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## PDO Offers Multitude of Workshops at Your Library

There are many professional development opportunities for library professionals these days. Unfortunately, many of these are either too far, or more likely, too expensive for the average public library. Did you know the Indiana State Library's Professional Development Office has a vast [catalogue of LEU-approved courses](#), instructed by PDO staff and available right at your library? From Inspire training to customer service and emerging technologies to book clubs, the PDO's four regional library consultants cover the entire crosshatch of the state and look forward to offering these **free** learning opportunities to library professionals in your community.



Those interested in scheduling a PDO workshop locally should **contact** their regional library consultant. If you are uncertain of your regional consultant or the recently redrafted regional boundaries, please refer to this [regional coverage map](#).

If a topic is not covered in the PDO catalogue feel free to discuss potential courses with your regional consultant and don't forget to check out the online learning opportunities from [Lyrisis](#) and [WebJunction Indiana](#). These resources offer hundreds of unique courses all of which have been paid for the Indiana State Library just for Hoosier library professionals.

## California "Story Map" also Relevant to Indiana's Public Libraries



The California State Library recently released an infographic document designed to help libraries reframe their stories of why they are even more relevant in today's highly technological society. "[The Emerging Story of California Public Libraries](#)" summarizes the ways public libraries have adapted to the society's needs in the 21st century. These include: providing material and digital access to everyone; serving as a collector of information for future generations; connecting people, places, and ideas in communities; supporting the discovery of new information; and becoming a hub to help communities be creators of content.

The story map, published under Creative Commons license, includes a universal message that can be used as a template by libraries around the country.

## ALA Accepting Applications for Oral History Programming Grants

The American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office, in partnership with StoryCorps, is accepting applications from public libraries interested in hosting "[StoryCorps @ your library](#)" programs. Funded by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, "StoryCorps" seeks to bring StoryCorps' popular interview methods to libraries while developing a replicable model of oral history programming.



In February, ten pilot sites will be selected to receive: a **\$2,500 stipend** for project-related expenses; a **toolkit** of written and online customizable program and promotional support materials; a **StoryKit** (a customized set of professional recording equipment) to use to record on-site interviews during the grant period and retain for future use after the close of the pilot project; and a **two-day in-person training** by StoryCorps staff at the library site to orient volunteers and library staff to interview collection, digital recording techniques and archiving interviews in StoryCorps' proprietary database.

Local libraries will retain copies of all interviews and preservation copies will also be deposited with the Library of Congress. The deadline for applications is Jan. 18. Program guidelines, online application and more information are available at [www.programminglibrarian.org/storycorps](http://www.programminglibrarian.org/storycorps).

## Proposals Sought for Resource-Sharing Conference

The Academic Libraries of Indiana and the Indiana State Library **seek presentation proposals** for [Discovery to Delivery IV: Connecting the Community](#) - a free resource-sharing conference to be held at Ball State University on March 8, 2013 from 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM.

Presentations should be approximately 30-35 minutes in length with an additional 10 minutes at the end of each session for questions and discussion.

The conference is open to all Indiana libraries, and is attended by representatives from academic, public, and special libraries.

## Upcoming Workshops, Events & Important Dates

### Every Child Ready to Read Workshop

When: January 8 @ 9:30 AM

Where: Harrison Co. Public Library

### NE Indiana YA Roundtable

When: January 7 @ 10:00 AM

Where: Wells Co. Public Library

### SE Indiana YA Roundtable

When: January 17 @ 10:00 AM

Where: Greensburg-Decatur Co. Public Library

### Every Child Ready to Read Workshop

When: January 25 @ 10:00 AM

Where: Aurora Public Library

### Digital Learning Day

When: February 6, 2013 (all day)

Where: Across the Nation

### Discovery to Delivery IV: Connecting the Community

When: March 8 @ 9:00 AM

Where: Ball State University

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