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### Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

[Assistant Library Manager](#)  
Allen County Public Library

[Head of Special Collections](#)  
Butler University Libraries

[Branch Librarian](#)  
Delphi Public Library

[Technical Services Manager](#)  
Hancock County Public Library

### Midwest Archives Conference Fall Symposium scheduled for Oct. 14-15 at State Library



The Midwest Archives Conference's Fall 2022 Symposium is set to take place at the Indiana State Library on Oct. 14-15.

The Symposium Organizing Committee is inviting students, archivists, librarians and museum professionals of all experience levels to celebrate MAC's 50 anniversary. The theme for this year's symposium is "Driving Outreach to Victory Lane."

Attendees are invited to take a pit stop in Indianapolis, the car racing capital of the world, for a tune-up on outreach and to discover successful methods to engage their audiences. Outreach topics will be split among multiple speakers. Sessions include "Assessing the Need for Outreach," "Modes of Inreach and Outreach," "Peer Idea Presentations," "Outreach in Practice" and more.

Registration for MAC members is \$150; registration for Society of Indiana Archivists members is \$125 for the first 30 SIA members who register; registration for non-members is \$175; and registration for students is \$75. Click [here](#) to register. Registration fees cover attendance to the symposium, two continental breakfasts, one box lunch and break snacks. Registration closes on Sept. 23.

### Upcoming workshops and important dates

#### [Difference is You Conference](#)

When: Sept. 23, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Where: Indiana State Library

#### [Certification Update: Lots to Like About Our New Rules](#)

When: Sept. 27, 10-11 a.m.  
Where: Webinar

#### [What's Up Wednesday: Beginner's Guide to Being in Charge](#)

When: Sept. 28, 10-11 a.m.  
Where: Webinar

#### [Discovery to Delivery 2022](#)

When: Oct. 7, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Where: Indiana State Library

#### [What's Up Wednesday - Get INSPIRED](#)

When: Oct. 12, 10-11 a.m.  
Where: Webinar

#### [Teen Services: Connected Learning Self-paced Course VIRTUAL](#)

[Welcome/Orientation Session](#)  
When: Oct. 18, 1:30-2:30 p.m.  
Where: Webinar

#### [Genealogy and Local History Fair](#)

When: Oct. 22, 10 a.m. -3:30 p.m.  
Where: Indiana State Library

#### [Philosophy and Children's Literature](#)

When: Oct. 25, 2-3 p.m.  
Where: Webinar

#### [What's Up Wednesday](#)

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

#### [Media Mentorship for Youth Services](#)

When: Oct. 27, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Where: Webinar

#### [What's Up Wednesday - Get INSPIRED: New Features in EBSCO Databases](#)

When: Nov. 9, 10-11 a.m.  
Where: Webinar

#### [Teen Services: Connected Learning Self-Paced Course Wrap-up](#)

[Adult Community Engagement Librarian](#)  
Monroe County Public Library

[Children's Community Engagement Librarian](#)  
Monroe County Public Library

[Payroll Assistant \(part-time\)](#)  
Monroe County Public Library

[Teen Librarian](#)  
Monroe County Public Library

[Adult Services Librarian](#)  
Speedway 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



[Checking out what's new at the library](#)  
Allen County Public Library

[Rare items from Lincoln collection now on display](#)  
Allen County Public Library

[Free mental health services expanded in rural communities through state, IU partnership](#)  
Bedford Public Library, Pike County Public Library, Salem Public Library and Sullivan County Public Library

[Brownstown library board holding public meeting](#)  
Brownstown Public Library

[EPL announces fall Curbside Concert series](#)  
Elkhart Public Library

[New library cards available](#)  
Hancock County Public Library

[Ness Fund supports seed library in Ligonier](#)  
Ligonier Public Library

[Sherlock Holmes exhibit featured in Lilly Library](#)  
Lilly Library at Indiana University

[Three Indiana universities receive PALNI library grant](#)  
Private Academic Library Network of Indiana

[Sheridan Public Library celebrates Library Card Sign-up Month](#)  
Sheridan Public Library

[SJC Public Library offering free tutoring, study resources this school year](#)  
St. Joseph County Public Library

The Indiana State Library is located at 315 W. Ohio St. in downtown Indianapolis.

The symposium is eligible for up to nine LEUs for Indiana library staff.

Click [here](#) for more information about MAC's Fall 2022 Symposium, including scheduled session times, a pre-conference workshop description, presenter biographies, COVID protocols, travel accommodation details and more.

Please contact [Bethany Fiechter](#), committee co-chair, with any questions about the Fall 2022 Symposium.

### Indiana Humanities seeking host organizations for Indiana Author Awards workshops



Indiana Humanities, with the support of Glick Philanthropies, arranges each year for Indiana writers to speak at libraries, schools and other cultural organizations across the state as part of the Indiana Authors Award program.

This year, Indiana Humanities will select up to 10 host organizations to participate in Indiana Authors Awards Writing Workshops. The program is open to public libraries, schools, churches, museums, community centers, correctional facilities and other nonprofit organizations.

Events must take place between Oct. 1, 2022 and Aug. 31, 2023 and can be in-person or virtual. Organizations select their top three writer choices during the application process and are then matched by Indiana Humanities. In addition to paying the writers' fees, Indiana Humanities will provide participating organizations with resources such as a communications toolkit, a press release template and graphics for social media promotion. Participating organizations are responsible for working with writers to schedule engagements and cover any travel expenses.

The deadline for host site applications is Friday, Sept. 16. Those interested can click [here](#) to apply. Host site applicants will be notified of their acceptance and writer match on Sept. 30.

Please contact [Hailey DeWolf](#), St. events associate at Indiana

### Discussion

When: Nov. 15, 1:30-3 p.m.  
Where: Webinar

[All Together Now! CSLP 2023 Training and Roundtable - All Ages](#)  
When: Nov. 29, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Where: Logansport-Cass County Public Library

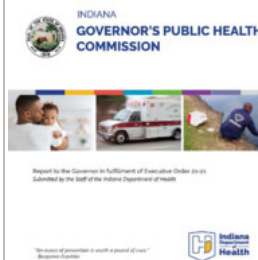
[All Together Now! CSLP 2023 Training and Roundtable - All Ages](#)  
When: Dec. 6, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Where: Tippecanoe County Public Library

[CSLP's Summer Symposium - Free National Virtual Conference on Summer Reading](#)  
When: Dec. 8, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Where: Webinar



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.

### Governor's Commission on Public Health



Within the past month, the [Governor's Commission on Public Health](#) submitted its [final report](#). The Commission was created by Governor Holcomb with [Executive Order 21-21](#) issued Aug. 18, 2021.

The Commission concluded its final meeting on June 30 and adopted this report and its findings with instructions to the Indiana Department of Health staff to submit it on behalf of the Commission.

More information about the Commission, including a recording of the news briefing about the final

[Westfield Library Foundation to hold book shelving ceremony](#)  
Westfield Washington Public Library

[Indiana State Library American Rescue Plan Act Grant for Williamsport Public Library](#)  
Williamsport Public Library

### 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



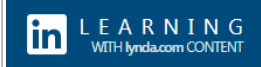
Follow the [Indiana State Library's blog](#) for weekly posts covering all aspects of the State Library.

Indiana library employees who would like to contribute a guest blog, please send an [email](#) with an idea.

### Miss an issue of the Wednesday Word?

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

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



Humanities, with any questions or concerns.

### Remembering Vickey Freeland, former Owen County Public Library director



Former Owen County Public Library director Vickey Freeland died on July 28. Current library director, Ginger Kohr, recently shared a blog post in which she remembered Freeland.

"Vickey became director at OCPL just as the transition was being made from the old Carnegie Library to the new Montgomery Street address. The story of obtaining grocery carts to move the books because hiring a mover was considered too costly by the board has become a Vickey Freeland legend that is told every time the subject comes up.

"By the time I was hired, 16 years later, she had plans and ideas for the future that she was anxious to pass on to me. The remodel that had converted this building from a bank into a library in 1997 did not cover many basic problems with the building, and she encouraged me to take advantage of the opportunity we had to remodel again to replace aging mechanicals, plumbing and other problems, but also to move into the future of library needs and processes. She taught me to keep looking to the future.

"I only got to spend a few days with Vickey, but I filled a notebook with the information she wanted to leave with me. In addition to the days I spent in her office with her, she invited me to attend a board meeting and the staff Christmas dinner. I did, and I did my best to observe how she interacted with the staff and the board."

Read the full, unedited blog post [here](#).

report, past meeting agendas, minutes and recordings are on the [Commission's website](#).

### Westfield Washington Public Library creates immersive ocean experience



When the 2022 Collaborative Summer Library Program's Summer Reading Program theme of "Oceans of Possibilities" was announced, the staff at the Westfield Washington Public Library decided to take the opportunity to create a truly immersive "underwater" experience within their library. Librarians transformed what was once a leveled story time and movie viewing room into the Library Lagoon, a sensory-friendly underwater cave. Thanks to nearby Grace Church's recent stage production of "A Little Mermaid," library staff was able to borrow underwater props and decorative items. The props were incorporated into a complete 3D ocean-themed environment from floor to ceiling.

Children could explore the Library Lagoon whenever they visited the library. They could see underwater creatures and plant life and watch ocean-themed movies, as well as an underwater YouTube channel on the big screen. A large dolphin was suspended from the ceiling, surrounded by dangling jellyfish, and sunken treasure chests and coral reefs lined the room. Blue lights bathed the room with a moody underwater glow.

Related programming included a visit from the 43-foot Whalemobile, ocean-themed trivia nights, beach-themed craft programs and even a teen escape room with an underwater treasure theme. The response from the public was very enthusiastic, and their smiles were frequently captured in the library's two selfie photo booths, decorated with kayaks and more colorful underwater backdrops.

Click to [here](#) to view photos from the Library Lagoon.

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