier](#)

Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

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

Culver-Union Township Public Library

[Community Branch Manager](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

[Public Services Manager](#)

Nappanee Public Library

[Circulation Leader](#)

Tippecanoe 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



[Phresh Laundry, Tim Parsley, Bryan Ballinger artwork on Allen County Public Library cards](#)

Allen County Public Library

[Bartholomew County Library announces 'Library After Dark'](#)

Bartholomew County Public Library

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- Floyd County Public Library in New Albany on Friday, April 19.
- St. Joe County Public Library in South Bend on Friday, May 3.
- Carmel Clay Public Library in Carmel on Wednesday, May 15.

"Is your library a rockstar in promoting Dolly Parton's Imagination Library? We would love to have you share your ideas on how you inspire kids to 'Dream More, Learn More, Care More and Be More' at the upcoming ILF regional conferences," said Katie Mullins, community engagement coordinator for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Indiana.

Those who work at Indiana libraries that partner with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, and are interested in co-presenting, should contact [Katie Mullins](#) by Feb. 29 with any questions.

Click [here](#) to learn more about Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Indiana.

IndyPL's new Glendale branch to open March 30



The long-anticipated [Glendale Branch](#) of the Indianapolis Public Library is set to open to the public on Saturday, March 30, at 10 a.m.

The 24,800-square-foot branch, located at the site of the former John Strange Elementary School at 3660 E. 62nd St., is projected to welcome 225,000-250,000 patron visits annually. A grand opening celebration will kick off at 10 a.m. with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and live entertainment for all ages. Entertainment will include live

When: Feb. 28, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Free and Low Cost Programming for Youth](#)

When: Feb 29, 2-3 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[What's up Wednesday: Nature Play Days at our Local Libraries](#)

When: March 13, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Indiana State Library Lunch and Learn Series - Fire Insurance Maps Online](#)

When: March 14, 12-1 p.m.

Where: Indiana State Library

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

When: March 26, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Where: Morgan County Public Library

[What the Research Says - Digital Privacy in Libraries as Digital Literacy](#)

When: March 27, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Navigating Book Selections with Book Resumes on TeachingBooks](#)

When: April 11, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[Professional Development Roundtable](#)

When: April 11, 2-3 p.m.

Where: Webinar



Welcome to the Government Information Minute. Every other week, government information librarians at the Indiana State

[Bartholomew County Library hosts free, accessible prom shopping experience](#)

Bartholomew County Public Library

[Joseph Fox named director of Culver-Union Township Public Library](#)

Culver-Union Township Public Library

[Dolly Parton's 'Imagination Library' expanding to Dubois County](#)

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Indiana

[EVPL screens documentary about first Black student at University of Evansville](#)

Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

[Hamilton County Council appoints Beth Sheller to Hamilton East Public Library Board](#)

Hamilton East Public Library

['Over, Under & Beyond': Renowned artist unveils unique piece at Greenfield library](#)

Hancock County Public Library

[Huntingburg Library hosting Mobile Food Distribution](#)

Huntingburg Public Library

[NBA All-Star Weekend includes art exhibit at Indianapolis Public Library](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

[Free February programs at Muncie Public Library](#)

Muncie Public Library

[Library celebrates Library Lovers Month](#)

North Webster Community Public Library

[Science Alive sparks interest in STEM through hands-on learning](#)

St. Joe County Public Library

[WL Public Library to offer cemetery house tours](#)

West Lafayette Public Library

music from The Embers, a local band from the Glendale neighborhood; Paws to Read dog visits; Silly Safaris Animal Meet and Greet; and Cinamon the Clown.

In preparation for the new branch location, the Indianapolis Public Library will close the current Glendale Branch, located at 6101 North Keystone Ave., on Feb. 25. Beginning Feb. 12, the Glendale Branch book drop will not be open and patrons should return items to alternate locations. The Glendale Branch hold pickup location will be the Lawrence Branch, located at 7898 Hague Road.

"I am delighted to offer a heartfelt greeting to the community as we introduce this extraordinary new facility," said Jena Mattix, Glendale's branch manager. "It's been a long time coming. After spending more than two decades in the Glendale Shopping Center, we are enthusiastic about the Branch having its own independent building. This move will enhance accessibility to our services and collections while eliminating the necessity of property leasing."

"At the Indianapolis Public Library, we want all of our branch locations to meet the unique needs of each community we are privileged to be a part of," said Gregory Hill, CEO of the Indianapolis Public Library. "The move into this new space signals the next chapter of service to the vibrant Glendale community. We look forward to meeting and exceeding the needs of Glendale patrons for many years to come at our new home."

The new stand-alone branch will have drive-up material returns, increased access to computers and new technologies, access to public

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.

Dr. Gladys West



February is [Black History Month](#), an annual observance dedicated to celebrating and recognizing the contributions and achievements of African Americans.

Dr. Gladys West is a celebrated scientist responsible for the math behind models of the Earth used for modern day Global Positioning System, commonly known as GPS. Late last year, West won an award from the [National Museum of the Surface Navy](#) based on her 42-year-career at the [Naval Surface Warfare Center](#) in King George County, Virginia.

Her achievements represent hope for women pursuing advancement in data science. She has also been inducted into the Air Force Space and Missiles Pioneers Hall of Fame, as [reported](#) in CHIPS. West performed calculations by hand before becoming a programmer. The many articles written about her describe a time when data automation was a thing of the future. Read her book "[It Began With A Dream](#)" and find more resources from the University of Mary Washington [here](#).

Is your library making news?

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

To be featured in the Wednesday Word, please [email](#) a press release and a photo.



State Library blog



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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

transportation and a community meeting room with a capacity of 100 people. The branch will also have a larger teen space and a braille collection.

The \$15.3 Million project is funded by bonds approved by the Indianapolis City-County Council that will be assessed without any increase in IndyPL's current debt service tax rate.

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

Library of Congress Literacy Awards Program application deadline is Feb. 19



[The Library of Congress Literacy Awards Program](#) honors organizations that have made outstanding contributions to increasing literacy in the United States or abroad. Through the generosity of David M. Rubenstein since 2013 - and through the generosity of the Kislak Family Foundation in 2023 - the awards encourage the continuing development of innovative methods for combating illiteracy, and the wide dissemination of the most effective practices.

The Library of Congress plans to recognize 23 different organizations this year. During this cycle - for the first time - the Library of Congress is able to offer a prize of \$5,000 each to five Emerging Strategies Honorees.

Indiana Department of Homeland Security seeking recollections of 1974 tornadoes



Tornado damage in Crawford County, 1974. USDA-Soil Conservation Service.

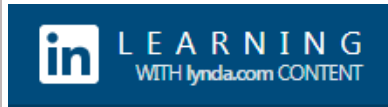
April 3-4 will mark the 50th anniversary of the 1974 Tornado Super Outbreak. This key event in U.S. weather history saw 148 tornadoes across 13 states. More than 300 people were killed. Significant improvements in weather technology and systems developed in the aftermath of the storms.

In Indiana, there were 21 tornadoes during the roughly 24-hour period. More than 1,300 Hoosiers were injured and 81 died.

To commemorate the anniversary, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security is asking Hoosiers for their memories and stories about the outbreak. Submissions will be presented in an interactive online story map format. Those who experienced the outbreak in Indiana are encouraged to share their stories via the [Remembering the 1974 Tornado Super Outbreak form](#) provided by the agency. Photo submissions are also being accepted. Story submissions and photos should be submitted by March 6 for inclusion in the story map. However, submissions may still be accepted after the March 6 deadline.

[Previously uploaded photos](#) of the tornado damage can be viewed via

employees on LinkedIn Learning



Text and Learn for Kindergarten program information



These honorees will be recognized for a literacy initiative in its early stages of development - five years or fewer - that demonstrates significant creativity and promise.

Visit the [Apply Page](#) on the Literacy Awards website to download the application instructions and forms. The deadline to apply is Feb. 19 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time.

To learn more about the 2024 Literacy Awards, please read the [press release](#) from the Library of Congress.

Indiana Memory, a collaborative effort to provide access to the wealth of primary sources in Indiana libraries, archives, museums and other cultural institutions. Indiana Memory is made possible through grant funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to the Indiana State Library under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act.

Please contact [Mike Beam](#), web content manager at the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, with any questions about submitting stories or photos.

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