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‘Living IN Indiana’ Statehood Day essay contest now accepting submissions

The Indiana Center for the Book is hosting an essay competition to commemorate Indiana’s 206th Statehood Day. This year’s theme is “Living 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 “Living IN Indiana.” Judges will accept a wide interpretation of the theme. Thematic ideas include Indiana’s people, seasons, landforms, plant...
Indiana library jobs

This week's new Indiana library jobs

**Librarian**
Allen County Public Library

**Head of Cataloging and Discovery Services**
Ball State University

**Customer Service Manager**
Brownsburg Public Library

**Library Director**
Clayton-Liberty Township Public Library

**Public Services Associate II**
Indianapolis Public Library

**Public Services Librarian - Adult Focus**
Indianapolis Public Library

**Supervisor Librarian - Juvenile Focus**
Indianapolis Public Library

**Head of Finance**
Kokomo-Howard County Public Library

**Senior Information Assistant**
Monroe County Public Library

**Assistant Director**
Nappanee Public Library

**Circulation Clerk (part-time)**
Roachdale-Franklin Township Public Library

and animal life, social and cultural groups and even food and fun activities.

Winners of the essay contest will be honored on Friday, Dec. 9 or on Monday, Dec. 12 at an in-person ceremony at one of four participating locations: the Indiana Statehouse, the Indiana State Library, the Indiana State Museum or the Indiana Historical Society. The winners will be expected to record their essays as well.

This year's contest features increased prize amounts. The first-place winner receives a CollegeChoice 529 deposit of $529, the second-place winner receives a CollegeChoice 529 deposit of $250, the third-place winner receives a CollegeChoice 529 deposit of $200 and the fourth-place winner receives a CollegeChoice 529 deposit of $150.

The essay contest rules are as follows:

- The competition is open to any Indiana fourth grade public, private or homeschooled student in the 2022-23 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 2022 individual entry form and class sets should use the 2022 group entry form. 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

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

**Annual Report and Bookkeeping Workshop**
When: Nov. 10, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Where: Indiana State Library and webinar

**All Together Now! CSLP 2023 Training and Roundtable - All Ages**
When: Nov. 9, 10-11 a.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
Program and Event Manager
Vigo County 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

Allen County Public Library celebrates freedom to read with Banned Books Week
Allen County Public Library

Library seeks dialogue on complaints about teen section content, protests about censorship
Bartholomew County Public Library

Carmel Clay Public Library invites you to Grand Reopening
Carmel Clay Public Library

Carmel Clay Public Library to unveil art piece by Walter Knabe
Carmel Clay Public Library

Open house honors retiring library executive director
Eckhart Public Library

EVPL display honors Queen Elizabeth II
Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

Frankfort library hosts program on censuses
Frankfort Community Public Library

Statehouse History Walk: Almost 100 years ago, the state’s library moved

Friday, Oct. 21, 2022.

- Mailed entry forms can be sent to: Indiana Center for the Book Indiana State Library 140 N. Senate Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46204.

- Emailed entry forms can be sent to this email address as an attachment.

Click here for more information about the 2022 Statehood Day essay contest, including lesson plans for teachers, and to view the 2021 winning essays.

Please contact Suzanne Walker, Indiana Center for the Book director, with any questions.

Registration now open for 2022 Annual Report and Bookkeeping Workshop

Registration is now open for the 2022 Annual Report and Bookkeeping Workshop for public library directors, business managers, bookkeepers, treasurers and library trustees. This year’s workshop will be held on Thursday, Nov. 10, both in person and via Zoom. The workshop includes a presentation on the 2022 Annual Report for Public Libraries, as well as an update from the State Board of Accounts on end of year actions and financial and budgetary changes that will be helpful in the accounting process.

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.

Photographs from Camp Atterbury during World War II

The Indiana State Library has a collection of nearly 300 photographs documenting life at Camp Atterbury in the midst of World War II. 2nd lt. William J. Moriarty, Sr. took the snapshots in the course of his duties in the U.S. Signal Corps while stationed there in 1943. Many of his photographs were published in The Atterbury Crier, later The Camp Crier, the base’s weekly newspaper.

Of particular note are the photographs depicting the transition from the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps to the Women’s Army Corps. The WAAC was created on May 15, 1942, allowing women to serve as support personnel to the American military. It was converted to the WAC, the official women’s branch of the U.S. Army with active-
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

The schedule is as follows:
- 9:30-11:30 a.m.: 2022 Annual Report for Public Libraries. The session will begin with a quick summary of updates for those who have previously completed a report, followed by detailed completion instructions for all others. Participants are welcome to leave after the summary, but will not be eligible for LEUs for the morning session.
- 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.: Lunch break
- 1-3 p.m.: State Board of Accounts updates.

Please note that all times are Eastern.

Click here to register for the in-person workshop and click here to register for the virtual workshop.

Up to four LEUs are available for Indiana library staff. Handouts and a recording, when available, will be posted here.

Please contact Hayley Trefun, public library consultant at the Indiana State Library, with any questions about the 2022 Annual Report and Bookkeeping Workshop.

CSLP committee volunteer drive open until Oct. 3

The Collaborative Summer Library Program is currently seeking 2023 committee volunteers.

While the duties vary, committee obligations generally run for one calendar year, and are renewable up to five times. All committee work is done virtually; either through email, or through phone or online meetings. Attending the

duty status, on July 1, 1943.

Members of the 3561st Service Unit at Camp Atterbury formally became active duty servicemembers in the WAC in an oath-swearing ceremony on Aug. 10, 1943.

The photograph above shows eight WACs from the Medical Section of the 3561st Service Unit playing with one of the corps’ mascots. The beagle is most likely “Corporal Khaki.”

The entire collection is available online in the Indiana State Library’s Digital Collections.

PALNI awards Library Innovation Grants to 3 supported institutions

The Private Academic Library Network of Indiana has awarded grants to the libraries of three of its institutions to support their innovative ideas for enhancing student learning and success.

DePauw University, Taylor University and the University of Saint Francis are the 2022 recipients of the PALNI Library Innovation Grant - an award that funds programs, projects and initiatives that align with PALNI strategic priorities and support deep collaboration throughout the consortium.

“PALNI Library Innovation Grants aim to optimize library resources and services in ways that significantly expand the ability of PALNI schools to support teaching and learning at their institutions,” said Kirsten Leonard, PALNI
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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**Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning**

[LinkedIn Learning](#)

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CSLP Annual Meeting is not required.

Most CSLP committees are open to all, however some have limited seats or require previous CSLP experience. For example, the Manual Idea Selection committees have limited seats, and the Budget Committee requires previous CSLP experience.

For a list and info about each committee, click [here](#). For more information about volunteering, click [here](#).

The sign-up period for the 2023 calendar year ends on Oct. 3.

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executive director. “This year’s grant recipients submitted projects that the review committee believes will have a lasting impact on student success and retention across supported organizations. We look forward to seeing the results of their innovative ideas.”

Proposals are evaluated and selected for funding based on their creativity, clearly defined and measurable objectives, replicability by other PALNI institutions and long-term sustainability. The projects are supported for up to one year, with recipients expected to present their results and share ideas for further collaboration and innovation across PALNI forums at the end of the granting period.

Click [here](#) to read the full PALNI press release, including an overview of the funded proposals.