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Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

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

Crawfordsville District Public Library

[Director of Collections](#)

Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

[Library Services Assistant and Circulation Supervisor](#)

Harold and Wilma Good Library at Goshen College

[Public Services Associate II - West Region Floater](#)

Indianapolis Public Library



The Indiana State Library is pleased to announce Lacey Klemm as its new Northwest regional coordinator.

Before coming to the State Library, Klemm worked for seven years in the reference department at the East Chicago Public Library.

Reader's advisory, research and programming are just a few of Lacey's favorite things about working in public libraries.

She pursued a career as a librarian because of her love of reading.

From her first job as a circulation clerk, she quickly found out that libraries are much more than just books.

"Libraries are the very heart of the community providing an array of resources and support," said Klemm, who earned her Master of Library Science degree from

When: Oct. 26, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[2023 Institutional Library Workshop](#)

When: Oct. 27, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Where: Indiana State Library

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

When: Nov. 2, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Where: Noble County Public Library - Albion Branch

[What's Up Wednesday - The Bridge: Noble County Public Library's Makerspace](#)

When: Nov. 8, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Building an Autism-Friendly Environment](#)

When: Nov. 9, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Webinar

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

When: Nov. 17, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Where: Dubois County Public Library - Jasper Branch

[Webmaster Roundtable](#)

When: Nov. 28, 2-3 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[What's Up Wednesday - Anatomy of a Book Challenge](#)

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

Where: Webinar

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



[New Allen County Public Library system to make browsing catalog easier](#)

Allen County Public Library

['Hear Our Stories: The Life & Afterlife of Incarceration' coming to Carmel library Oct. 21](#)

Carmel Clay Public Library

[The Library of Things: EVPL offers far more than just books](#)

Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

[New music-based storytime coming to HCPL](#)

Hancock County Public Library

Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

She is looking forward to being a “librarian’s librarian” and working hands-on with the libraries in the Northwest Indiana area.

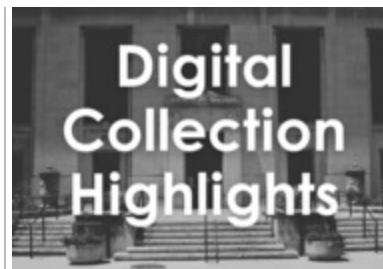
Outside of work, she enjoys whipping up tasty treats in her kitchen, listening to music and getting lost in fictional worlds. She has three published books under her pen name Lacey Ray.

Klemm can be reached at 317-691-5884 or [via email](#).

More than \$7 million in grants to small and rural libraries available

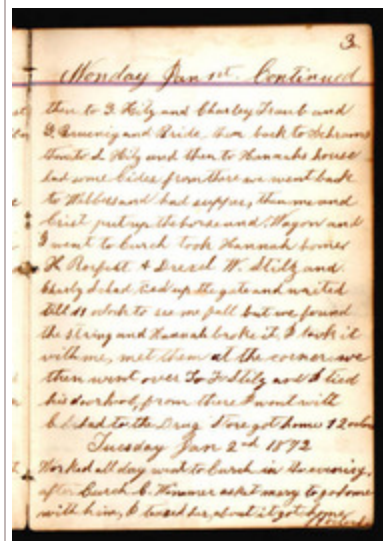


The American Library Association's Association for Rural and Small Libraries, via its Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities program, is currently accepting applications for grants to be used to increase the accessibility



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.

Frank Xavier Zehringer in diaries



Franz "Frank" Xavier Zehringer, born in 1851, was a young, German-American cabinetmaker who lived in Indianapolis from childhood. Following the Revolution of 1848, a

[Imagination Library expands free book program to Spencer County](#)

Imagination Library of Indiana

[Kokomo library to host annual Rudolph Run](#)

Kokomo-Howard County Public Library

[Krannert Memorial Library hosts first Open Mic Night for students to provide a supportive space for the arts](#)

Krannert Memorial Library at University of Indianapolis

[North Manchester Public Library enters reciprocal agreement with South Whitley Community Public Library](#)

North Manchester Public Library

[Willard Library's Grey Lady Ghost Tours are returning as a way of community outreach](#)

Willard Public Library

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

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of facilities, services and programs to improve service to people with disabilities. The grants range from \$10,000 to \$20,000 to be awarded in two rounds over the next three years. A total of \$7 million in finding is available to be distributed.

Participating libraries will first conduct community input-gathering sessions to assure that their work aligns with local needs. Libraries will be required to identify the primary audience they are hoping to reach (e.g., homebound seniors, children with autism, deaf community members, etc.) and facilitate a community conversation with the impacted populations in order to guide the improvement of the library's services. Grantees would then use the funds to create services or improve their facilities based on the needs identified by their audience.

To be eligible, a library must have a legal area population of 25,000 or less and be located at least five miles from an urbanized area, in keeping with the Institute of Museum and Library Services definitions of small and rural libraries.

The deadline to apply is Dec. 11. Click [here](#) to apply.

Click [here](#) to read more about the Association for Rural and Small Libraries, including information on

number of Germans immigrated in the United States and many, like the Zehringers, settled in Indianapolis. These immigrants formed churches and vereine (societies), which often focused on specific interests like education, music, occupation, religion and physical health, to support each other and maintain their cultural identity.

As age 20, Frank Zehringer began keeping a personal diary, writing in English to improve his fluency. The [two diaries](#) in this collection span from Dec. 31, 1871 to Oct. 8, 1873 and describe aspects of Zehringer's daily life, including his work, his social life and the weather. He documented his days among a subset of the city's German immigrant community, mentioning family, friends and acquaintances in his social circle. Of particular interest was his rather tempestuous courtship with Johannah "Hanna" Reichert, whom he married on April 14, 1875.

Many German entrepreneurs, such as Clement Vonnegut, Sr., and Hermann Lieber, became integral parts of the local business community from the 1860s into the 20th century. Zehringer pursued a vocation in woodworking, beginning as a cabinetmaker like his father. Later, he went into business for himself, acquiring commercial premises on Massachusetts Avenue, first



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how to join the organization and on how to support the association.

Indianapolis Public Library local book fair scheduled for Oct. 21



Aspiring authors and fans of local literature are invited to attend "Meet an Author, Be an Author," a book fair hosted by the Indianapolis Public Library. The free all-ages event takes place on Oct. 21, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., at the [Central Library](#).

"The book fair is a chance to explore the local literary scene. We have books suitable for all ages covering a variety of genres, from nonfiction to fantasy," said Jill Edwards, adult program specialist with The Indianapolis Public Library. "We are happy to provide space for local writers to share their work, grow in their craft, and make connections, and for readers to update their personal library."

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet and network with more than 40 authors between 11 a.m.-2 p.m., purchase signed copies of their work and chat with IndyPL book selectors about the process of getting their books reviewed and included the library's collection.

manufacturing lounges and mattresses, then selling picture frames and moldings from 1880 until his death in 1894.

For more personal papers and diaries from past Hoosiers, visit the [Indiana State Library Digital Collections](#).

Youth Services Conference 2024 call for programs now open

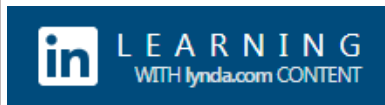


The Indiana Library Federation has announced that the 2024 call for programs is now open for submissions. The Indiana Library Federation and the Youth Services Conference Planning Committee are awaiting program proposals from those who are interested in presenting at the conference. The conference is currently scheduled to take place in March of 2024.

Suggestions for program topics include - but are not limited to - advocacy, book awards, collections, digital resources, education, fundraising, intellectual freedom, outreach, racial justice and inclusion, staff training, strategic planning and wellbeing.

Program times are 15-30 minutes, 45-60 minutes and 90-120 minutes.

Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning



Text and Learn for Kindergarten program information



Guests can also speak with the Indiana Writers Center and the Speed City Sisters in Crime. A new feature this year is a Readings Room, where local authors will give readings from their own books. In addition, between noon-4 p.m., the library is offering nine free workshops about the writing and publishing process.

This event is made possible by Friends of the Library through gifts to the Indianapolis Public Library Foundation.

Click [here](#) to read the full press release from the Indianapolis Public Library, including in-depth descriptions of all nine writing and publishing workshops.

Programs that do not fall into these time blocks should be marked as "other" on the application form. Program formats include group discussion, hands-on experience, panel discussion, Q&A, roundtable, technology demonstration, town hall and traditional presentation.

Click [here](#) to sign in to the Indiana Library Federation website and to submit a program proposal.

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