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Library Leadership Academy Coming Back for 3rd Consecutive Year

This spring, the Indiana State Library will be accepting applications for the 2014 Leadership Academy. This is a competitive selection process requiring completion of an online application, as well as submission of 3 professional reference letters.



Selected applicants will be invited to a week-long learning opportunity with a keynote and local speakers and your colleagues in public, academic, school and special libraries. Participation involves a 3-year commitment to the program's projects, meetings, and Professional Development Committee membership. Hotel accommodations (including breakfasts and lunches) are included in the \$150 tuition.

The State Library's Professional Development Committee established the Academy to prepare emerging library leaders for 21st-Century challenges. Future and current library leaders of all backgrounds, with all kinds of experience, and in all types of libraries are encouraged to apply for the 3rd-annual program.

Continue to watch *The Wednesday Word*, INpublib listserv or [ILLA webpage](#) for additional details and instructions.

Black History Month Resources Available on INSPIRE

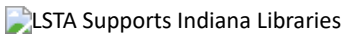


Biography In Context offers dozens of unique and comprehensive resources for Black History Month and is available free through [INSPIRE](#). The "African Americans" topic portal provides easy access to biographies on prominent African

Americans associated with the arts, business, current events, entertainment, government, history, literature, multicultural studies, politics, science, and sports.

[Biography in Context](#) delivers Gale's authoritative reference content of more than 600,000 biographies on more than 500,000 people gathered from more than 170 award-winning Gale reference sources. Most entries integrate enhanced content like video, audio, podcasts, interactives and more that provide a richer multi-media, online experience for today's learners, educators and librarians.

LSTA Grant Opportunities Focus on Technology, Bicentennial

The Indiana State Library Development  Office opened the application process for the 2014 LSTA grant program. The 2014 applications must be received by 4:00 PM EST on Friday, March 14th, 2014 and include the following opportunities for Indiana libraries and historical and cultural organizations:

- **Technology Grants:** [Technology Grants](#) help Indiana libraries provide their users with the new and improved technology necessary to meet their residents' ever-changing needs for library services and access to information.
- **Digitization Grants:** The theme for the [2014 Digitization Grant Program](#) is *The Indiana Bicentennial*. While adherence to the theme is not required, projects incorporating this theme are encouraged.

Sign Up to Volunteer for PLA in Indy by Jan. 31st

The PLA 2014 Conference is coming to Indianapolis March 11 – 14 and volunteers are being sought to serve as greeters, ambassadors, and more to ensure that out-of-state public library professionals get the most out of their experience. Volunteers who aren't registered for the Conference can receive some enticing benefits courtesy of PLA.

Simply complete the [PLA Volunteer Interest Form](#) and submit by January 31, 2014 to apply.

Upcoming Workshops & Important Dates

Medical Resources on INSPIRE

When: Throughout January 2014
Where: Live Online

INSPIRE Webinars from Gale

When: Now through April
Where: Live Online

2014 CSLP Training: 0-12

When: Multiple Dates
Where: Multiple Locations

2014 CSLP Training: 13-Adult

When: Multiple Dates
Where: Multiple Locations

Rock Star Librarian Training

When: Multiple Dates
Where: Multiple Locations

Digital Learning Day

When: February 5
Where: Nationwide

PLA Conference

When: March 11 -15
Where: Indiana Convention Center


LSTA Grant Applications Due

When: March 14 @ 4:00 PM

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When: April 25 @ 9:00 AM
Where: Indianapolis PL - Central

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If you have questions about your eligibility, a grant application requirement, or anything else concerning 2014 LSTA grant opportunities, please contact the Library Development Office at LDO@library.in.gov or (800) 451-6028. Visit the [LSTA homepage](#) to learn more how LSTA grants support Indiana libraries.

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