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State Library to Renew Our Heroes' Tree Project



Registration is now open for the 2012 *Our Heroes' Tree* initiative. The Indiana State Library has assumed statewide administration of the popular program with support from the **Military Family Research Institute**, which hosted the program through 2010.

Our Heroes' Tree is a national initiative founded to recognize and honor sacrifices made by the families of current and past service members. The goal of the project to support the efforts of military members and their families while providing military related programming for all ages.

The “**virtual heroes tree**” will once again be back. This virtual tree allows for families to electronically hang ornaments with a picture of a loved one who is serving our country. The ornaments help to raise awareness of those deployed and show continued support for the United States military.

Participating libraries are welcome to create their own programming for *Our Heroes' Tree* and take a look at these **reader recommendations**. Some past programs that have been

Indiana Librarians Converge at State Park for Leadership Academy

Dozens of Indiana librarians convened at the Canyon Inn at McCormick's Creek State Park for the inaugural Indiana Library Leadership Academy. The Academy was designed to prepare future library leaders for 21st-Century challenges and to identify and predict changes in the industry, the community they serve, and the needs of their stakeholders.

The five-day workshop kicks off the 10-month academy, which concludes with a capstone project. Stay tuned to next week's *The Wednesday Word* for a complete recap of this week's activities. More information about the academy is available **online**.

Upcoming Workshops, Events & Important Dates

The New Director's Workshop originally scheduled for Aug. 2 has been

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implemented by libraries throughout Indiana include adopting a soldier or platoon, assisting military families to set up a family blog, patriotic crafting ideas for children, writing letters to veterans, and hosting workshops for veterans to interact with the community.

Join Historical & Cultural Organizations at State Fair

 [Hoosier Heritage Day at the State Fair](#)

Courtesy of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources

On August 9, learn about Hoosier history at the annual **Hoosier Heritage Day** at the **Indiana State Fair**. Sponsored by 12 state agencies and three statewide not-for-profits, the entire day has been devoted to Indiana history.

Fairgoers can meet re-enactors portraying Madame C.J. Walker, President Abraham Lincoln, and Raggedy Anne. After talking with the re-enactors, attendees can play a history trivia game, try on an Indiana Supreme Court Judge's robe, or put together a State House puzzle. Attendees can learn more about Hoosier participation in all U.S. wars by talking with historical re-enactors or by visiting with the staff at the Indiana War Memorial. Finally, take a trip on one of the architectural trolley tours and learn about the history and beauty of the buildings at the State Fair.

War of 1812 Content Sought for Poster Contest

rescheduled for Aug. 16.

Databases & the Common Core

When: August 2 @ 9:00 AM

When: September 11 @ 4:00 PM

Where: Live Online

Director's Refresher Workshop

When: August 8 @ 8:00 AM

Where: Indiana State Library

Gale Virtual Reference Library eBooks from Inspire

When: August 15 @ 9:30 AM

Where: Live Online

New Director's Workshop

When: August 16 @ 8:00 AM

Where: Indiana State Library

She Blinded Me With Library Science (Certification Workshop)

When: August 21 @ 10:00 AM

Where: Live Online

CYPD 2012 Conference


When: August 26 & 27

Where: Indianapolis Marriott East

Association for Library Service to Children National Institute

When: September 20-22

Where: Sheraton Indy City Centre Hotel

The  [Indiana Archives Month](#) Indiana Archives Month Committee is requesting high-resolution images of paintings, manuscripts, artifacts or documents for use in the design of the 2012 Indiana Archives Month poster. The Archives Month Committee seeks historically-significant submissions relating to both Indiana and the bicentennial of the War of 1812. All submissions must be turned into the Indiana State Historic Records Advisory Board at shrab@icpr.in.gov no later than August 20, 2012.

Indiana Vision Expo & Vision Walk

When: September 29 @ 9:30 AM

Where: Indiana State Library

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