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## Hoosier Students Invited to Enter Writing/Poetry/Art Contests

### Letters About Literature



**Entry forms** for the '13-'14 Letters About Literature contest are now available on the [Indiana Center for the Book's website](#). The national reading-writing competition calls for students to write a personal letter to an author, living or dead, from any genre (fiction or nonfiction, contemporary or classic, etc.) explaining how that author's work changed the student's way of thinking about the world or their self. **Visit [www.centerforthebook.org](http://www.centerforthebook.org) for important dates and valuable resources.**


### River of Words

The national poetry/art contest is open to children ages 5-19. Using water as their inspiration, children are encouraged to write a poem or create a visual piece of art for the national River of Words contest. The Grand Prize is round trip transportation from the winner's nearest major airport to the San Francisco Bay Area (or wherever that year's Grand Prize Ceremony is being held), for the winner and one parent or guardian. **Deadlines, guidelines and more information can be found by visiting the [River of Words website at: www.riverofwords.org](http://www.riverofwords.org).**



All Indiana semifinalists and finalists for both contests will be invited to the Indiana Youth Literary Day and Awards Ceremony sponsored by the James & Madeleine McMullan Family Foundation on April 26, 2014. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in creative writing workshops presented by Indiana writers, and will be honored at a ceremony following the day's activities. All attendees will receive a free book and are invited to an exclusive book-signing reception at the beautiful Indiana State Library in downtown Indianapolis following the ceremony.

## Libraries Encouraged to Join in Community Needs Survey

 **Digital Inclusion Survey** Library directors across Indiana are encouraged to take part in a [national survey on Digital Inclusion](#) through November 15th. This study explores the digital inclusion roles of public libraries.

The goals of the survey are to:

- **Identify the impacts of public computer and Internet access on the community.**

## Open Positions @ the State Library

Interested applicants can apply for the following positions by midnight on October 11, 2013:

- **Business Office Supervisor (Job ID # 586325)**
- **Circulation & Support Director (Job ID # 586321)**

Visit the State of Indiana Personnel Department's [job bank](#) and reference each position's respective Job ID # to apply or for more information.

### [Upcoming Workshops,](#)

### [& Important Dates](#)

### Storytime Boot Camp

[Jay County PL: 10/18 @ 9:30 AM](#)  
[Remington Carpenter Twp PL: 10/30@9:30 AM](#)  
[Whiting PL: 11/12 @ 9:30 AM \(CST\)](#)

### Affordable Care Act Overview

When: October 16 @ 10:00 AM  
 Where: Monticello-Union Twp PL

### Affordable Care Act Overview & Preparing for ACA

When: October 17 @ 10:00 AM  
 Where: Peabody Public Library


### ILF Annual Conference

When: October 22 & 23  
 Where: Indiana Convention Center

### "Navigating" the Healthcare Marketplace

library  
**New Albany/Jeffersonville Evening News & Tribune**  
 The reluctant heroes  
**Northwest Indiana Times**  
 Annual "Lights Out" Event at La Porte County Library  
**Perry County News**  
 Library board approves budget  
**Richmond Palladium-Item**  
 Departed will offer tales in cemetery  
**Terre Haute Tribune Star**  
 In her time: A librarian from the start  
**Washington Times Herald**  
 Besting selling author comes to town  
**WLFI-TV (Lafayette)**  
 More problems at Otterbein library


**Your Library Making News?**  
**Email your news for inclusion in The Wednesday Word**

 **Our Heroes Tree**  
**Register today for the 2013 Our Heroes' Tree program**

- **Show library public access technology services in terms of key community demographics.**
- **Identify gaps in public access technology services based on community needs.**
- **Demonstrate library contributions to community digital inclusion efforts.**
- **Support efforts to inform and educate stakeholders – policymakers, foundations, elected officials, trustees, and the media – about the value of libraries in building digitally inclusive communities.**

Your participation will help provide Indiana libraries with the most accurate demographics about the areas they serve. The survey should take approximately 20-40 minutes to complete. Questions about the survey can be directed to the Digital Inclusion Survey [project team](#).

**Library Journal Seeks Emerging Leaders in Library Field**

The editors of *Library Journal*  [Library Journal: Movers & Shakers](#) need your help in identifying the emerging leaders in the library world. [Movers & Shakers](#) will profile 50 or more up-and-coming individuals from around the world who are innovative, creative, and making a difference. From librarians to vendors to others who work in the library field, *Movers & Shakers 2014* will celebrate the new professionals who are moving our libraries ahead.

The deadline to [submit nominations](#) is **November 2, 2013**. The 2014 *Movers and Shakers* will be highlighted in the March 15 issue of *Library Journal*. Since the award's inception, [twelve Hoosier librarians](#) have received the honor.

When: October 24 @ 1:00 PM  
 Where: Live Online

**Indiana Genealogy & Local History Fair**

When: October 26  
 Where: Indiana State Library

**Every Child Ready 2 Read - 2nd Edition**

[New Castle-Henry Co. PL: 10/28 @ 9:00 AM](#)  
[Plainfield-Guilford Twp PL: 11/4 @ 9:00 AM](#)

**Indy Author Fair**

When: October 26  
 Where: Indianapolis Public Library

**Fall Institutional Libraries Workshop**

When: November 18 @ 8:30 AM  
 Where: Indiana State Library

**Bookkeeping/Annual Report Workshop**

When: November 6 @ 10:00 AM  
 When: November 19 @ 10:00 AM  
 Where: Indiana State Library & Live Online

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