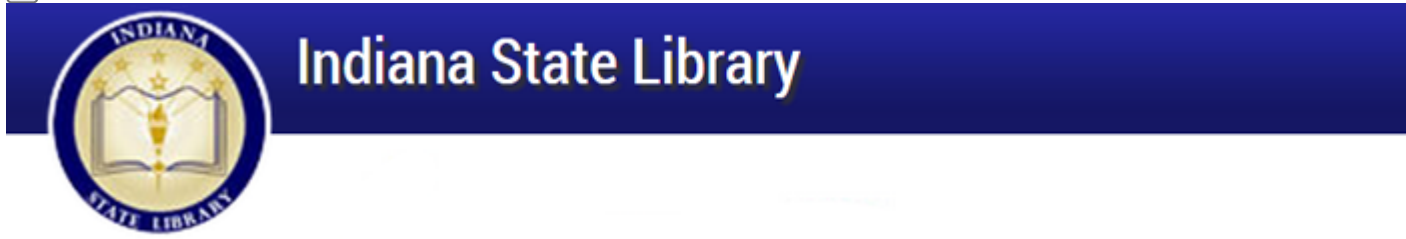


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Little Free Library webinar scheduled for February



On Thursday, Feb. 3, from 10-11 a.m., the Indiana State Library will present "Building Community Engagement and Awareness Through Little Free Library."

Those cute boxes that look like oversized bird houses are more than just cute. [Little Free library](#) is

Upcoming workshops and important dates

[Oceans of Possibilities - Summer Reading Roundtable #2](#)

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

Where: Webinar

[Online Administrative Overviews: EBSCOadmin](#)

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

Where: Webinar

[Oceans of Possibilities - Summer Reading Roundtable #3](#)

When: Jan. 19, 2-3 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[What's Up Wednesday - Be the Hero! Tween and Teen Live Action Roleplaying \(LARPing\) Games](#)

When: Jan. 26, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Building Community Engagement and Awareness Through Little Free Library](#)

Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

[Director of Community Partnerships and Programs](#)

Allen County Public Library

[Bookkeeper](#)

Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library

[Public Services Librarian](#)

Jeffersonville Township Public Library

[System Administrator/Head of Technical Services](#)

Marion Public Library

[System Administrator](#)

Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library

[Circulation Clerk \(part-time\)](#)

Speedway Public Library

[Circulation Leader](#)

Tippecanoe County Public Library

Those who would like an Indiana library job posting to be listed in the Wednesday Word should submit the position and its description to the Indiana State Library. Click [here](#) for submission guidelines and to submit.

In the news

the world's largest book-sharing movement.

Presenters Greig Metzger, executive director of the Little Free Library Organization, and Joanna Sproull, community liaison at the Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library, will show how to use this low-cost community engagement platform to support library outreach goals.

The webinar is eligible for one LEU for Indiana library staff. The LEU certificate will be available for download at the conclusion of the webinar. Click [here](#) to read more and click [here](#) to register.

Please contact [Laura Jones](#), Northwest regional coordinator at the Indiana State Library with any questions about the webinar.

2021 Public Library Staff and Diversity Survey deadline extended to Jan. 14



The 2021 Public Library Staff and Diversity Survey deadline has been extended to Jan 14. The survey is administered by the Public Library Association, a division of the American Library Association.

All U.S. public libraries are invited to complete this new survey to help the PLA better understand public library staff roles; hiring and retention practices; and equity, diversity and inclusion work. The survey was developed by PLA's [Measurement, Evaluation and Assessment Committee](#) in response to fieldwide discussions and demand for actionable data about evolving staff roles and diversity and inclusion staffing efforts.

When: Feb. 3, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[EBSCO Usage Statistics and Reports](#)

When: Feb. 9, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Indiana 211 and Libraries](#)

When: March 16, 2022, 10-11 a.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.

Indiana Talking Book and Braille Library



One kind of government document that “speaks” to library patrons is a talking book. These books, and other materials, can be found as part of the Talking Book and Braille Library program at the Indiana State Library. The program operates under the [National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled](#). The free



[A year after Indianapolis library waives late fees, thousands potentially regain access](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

[Indy Public Library shares 'Best of 2021' books for young adults](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

[Author to make presentation of book covering local soldier's experience in Vietnam](#)

Jasper–Dubois County Public Library

[Mishawaka library uses time during pandemic to renovate buildings, improve services](#)

Mishawaka–Penn–Harris Public Library

[Centennial year concludes at Nappanee Public Library](#)

Nappanee Public Library

[Local library will soon go fine free](#)

Newburgh Chandler Public Library

[Sheridan Library invites you to 'Read for a Better World'](#)

Sheridan Public Library

[Book returned to Indiana library 53 years after it was due back](#)

St. Joseph County Public Library

[St. Joseph County Public Library going fine free](#)

St. Joseph County Public Library

Is your library making news?

Participation in the survey will give library leaders up-to-date and accurate information about staffing and diversity and will also contribute to powerful, actionable and inspirational results for library staff across the country.

Participation also helps PLA create tools, resources and professional development opportunities that are useful for advancing equity in libraries. The results will provide nationally representative data to inform and engage elected officials, the media and funders to increase awareness of and support for library workers. The 2021 survey data will create a baseline. When this survey is next administered in 2024, PLA will be able to see how the field has evolved. Survey results will be available in a freely and publicly accessible report.

To complete the survey, login to a free [Benchmark](#) account. Click on "Surveys" in the menu and the Public Library Staff and Diversity Survey will be listed under "Open Surveys." All public library directors should have received an invitation with login details. Libraries that did not receive login details or have any questions should contact Benchmark via [email](#).

Upcoming EBSCO administrative and statistical webinars

library service was established by an Act of Congress in 1931 to provide blind adults with books in an embossed format. The Act was amended in 1934 to include sound recordings (also known as talking books); expanded in 1952 to include children; and in 1962 to provide music material; and again in 1966, to include individuals with physical limitations that prevent them from reading regular print. Recently, two important changes to the Talking Book program were made. One allows students with reading disabilities to qualify, and the other is an international agreement that considerably [increases the number of foreign titles available](#).

The service is [free to any United States resident](#), whether living at home or abroad, who is unable to read in a traditional fashion. Books, be they braille, large print or audio, are shipped back and forth through the United States Postal Service at no cost. Players are also made available to patrons as are electronic files that can be downloaded to smart phones, tablets and braille e-readers. Accounts are also available to institutions.

Patrons can select books using catalogs sent every two months, by chatting with a reader advisor, searching the online catalog or all of the above. It is as easy as filling out an [application](#) and having it signed by a certifying authority.

In Indiana, the Talking Book program is housed in the State Library. Staff can be reached via [email](#). They work with libraries to supply fliers, instructions and even talking-book machines, if librarians wish to demonstrate how the program works. To download an application or to find out more, visit the [TBBL website](#) or call 800-622-4970.

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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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Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning



The Indiana State Library has scheduled two webinars detailing EBSCO resources.

On Wednesday, Jan. 12 at 10 a.m., "Online Administrative Overviews: EBSCOadmin" will help attendees learn about the main components of EBSCOadmin, including general navigation, profile maintenance, customization options that enhance the search experience, searchbox and URL structure, authentication choices and mobile app settings.

EBSCOadmin is the administrative tool used to manage customizations for searching EBSCOhost, Discovery and additional searching interfaces, among other functions.

On Wednesday, Feb. 9 at 10 a.m., "EBSCO Usage Statistics and Reports" will teach attendees the essentials of EBSCO usage statistics and reports. Key standard usage reports, COUNTER R5 reports and how to gain insights from analytical reports and review support resources on Connect will be reviewed in this session.

Both sessions will be presented by Lisa Jones, senior training manager with EBSCO.

Click [here](#) to read more about "Online Administrative Overviews: EBSCOadmin" and click [here](#) to register. Click [here](#) to read more

Blog Spotlight for January: Harrison County Public Library



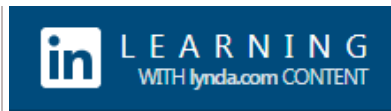
Beginning this year, in the first newsletter of each month, the Indiana State Library will feature a blog from an Indiana library. The inaugural January column features the Harrison County Public Library, located in Corydon.

The Harrison County Public Library's blog covers topics such as upcoming library events, both in-person and virtual; public notices (e.g., local voting, census information); updates to library policies and procedures; staff book recommendations; and requests for patron feedback.

In October, the library announced that they - along with the Floyd County Library, Jeffersonville Township Public Library, Jeffersonville Public Art Commission and Community Action of Southern Indiana - were partnering with the Arts Alliance of Southern Indiana for the SoIN Big Read, featuring "The House on Mango Street" by Sandra Cisneros.

Click [here](#) to visit the Harrison County Public Library blog.

Libraries interested in having their blog featured in a future issue of Wednesday Word should contact [John Wekluk](#), communications director at the Indiana State Library.



about "EBSCO Usage Statistics and Reports" and click [here](#) to register.

Each webinar is eligible for one TLEU for Indiana library staff.

Please contact [Kara Cleveland](#), Profession Development Office supervisor, with any questions.

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