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## Wednesday Word | November 30, 2022

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### Entries now being accepted for Letters About Literature writing contest



Entries are now being accepted for the 2022-23 Indiana [Letters About Literature](#) writing contest. Students in grades four through 12 are invited to write a letter to an author, living or deceased, whose one work has made a difference in how the student sees themselves or the world. Indiana students can write about works of literature including fiction, nonfiction, short stories, poems, essays or speeches - including TED Talks.

The contest includes three competition levels:

- Level I: Grades 4-6.
- Level II: Grades 7-8.
- Level III: Grades 9-12.

### Upcoming workshops and important dates

[All Together Now! CSLP 2023 Training and Roundtable - All Ages](#)

When: Dec. 6, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Where: Tippecanoe County Public Library

[CSLP's Summer Symposium - Free National Virtual Conference on Summer Reading](#)

When: Dec. 8, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Where: Webinar

[All Together Now! CSLP 2023 Training and Roundtable - All Ages](#)

When: Dec. 9, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Where: Bremen Public Library

[All Together Now! CSLP 2023 Training and Roundtable - All Ages](#)

When: Dec. 12, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Where: Fayette County Public Library

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## Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

### [Reference Manager](#)

Bartholomew County Public Library

### [Library Director](#)

Clayton-Liberty Township Public Library

### [The Studio Associate \(part-time\)](#)

Greenwood Public Library

### [Branch Manager](#)

Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library

### [Resource Sharing Coordinator](#)

Indiana State Library

### [Juvenile Public Services Librarian](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

### [Children's Librarian](#)

Johnson County Public Library

### [Lead Graphic Designer](#)

Johnson County Public Library

### [Outreach and Development Coordinator](#)

Johnson County Public Library

### [Programming Assistant](#)

Johnson County Public Library

### [Children's Librarian \(part-time\)](#)

Thorntown 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

Prizes are awarded to the following winners in each level:

- First place: \$100.
- Second place: \$50.
- Third place: \$25.

Additionally, an Indiana Author Letters award of \$50 will be given to the highest-scored letter written to an Indiana Author, and a Teacher's Prize of \$150 will be awarded to a teacher who has gone the extra mile to support their students in entering the contest.

Winners will be announced in late March of 2023 and will receive invitations to the Virtual Awards Ceremony and in-person writing workshops, as well as a prize pack that includes free books. All Indiana winning letters are published in a booklet that is distributed free to the winning students. The special guest for the Virtual Awards Ceremony will be Leah Johnson, author of "You Should See Me in a Crown," which was named one of the best 100 young adult books of all time by TIME magazine.

Excerpts from last year's winning essays and a promotional video can be viewed [here](#).

The contest is coordinated by the Indiana State Library and the Indiana Center for the Book. The 2022-23 Letters About Literature contest for young readers is made possible by the James and Madeleine McMullen Family Foundation and the Indiana State Library Foundation.

Click [here](#) to read the call for entries. Click [here](#) for the group entry form. Click [here](#) for the individual entry form. The submission deadline is Jan. 9, 2023.

Please contact [Suzanne Walker](#), director of the Indiana Center for

When: Dec. 14, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Harrison County Community Foundation

### [All Together Now! CSLP 2023 Training and Roundtable - All Ages](#)

When: Dec. 19, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Central Time

Where: Crown Point Community Library

### [All Together Now! CSLP 2023 Training and Roundtable - All Ages](#)

When: Dec. 20, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Pike County Public Library - Petersburg Branch

### [CSLP 2023: All Together Now](#)

When: Jan. 4, 2023, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Webinar

### [All Together Now! CSLP 2023 Training and Roundtable - All Ages](#)

When: Jan. 5, 2023, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Huntington City-Township Public Library

### [January Summer Reading Virtual Roundtable](#)

When: Jan. 10, 2023, 1-2 p.m.

Where: Webinar

### [All Together Now! CSLP 2023 Training and Roundtable - All Ages](#)

When: Jan. 11, 2023, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Kendallville Public Library



Welcome to Digital Collection Highlights. Every other week, librarians at the Indiana State Library share images from the library's ever-growing digital collections. Visit the [Digital Collections](#) page to view the latest additions.



[The Winter Reading Challenge hosted by the Elkhart Public Library](#)  
Elkhart Public Library

[Community Foundation awards more than \\$136K to 24 nonprofits](#)  
Fort Branch-Johnson Township Public Library

[Member of Exonerated Five shares his story at Indianapolis event](#)  
Indianapolis Public Library

[Locker pickup now available at Crothersville, Medora libraries](#)  
Jackson County Public Library

[Winning designers of new Jeff library cards chosen](#)  
Jeffersonville Township Public Library

[Medical Aids Lending Library provides free mobility equipment for the community](#)  
Monroe County Public Library

[South Bend native Tess Gunty wins National Book Award for fiction with 'The Rabbit Hutch'](#)  
St. Joseph County Public Library

[Construction on Westfield's new library and trustee office underway](#)  
Westfield Washington Public Library

## Is your library making news?

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

the Book, with any questions.

## DNA & Genealogy Discussion Group to meet via Zoom this Saturday



The Johnson County Public Library has announced that the final DNA & Genealogy Discussion Group of 2022 will take place on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to noon, via Zoom.

Previously, the discussion group has focused on autosomal DNA testing. This time, Angela Guntz of with the Central Indiana DNA Interest Group, will focus on two other tests – Y DNA and mitochondrial DNA. She will answer the question, "When should we consider these tests and what can we learn from our results?"

After the program, Guntz will answer questions on genetic genealogy subjects. Attendees are encouraged to share their experiences using DNA testing in their genealogical research.

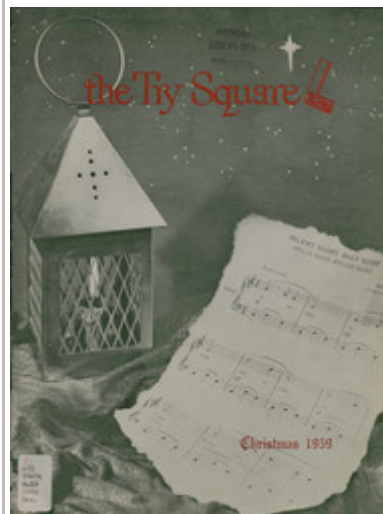
Register for this free program by calling the White River Branch of the Johnson County Public Library at 317-885-1330, or by visiting the library's [events page](#).

The event is [eligible for LEUs](#) for Indiana library staff.

The series is presented in memory of beloved CIDIG presenter, friend and colleague, Denise Anderson-Decina.

## Odon library receives memorial donations

## Vonnegut Hardware Company



Originally founded in 1852 by German immigrants Clemens Vonnegut Sr. and Charles Volmer, the Vonnegut Hardware Company was one of Indianapolis's most prominent business enterprises. By the 1950s, the company had expanded to multiple locations throughout Marion County and employed hundreds of workers. The success of the company rendered the Vonnegut family one of the most eminent in the area. Clemens was the grandfather of architect Kurt Vonnegut, Sr. and the great-grandfather of author Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

The official company newsletter, the Try-Square, was released monthly. It contained all manner of information relevant to employees: General company reports, anniversary notices, birth and death announcements, introductory biographies of new employees and recaps of company outings and celebrations. [This issue from December 1959](#) includes pictures of the employee Christmas party, an article on inflation titled "The thief who came to dinner" and a poem about the mad rush of Christmas Eve shopping from the perspective of Vonnegut Hardware employees.



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



The Odon Winkelpleck Public Library was recently honored to be the recipient of memorial donations for Everly Kate Montgomery. Montgomery - who loved to ride her bike to the library and check out books with her very own card - tragically died while on vacation with her family this past summer. She was preparing to enter the fourth grade at North Daviess Elementary.

In memory of her friend, Madilynn Johnson sold bracelets to raise money to purchase books to give to the library. Johnson and her mother went shopping and purchased approximately 95 books and donated them to the library. Along with the books, Johnson donated a reading nook that is placed in the Kid's Corner, a garden steppingstone that will be placed in the Pollinator Garden next spring and a memorial plaque.

Using the memorial donations, the Odon Winkelpleck Public Library is preparing to launch Everly's 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge. A poster will be hung in the library to track the progress of everyone who takes on the challenge. Prizes will be awarded for every 100 books read, and a certificate and gift card will be awarded when the challenge is completed. The challenge will launch in early January of 2023.

This newsletter is part of the Indiana State Library's [Company Employee Newsletters collection](#).

### 'Launching TALK in Your Community' webinar scheduled for January 2023



On Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023, from 2-3 p.m., the Indiana State Library, in partnership with the Midwest Collaborative for Library Services, will present "Launching TALK in Your Community."

The free webinar will help attendees get started with TALK: Text and Learn for Kindergarten. Participants will discover how to quickly navigate online toolkits to find promotional materials. They will also receive partnering tips to help them reach parents they might not see at the library. Additionally, attendees will learn how to use the TALK portal to send text messages to caregivers and let them know about upcoming library events.

Presenters are Jodi Krahnke, head of Youth Services, and Angie Martin-Schwarze, TALK Program assistant, both from the Ypsilanti District Library in Michigan.

The webinar is geared toward Indiana public libraries that are interested in - or planning to join - the Indiana TALK pilot group. An introductory webinar about TALK took place Nov. 3 and can be [viewed here](#).

Click [here](#) to read more about TALK and to register. The webinar is eligible for one LEU for Indiana library staff.

### State Library blog



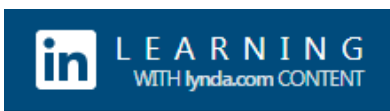
Follow the [Indiana State Library's blog](#) for weekly posts covering all aspects of the State Library.

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](#).

### Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning



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