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'Playing IN Indiana' Statehood Day essay contest now accepting submissions



The Indiana Center for the Book is hosting an essay competition to commemorate Indiana's 207th Statehood Day. This year's theme is "Playing IN Indiana." The Statehood Day Essay Contest takes place annually in the fall and is open to all Indiana fourth graders.

Essays should be well organized and reflective of the theme "Playing IN Indiana." Judges will accept a wide interpretation of the theme. Thematic ideas include

Upcoming workshops and important dates

Difference is You Conference When: Sept. 15, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Where: Indiana State Library

Every Child Ready to Read and School Readiness in Storytime When: Sept. 21, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Central Time Where: Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

Fair Use Deep Dive: Exploring the Four Factors

When: Sept. 26, 10-11 a.m. Where: Webinar

Webmaster Roundtable

When: Sept. 26, 2-4 p.m. Where: Bedford Public Library and virtual

<u>What's Up Wednesday - The Indiana</u> <u>State Library's Digital Collection</u> <u>Overview</u> Wednesday Word | September 13, 2023

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This week's new Indiana library jobs

<u>Library Tech</u> Indiana State Library

<u>Public Services Associate II (parttime)</u> Indianapolis Public Library

<u>Public Services Librarian - Adult</u> <u>Focus</u> Indianapolis Public Library

<u>Public Services Librarian - Juvenile</u> <u>Focus</u> Indianapolis Public Library

<u>Marketing Specialist</u> St. Joseph County Public Library

<u>Assistant Director</u> Westchester Public Library

<u>Cataloger (part-time)</u> 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 <u>here</u> for submission guidelines and to submit.

In the news

Indiana sports, recreation in Indiana's parks, playing music, visiting amusement parks and more.

Winners of the essay contest will be honored on Friday, Dec. 8 or on Monday, Dec. 11 at an in-person ceremony at the Indiana Statehouse. The winners will be expected to record their essays as well.

This year, each winner - first place through fourth place - will receive a CollegeChoice 529 deposit of \$529 made possible by the Indiana Education Savings Authority.

The essay contest rules are as follows:

- The competition is open to any Indiana fourth grade public, private or homeschooled student in the 2023-24 school year.

- A panel of judges, including Indiana State Library staff and volunteer educators, will choose the first, second, third and fourth place winners.

- Essays must range from 100 to 300 words; handwritten or typed and must be submitted with an entry form.

- Individual entries should use the <u>2023 individual entry form</u> and class sets should use the <u>2023</u> <u>group entry form</u>. The following information should be included on each essay for class sets: student name, teacher name and school name.

- All entries may be mailed or emailed and must be received by Friday, Oct. 27, 2023.

- Mailed entry forms can be sent to: Indiana Center for the Book Indiana State Library 140 N. Senate Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46204. When: Sept. 27, 10-11 a.m. Where: Webinar

Every Child Ready to Read and School Readiness in Storytime When: Oct. 5, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Where: St. Joe County Public Library

<u>Professional Development</u> <u>Roundtable</u> When: Oct. 5, 2-3 p.m. Where: Webinar

Every Child Ready to Read and School Readiness in Storytime When: Oct. 11, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Where: Johnson County Public Library - Clark Pleasant Branch

<u>What's Up Wednesday -</u> <u>International Game Month Plans</u> When: Oct. 11, 10-11 a.m. Where: Webinar

Discovery to Delivery 2023 When: Oct. 13, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Where: Indiana State Library

Every Child Ready to Read and School Readiness in Storytime When: Oct. 17, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Where: Anderson Public Library

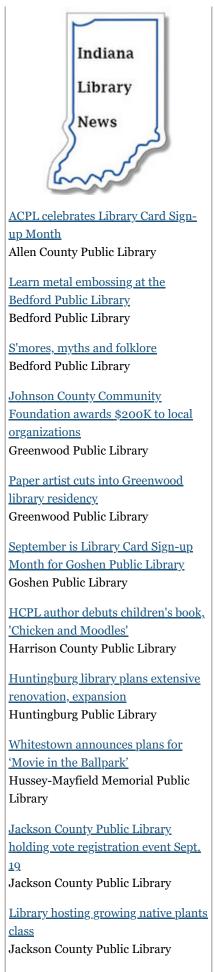
<u>What's Up Wednesday: INSPIRE for</u> <u>Youth Services</u> When: Oct. 25, 10-11 a.m. Where: Webinar

<u>2023 Annual Report and</u> <u>Bookkeeping Workshop - In-person</u> When: Oct. 26, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Where: Indiana State Library

<u>2023 Annual Report and</u> <u>Bookkeeping Workshop - Online</u> When: Oct. 26, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Where: Webinar

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

<u>What's Up Wednesday - The Bridge:</u> <u>Noble County Public Library's</u> <u>Makerspace</u>



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- Emailed entry forms can be sent to <u>this email address</u> as an attachment.

Click <u>here</u> for more information about the 2023 Statehood Day essay contest, including lesson plans for teachers, and to view the 2021 winning essays.

Please contact <u>Suzanne Walker</u>, Indiana Center for the Book director, with any questions.

Pro wrestlers help celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month at Aurora Public Library District as library goes fine-free



Professional wrestlers from the Tri-State Wrestling promotion were on hand earlier this month to help the Aurora Public Library District celebrate <u>Library Card</u> <u>Sign-up Month</u>.

Signing up for a library card is "as easy as 1, 2, 3" and the library will reward patrons who sign up throughout the month of September. Each time someone shows their Aurora Public Library District library card at one of the library's branches during the month of September, they will earn a ticket for a chance to win a prize. New members who register for a library card this month will receive an extra ticket to enter for prizes.

Additionally, the Tri-State Wrestling wrestlers will return to the library's main branch for a photo opportunity and a question When: Nov. 8, 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 <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u> and feel free to leave comments and suggestions.

Back to school with GovDocs



With more than a month of school behind them, many Indiana students are gearing up for big assignments. Not surprisingly, the United States Government offers an array of resources, geared to help students with these projects and to help teachers with everyday lesson plans.

Each year, students across Indiana participate in National History Day, which is sponsored by a nonprofit organization and engages students in the study of history, be it local or international. Winners from each state gather in College Park, Maryland, to compete for national awards. This year's theme is Turning Points in History and invites

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<u>Register for Mini Masterpiece</u> <u>Contest</u> Milford Public Library

<u>'Terrific' friends come together for</u> <u>community reading project</u> Muncie Public Library

<u>September is National Library Card</u> <u>Sign-Up Month</u> North Webster Community Public Library

<u>New Community Center coming to</u> <u>Rushville</u> Rushville Public Library

<u>Sheridan Public Library celebrates</u> <u>Card Sign-up Month</u> Sheridan Public Library

<u>Martin County to Receive \$500,000</u> <u>for Shoals Library Upgrades</u> Shoals Public Library

<u>Sign up for a library card this month</u> Syracuse Public Library

Is your library making news?

<u>Email</u> news links for inclusion in the Wednesday Word's "In the news" section.

To be featured in the Wednesday Word, please <u>email</u> a press release and a photo.



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and answer session with the public on <u>Oct. 19 at 6 p.m.</u>

September also marks the beginning of the Aurora Public Library System going fine-free. As of Sept. 1, the library is no longer charging overdue fines for late items and is wiping all overdue fines from all existing accounts. The fine-free policy applies to all overdue items including books, magazines, DVDs, Blu-Rays and audiobooks.

Existing overdue fines will be waived from patrons' accounts, meaning that any fines on an account from late items will be removed, and all patrons will have a clean slate. However, existing fines for lost or damaged items cannot be waived; only overdue fines.

Patrons will still be charged the cost of the item if the item is lost or damaged. Users are responsible for returning items in a timely manner. Items are considered lost once they are four months past the original due date.

Please reach out to the library at 812-926-0646 with any questions regarding the new fine-free policy.

'Promoting Your Federal Documents Collection' webinar scheduled for Sept. 27

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On Wednesday, Sept. 27, from 2-3 p.m. Eastern Time, the Federal Depository Library Program will present "Promoting Your Federal Documents Collection."

Presenters Brent Abercrombie of the Indiana State Library and Emily Alford of the Herman B Wells Library at Indiana students to consider the question of change. The National Archive has a <u>website</u> dedicated to National History Day.

Science Fairs are another big part of the school year. The United States Government offers a variety of information at <u>Open Science</u>, a website created with the hope to encourage students in the pursuit of science by making all manner of research available "while respecting diverse cultures, maintaining security and privacy, and fostering collaborations, reproducibility and equity."

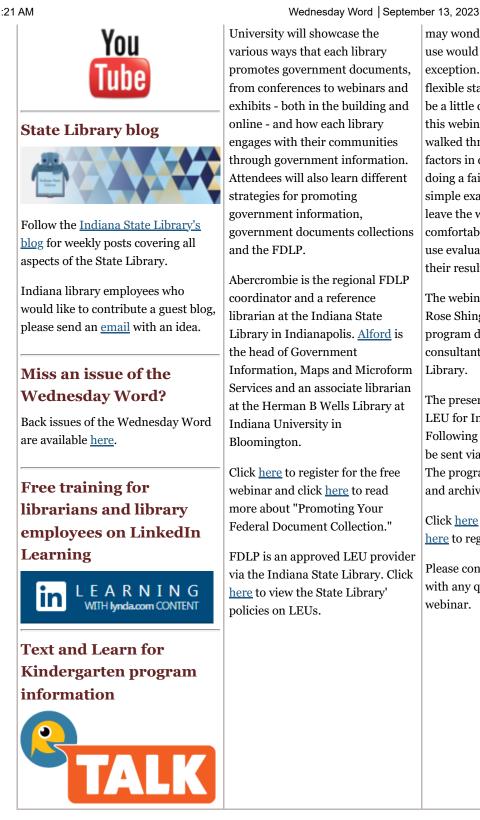
The Federal Government is also there for the everyday projects, with sites dedicated to <u>getting started</u> <u>with primary resources, math, art</u> and <u>physcial education</u>.

'Fair Use Deep Dive: Exploring the Four Factors' webinar scheduled for Sept. 26



On Tuesday, Sept. 26, from 10-11 a.m., the Indiana State Library will present "Fair Use Deep Dive: Exploring the Four Factors." This webinar will explore the legal aspects of fair use and libraries.

Librarians often want to use materials protected by copyright in library programming or when providing library service. When the protected work isn't in the public domain and a license can't reasonably be obtained, libraries



may wonder whether the intended use would fall under the fair use exception. Fair use is a fact-sensitive, flexible standard, so applying it may be a little daunting and confusing. In this webinar, attendees will be walked through the four fair use factors in detail and then practice doing a fair use analysis using a simple example. Participants will leave the webinar feeling more comfortable with conducting a fair use evaluation and documenting their results.

The webinar will be presented by Rose Shingledecker, certification program director and legal consultant at the Indiana State Library.

The presentation is eligible for one LEU for Indiana library staff. Following the webinar, the LEU will be sent via email to each attendee. The program will also be recorded and archived.

Click <u>here</u> to read more and click <u>here</u> to register via Zoom.

Please contact <u>Rose Shingledecker</u> with any questions about the webinar.

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