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Indiana Voices at the Indiana State Library seeking volunteers



Indiana Voices, a program of the Indiana State Library's Talking Book and Braille Library, is currently seeking volunteers to narrate Indiana-related audiobooks.

Together with Indiana State Library staff, volunteers bring Hoosier words and voices to persons who cannot use standard printed materials due to a visual, physical or reading disability and live in the state of Indiana or

Upcoming workshops and important dates

[Webmaster Roundtable](#)

When: March 21, 2-4 p.m.

Where: Peabody Public Library and virtual

[What's Up Wednesday - All Free for the Finding: Digging Up Family History for Free on the Internet](#)

When: March 29, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Get Ready to Recommend: Using Book Connections for Reader's Advisory](#)

When: March 30, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[What the Research Says - A Week in the Life of an Academic Video Game Collection](#)

When: April 5, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Professional Development Roundtable](#)

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Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

[Librarian, Teen Focus](#)

Allen County Public Library

[Associate Dean for Research, Access and Scholarly Communications](#)

Ball State University

[Associate Director of Human Resources](#)

East Chicago Public Library

[Associate Director of Technical Services](#)

East Chicago Public Library

[Department Assistant- Circulation/Audio Visual](#)

East Chicago Public Library

[Department Assistant- Reference \(part-time\)](#)

East Chicago Public Library

[Northwest Regional Coordinator](#)

Indiana State Library

[Supervisor, Youth Multimedia Specialist](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

[Information Services Manager](#)

Jackson County Public Library

[Director of Archives and Records Management](#)

Mennonite Church USA - Elkhart

[Digital Creativity Librarian](#)

Monroe County Public Library

across the country. Narrators will begin work on their titles outside of the studio. Once prepared, volunteers will arrive at the Indiana State Library in downtown Indianapolis and begin recording their narrations.

Indiana is made up of many individual voices, representing different Hoosier communities, identities and experiences, all of which contribute to authentic interpretations of Indiana books. Volunteers from all the different communities and cultures in the state of Indiana are invited to apply. Volunteers are expected to work at least one hour every other week.

Click [here](#) to read a more in-depth description of the volunteering and recording processes, including a list of the most popular books so far this year that were recorded in the Indiana Voices studio.

Those interested in learning more about volunteering with Indiana Voices as a narrator or as a monitor should visit the [Indiana Voices website](#) or contact Hannah Arnold, Indiana Voices director, [via email](#).

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Nationally-known 'Pantsuit Politics' hosts to speak at Allen County Public Library

When: April 6, 2-3 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[Inspiring Library Growth Through Outreach](#)

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

Where: Webinar

[Collection Development, Analysis and Promotion with Book Connections](#)

When: April 13, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[What's Up Wednesday - LaPorte County Public Library and The Exchange](#)

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

Where: Webinar

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

When: May 4, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Central Time

Where: Jasper County Public Library - Wheatfield Branch

[What's Up Wednesday? Beyond Books: Serving the Whole Patron](#)

When: May 10, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[What Candidates Want: Revamping your Recruitment](#)

When: May 17, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Webmaster Roundtable - Virtual and In Person](#)

When: May 23, 1-3 p.m. Central Time

Time

Where: Webinar and Lowell Public Library

[What's Up Wednesday - Digital Inclusion](#)

When: May 31, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Nonprofit Central Librarian](#)
Monroe County Public Library

[Technical Services Manager](#)
Westchester 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



[America's immigrants: 'Equals in all things'](#)

Allen County Public Library

[Chamber of Commerce welcomes seed library](#)

Crawfordsville District Public Library

[Formal dress giveaway plans announced](#)

Franklin County Public Library District

[Zionsville celebrates Youth Art Month](#)

Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library

[Library to host its first Local Author Youth Fair in April](#)

Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library

[Children's librarian enjoys working behind the scenes](#)

North Manchester Public Library

[Poetry contest for all ages](#)

St. Joseph County Public Library



The Allen County Public Library will welcome authors and podcaster Sarah Stewart Holland and Beth Silvers for an author visit on Wednesday, April 26 at 6 p.m. at the main library in Fort Wayne. Stewart Holland and Silvers host the Pantsuit Politics podcast, featured in the New York Times and the Atlantic; picked by "Good Morning America" as one of their Podcasts of the Month; and named by Apple Podcasts as one of the best shows of 2021.

Stewart Holland and Silvers are also the authors of "Now What? How to Move Forward When We're Divided (About Basically Everything)" and "I Think You're Wrong (But I'm Listening): A Guide to Grace-Filled Political Conversation," which was featured on MSNBC's Morning Joe, received starred trade reviews, and continues to be in demand with readers, book clubs and libraries. The hosts speak frequently to universities, businesses and civic organizations about improving political dialogue.

According to the authors' website, the podcast is designed for "real conversations that help us understand politics, democracy and the news - while still treating each other like thoughtful human beings."



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.

Global population data



While researchers can always call or email the [Indiana State Data Center](#) for answers to the latest local population questions, they can also check a number of additional resources for international data.

To begin with, researchers can check the [PopClocks](#) provided by the Census Bureau for national-level data. These clocks give a quick glance at the world's most populous countries and top trading partners, provided by the [International Database](#) and [USATrade Online](#).

For more detailed international data, see the [Data.UN.org Explorer](#). [UNData](#) gives direct access to international datasets organized by topic. The [UN Statistics Division](#) is the standard source for global nation-level data. To highlight one

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



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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Back issues of the Wednesday Word are available [here](#).

"The ACPL strives to be a place for community dialogue and the exchange of ideas," said Allen County Public Library executive director Susan Baier. "As we embark on election season, we feel it is important to promote learning and civility as the keys to a healthy democracy."

The event is free and open to the public. Advance registration is recommended, as seating is limited. Tickets can be reserved [here](#).

This event has been generously sponsored by the Friends of the Allen County Public Library. The Friends of the Allen County Public Library, a nonprofit membership organization, has a common concern for the library's expansion and participation in community life. Since 1981, the Friends of the Allen County Public Library has made significant contributions to the steady growth of the library and its services to the community.

The authors' books are available in print and electronic versions in the ACPL [catalog](#).

Milford Public Library offering Spring Activity Packets April 3-8; LEGO Challenge ongoing



On April 3-8, the Milford Public Library will be offering Spring Activity Packets. The packets - courtesy of a generous donation from Leon Newman - contain craft kits and a treat. Children ages preschool-17 years old may request

of the primary sources featured, the UNESCO Institute for Statistics provides education data for countries worldwide back to the 1970s, all comparable by year and by country. Also notable is an extensive collection of World Development Indicators from The World Bank.

\$10,000 in prizes available for libraries via 2023 ELC pitch competition



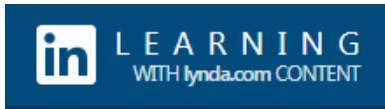
Applications are currently being accepted for the third annual Entrepreneurship and Libraries Conference pitch competition. The competition - funded by the American Library Association's Libraries Build Business initiative and EBSCO - will disseminate \$10,000 of total prize money to the top five libraries that submit an economic development pitch for a project that demonstrates how their library could contribute to local entrepreneurship, job creation and nonprofits.

ELC will be giving away one \$4,000 first-place prize, one \$2,500 second-place prize, one \$1,500 third-place prize and two \$500 prizes for fourth and fifth place.

The target audience for the pitching will be stakeholders in economic development, not librarians. Therefore, ELC's three judges, who will rank the top five submissions on the pitch day in May, will be economic development officers.

Applicants are required to submit a 400-600 word entry responding to prompts addressing problems, solutions and resources. Click [here](#) to read the prompts and to apply.

Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning



Text and Learn for Kindergarten program information



one spring activity packet at either circulation desk at the library. The packets are given out on a first-come, first-served basis.

The library is also in the midst of its March LEGO Challenge. This month's challenge is to build a shamrock. The winner will take home a new LEGO kit. Children ages preschool through eighth grade are invited to submit a photo of their creation to the [Milford Public Library](#). Entries must be received by March 25. The library staff will choose a winner from the submissions. LEGO Saturdays at the library are from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month, March through May.

The Milford Public Library is located at 101 N. Main St. in Milford. The library's hours of operation can be found [here](#).

The submission deadline is March 24. The five pitch finalists will be notified on April 3.

According to ELC, past contestants have noted that simply brainstorming what to say in a pitch - and whom to pitch to - have been very useful outcomes of this competition.

For more information on policies and resources; to view an ELC "Pitch Perfect" workshop; and to read more about the judges, click [here](#).

Please contact [Steve Cramer](#), conference co-chair, with any questions about the application process.

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