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The latest in Indiana library news

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Indiana State Library announces genealogy Summer Lecture Series

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Summer Lecture Series

This summer, the Indiana State Library will host two lectures featuring genealogy and local history speakers. The Summer Lecture Series is free and open to the public, but registration is required.

On Saturday, July 8, at 11 a.m., join Central Indiana DNA Interest Group for an introductory DNA workshop. This in-person program

Upcoming workshops and important dates

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

Using Tabletop Role-Playing Games to Teach, from Pre-K to Adult Learning
When: July 19, 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

Indiana library jobs

This week's new Indiana library jobs

[Copy Cataloger (part-time)](#)
Crawfordsville District Public Library

[Adult Services Clerk (part-time)](#)
Greenwood Public Library

[Adult Services Librarian](#)
Greenwood Public Library

[Adult Services Librarian (part-time)](#)
Greenwood Public Library

[Public Services Associate II- Adult Focus (part-time)](#)
Indianapolis Public Library

[Resource Sharing Librarian](#)
IUPUI University Library

[Youth Engagement Associate Librarian - Tutt Branch](#)
St. Joseph County Public Library

[Youth Engagement Associate Librarian - Western Branch](#)
St. Joseph 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

is geared to those who have taken a DNA test and are asking themselves, "Now what? What does this all mean? How can I use my DNA results to answer my genealogy questions?"

Many people find the ethnicity estimates provided as part of their DNA test results to be confusing, surprising or just plain bad. The presentation will go behind the scenes to explain the science behind ethnicity estimates and genetic communities. Learn about the benefits and limitations of ethnicity estimates, along with techniques to use ethnicity estimates as a tool in genealogy research. The workshop will be presented by Steven Frank.

Angela Guntz will also explore the Thrulines tool available at AncestryDNA. Thrulines helps visualize common ancestor link to your DNA match.

Andrea Ackermann will wrap up the day focusing on shared matches. The shared match list is the go-to DNA tool. Shared matches are the common matches between two DNA relatives. All major companies offer a shared match.

On Saturday, Aug. 12, at 11 a.m., the Indiana State Library will host a land use workshop. Platting an ancestor's land can help answer questions and add much-needed context to a family's story. The presentation will help attendees understand the differences and similarities of the Metes and Bounds Survey and the Public Land Survey Systems. This interactive workshop with genealogist John Barr will help attendees learn how to read land descriptions and teach how to draw a plat of an ancestor's property and place it on any map.

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

[What's Up Wednesday - Games and Programming](#)
When: Aug. 9, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

[Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries (SEAL) Workshop](#)
When: Aug. 15, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Where: Indiana State Library

[Indiana Library Leadership Academy](#)
When: Aug. 17, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Where: Indiana State Library

[Indiana Library Leadership Academy](#)
When: Aug. 18, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Where: Indiana State Library

[Every Child Ready to Read and School Readiness in Storytime](#)
When: Aug. 25, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Where: Jennings County Public Library

[Dyslexia and the Public Library](#)
When: Aug. 29, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Where: Webinar

[What's Up Wednesday - INSPIRE Changes](#)
When: Aug. 30, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

[Every Child Ready to Read and School Readiness in Storytime](#)
When: Aug. 31, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Where: Peru Public Library

[Every Child Ready to Read and School Readiness in Storytime](#)
When: Sept. 7, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Where: Crawfordsville District Public Library

[What's Up Wednesday - "You might have heard we had a fire." Eckhart Public Library](#)
When: Sept. 13, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

[Enjoy lunchtime entertainment outside Allen County Public Library](#)
Allen County Public Library

[Library teen subcommittee proposes teen section be moved to new location within library](#)
Bartholomew County Public Library

[Strawberry festival returning to library park](#)
Eckhart Public Library

[Bubblefest returns to Evansville Vanderburgh Public Libraries](#)
Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

[Summer programs offer free meals to kids in Southern Indiana](#)
Floyd County Library

[Local library receives Honda contribution for summer reading, STEAM programs](#)
Greensburg-Decatur County Public Library

[Hammond Public Library to host 8th fair featuring local authors](#)
Hammond Public Library

[Library offering free state fair tickets](#)
Jackson County Public Library

[Library planning family concert at park](#)
Jackson County Public Library

[Historic projects in East Central Indiana receive grants](#)
Muncie Public Library

[Bridge a haven for innovators, entrepreneurs](#)
Noble County Public Library

Needed for the workshop are common items, such as a ruler and a protractor. A ruler that measures tenths of an inch and a land protractor are preferred, but not essential. A limited number of rulers and protractors will be available at the workshop for use to practice platting land descriptions. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own land records if they need help deciphering them.

The workshops are eligible for LEUs for Indiana library staff.

To learn more and to register, please visit the State Library events calendar [here](#).

Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center and Rolland Center win regional travel awards

The Allen County Public Library has announced that its Genealogy Center and Rolland Center for Lincoln Research have each been honored with coveted 2023 GEMmy awards from the Midwest Travel Journalists Association, Inc. The library, represented by director of special collections Curt Witcher, received the awards at a presentation on Thursday, June 1 at 1 p.m. at the Main Library. The GEMmys recognize exceptional experiences and are often new, small, out of the way or thus far undiscovered by mainstream travelers.

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 Conservation Partnership

In a [May 15 press release](#) from the Indiana State Department of Agriculture, the [Indiana Conservation Partnership](#) announced its 2022 conservation accomplishments. The ICP works with Hoosier landowners to provide technical or financial assistance for the implementation of conservation projects.

The [Indiana Conservation Partnership report](#) showed that over the last year landowners helped prevent over 1.8 million tons of sediment, over 3.9 million pounds of nitrogen and over 1.9 million pounds of phosphorus from entering

[Tyson Library kicks off summer 2023 with Touch-A-Truck](#)
Tyson Library

[Public library looks at possible expansion](#)
Vernon Township Public Library

[West Lafayette Public Library names new director](#)
West Lafayette Public Library

[Westfield Library Foundation to host pickleball tournament](#)
Westfield Washington Public Library

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State Library blog

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The GEMmy award was created by professional travel journalists and industry leaders who are members of the Midwest Travel Journalists Association, Inc. The award recognizes attractions, tours, facilities, accommodations and experiences that exemplify the joy, discovery and education that travel can bring. MTJA members travel extensively around the U.S. and internationally, and nominate the most outstanding "gems of travel" for GEMmy recognition.

The award nominators experienced the library's Genealogy Center and Rolland Center when attending the 2022 MTJA Conference in Fort Wayne, hosted by Visit Fort Wayne. Their experiences ranged from personal family connections to historical awe.

The Genealogy Center was nominated by Elizabeth Granger of Nunica, Michigan and the Rolland Center was nominated by Damaine Vonada of Xenia, Ohio.

The 2023 GEMmy Awards will be on display in the Genealogy Center and Rolland Center respectively. Click [here](#) to read the library's full press release.

Tabletop role-playing games webinar announced

On Wednesday, July 19, from 10-11 a.m., the Indiana State Library will

Indiana waterways. Cover crops and no-till practices implemented with ICP's assistance sequestered an estimated 48,000 tons of soil organic carbon, which is the equivalent to the carbon emissions of more than 34,843 cars.

View [county-level reports](#) with information regarding conservation, funding levels, programs and success stories. Additional data includes [Statewide trends (2010-present)](#) and [Previous Years Reports](#).

Lois Lenski Covey Foundation bookmobile grant program now accepting applications

The Lois Lenski Covey Foundation is now accepting applications for its bookmobile grant program. The grants range from $500 to $3,000 and are specifically for book purchases, meaning they can't be used for administrative or operational uses.

The LLCF no longer provides grants to schools, public libraries or other libraries for the purchase of children's books, with the exception of bookmobiles.
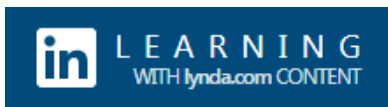
The bookmobile grant program provides grants for purchasing children's fiction or nonfiction books. The books are to be available for checkout by young people for pleasure reading or, perhaps, as a source of information for a school assignment. The library grant program does not provide funds for book distribution programs, atlases, dictionaries, basal readers or similar texts, workbooks or similar instructional tools, magazine

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

present "Using Table Top Role-Playing Games to Teach, from Pre-K to Adult Learning."

Tabletop role-playing games are an immersive tool that can help students engage with and experience curriculum material in an enjoyable way, while also helping them practice key social emotional and problem-solving skills. Join Steph Campbell, an engineering professor at Lawrence Technological University in Michigan and owner and writer for TTRPGkids, as they share their experiences from both pre-K and college level applied TTRPG experience.

The webinar is eligible for one LEU for Indiana library staff. Click here to read more and to register.

Please contact George Bergstrom, Southwest regional coordinator at the Indiana State Library, with any questions.

subscriptions, or for textbooks or encyclopedias.

The LLCF bookmobile grant program provides grants for the purchase of books for children preschool through grade eight. Only organizations within the United States, its territories or commonwealths are eligible.

Grant awardees will be asked to return a brief questionnaire and to provide documentation of grant spending.

The last grant within a given year will be awarded by Oct. 30. To be considered by that date, applications must be postmarked by Sept 1. Applications postmarked after Sept. 1 will be evaluated early the following year during the next cycle.

Click here to apply.

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