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Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library announces Whitestown Branch grand opening



Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library's second location in Whitestown will open Saturday, March 16 with a ribbon-cutting and grand opening celebration. The much-anticipated opening of the branch will be the public's first opportunity to see, explore and use the new building at 6310 E. Albert S. White Drive in Whitestown.

Upcoming workshops and important dates

[Add TeachingBooks to Your Summer Reading Plan](#)

When: Feb. 1, 2-3 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[Indiana Legal Help - How Can Libraries Support Publicly Accessible Legal Information](#)

When: Feb. 5, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[What's Up Wednesday: Hello Dolly! Learn More About the Imagination Library Program](#)

When: Feb. 14, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Adventure Begins at Your Library - CSLP 2024 Training & Roundtable](#)

When: Feb. 16, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Monticello-Union Township Public Library

[What the Research Says - Playful Lectures: How Games Can Help](#)

Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

[Library Assistant \(part-time\)](#)

Argos Public Library

[Director of Archives and Special Collections](#)

Ball State University - University Libraries

[Interlibrary Loan Specialist](#)

Ball State University - University Libraries

[Department Manager, Collection Services Department](#)

Crawfordsville District Public Library

[Youth Services Children's Librarian](#)

Danville-Center Township Public Library

[Assistant Collections Manager](#)

Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

[Mennonite Historical Library Curator](#)

Goshen College

[Public Services Librarian](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

[Public Services Librarian](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

[Student Service Librarian \(part-time\)](#)

Ivy Tech Community College - Indianapolis Campus

[Clerical Assistant, Youth Services \(part-time\)](#)

Jeffersonville Township Public Library

[Branch Leader](#)

Tippecanoe County Public Library

The community is invited to join the celebration and enjoy guided building tours, technology demonstrations, fun activities and a Teddy Bear Symphony Concert presented by the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and funded by the Friends of the Library.

“This is a momentous occasion for our communities, and we are thrilled to open the doors at the Whitestown Branch,” said Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library executive director Kristin Shelley. “Public libraries positively impact residents for generations, and I look forward to seeing the residents of Whitestown and Zionsville discover the uniqueness of this new, second location.”

Before plans for the building were drawn, the library conducted community outreach and surveys to determine the top desired features for the new branch. Visitors will now be able to enjoy the following features requested by the community: a quiet reading area, indoor playroom, MakerStudio, large community room, dedicated teen area, sensory-friendly space and easy access to nature trails and outdoor reading spaces.

The Whitestown Branch sits on 11 acres, generously donated by the Town of Whitestown, which includes an open lawn for outdoor programs and a wooded walking trail.

More than 50,000 titles have been purchased for the Branch's collection of new books, videos, audiobooks, magazines and more. A matching grant from the Community Foundation of Boone County combined with the generosity of the public and the Friends of the Library funded three special collections for the branch, electronic read-along books,

[Learning](#)

When: Feb. 21, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Digital Preservation 101: What Libraries Should Know](#)

When: Feb. 22, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Webmaster Roundtable](#)

When: Feb. 27, 2-3- p.m.

Where: Webinar

[What's Up Wednesday: Talking Book and Braille Library: Helping the Visual, Physical, and Reading Disabled Hoosier](#)

When: Feb. 28, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Free and Low Cost Programming for Youth](#)

When: Feb 29, 2-3 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[What's up Wednesday: Nature Play Days at our Local Libraries](#)

When: March 13, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[What the Research Says - Digital Privacy in Libraries as Digital Literacy](#)

When: March 27, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar



Welcome to the Government Information Minute. Every other week, government information librarians at the Indiana State Library cover current resources on governmental data at the state, national and international levels, all to keep the public well-informed. Follow the Indiana State Data Center on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) and

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



[ACPL partners with AARP to provide free tax assistance](#)

Allen County Public Library

[IU Columbus presents Excellence in Diversity Awards](#)

Bartholomew County Public Library and Indiana University Columbus Library

[Library board meets](#)

Eckhart Public Library

[Library director loves her exciting job filled with books, DVDs and activities for patrons](#)

Fulton County Public Library

[Goshen Public Library and Goshen Health, mental health programing](#)

Goshen Public Library

[Local artists put their skills to the test in the 11th annual 'Comic Book in a Day Challenge'](#)

Hamilton East Public Library

[Indiana Landmarks awards \\$470K in 2023](#)

Indiana Historical Bureau, Knox County Public Library and University Library at IUPUI

[Library announces February book discussions](#)

educational nature books and Pea Pod Packs of board books.

Grand opening attendees will be the first to have access to these materials and may start checking them out once the doors open on March 16.

For more information about the "Grand Opening Celebration" and a full schedule of activities, click [here](#).

North Webster Community Public Library offering monthly genealogy club



The North Webster Community Public Library asks, "Have you ever wondered about your ancestry but were unsure where to start when creating a family tree?" The library's genealogy club, Roots & Branches, helps patrons discover their family history. The library offers access to a wealth of historical records, including Ancestry® and Heritage Quest online, plus an extensive database of local history and genealogy resources from North Webster and the surrounding areas.

Roots & Branches genealogy club meets at 10 a.m. on the first Wednesday of every month at the North Webster Community Public Library and, according to the library, it is "the perfect place to start when looking for help with your family tree."

This club is designed to support both beginners as well as experienced genealogists in their

feel free to leave comments and suggestions.

Income tax filing season



The Indiana Department of Revenue has announced that Indiana's Individual income tax filing opens Jan. 29. DOR starts accepting filings on Monday, Jan. 29, along with the Internal Revenue Service. The DOR encourages customers to use electronic filing, [online payment](#) and direct deposit to significantly improve the accuracy and speed of the return and refund processes. Hoosiers should wait to file their tax returns until they receive all their [official tax documents and statements](#).

Employers have until Jan. 31 to deliver Form W-2s to employees. Attempting to file without all required information can postpone a customer's refund if one is due.

Learn about tax-related updates to Indiana Code in the full [press release](#). More credits and exemptions, and answers to most questions for Indiana Individual tax returns, can be found on [DOR's website](#). Customers who wish to contact DOR directly can [use INTIME's secure messaging](#) for the most efficient service.

The Internal Revenue Service announced earlier this month that the [IRS Free File](#) service through IRS.gov is available for millions of taxpayers filing their federal taxes. Learn more about the service [here](#) and access IRS YouTube Videos explaining how to create an account and find a trusted IRS Free File

Jackson County Public Library

[Annual teen lock-in is next month at Jennings County Library](#)

Jennings County Public Library

[Johnson County Council seeking library board member](#)

Johnson County Public Library

[Michigan City Library tutoring program helps students with literacy skills, and tutors are needed](#)

Michigan City Public Library

[Story time at MPL begins Feb. 7](#)

Milford Public Library

[Check out e-books for free using your library card](#)

North Webster Community Public Library

['No books were harmed': Library overcoming heating, flooding issues](#)

Shelby County Public Library

[Sheridan Library names members to sit on board](#)

Sheridan Public Library

[Local coffee shop chef holds class about high quality home brewing](#)

Vigo County Public Library

[WL Public Library: an underrated resource](#)

West Lafayette Public Library

Is your library making news?

[Email](#) news links for inclusion in the Wednesday Word's "In the news" section.

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research journeys. The next meeting of Roots & Branches will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 7. For more information about Roots & Branches, or the vast array of genealogical resources available at the North Webster Community Public Library, please call the library at 574-834-7122 or visit the library's [website](#).

The North Webster Community Public Library is located at 110 E. North St. in North Webster.

NNML offering free CHIS classes; informational meeting scheduled



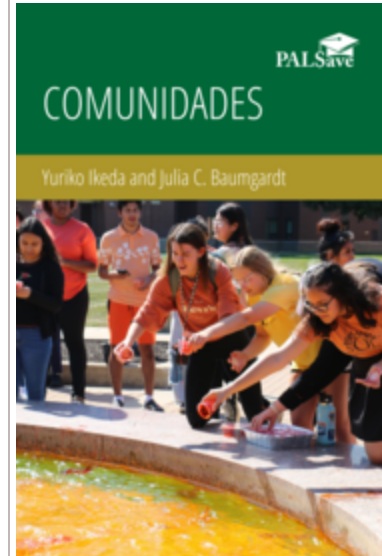
Answering health information questions can be one of the most daunting tasks for a public librarian. The Medical Library Association's Consumer Health Information Specialization is helping to shape the future of health-related services in public libraries by equipping librarians and library workers with the knowledge and skills needed to assist patrons in finding reliable health information. Completing the coursework for the CHIS increases knowledge and boosts confidence for those addressing health inquiries.

The CHIS equips librarians with:
- In-depth knowledge by demonstrating how to delve into various health topics for accurate information retrieval.

participating tax preparation company.

The deadline to file both state and federal tax returns, request an extension to file and pay any taxes owed for 2023 is Monday, April 15.

Marian University faculty release new open textbook through PALSave



Two Marian University faculty members have released a new peer-reviewed open textbook through the Private Academic Library Network of Indiana.

In "Comunidades," authors Yuriko Ikeda, assistant professor of Spanish, and Julia Baumgardt, chair of Languages and Cultures and associate professor of Spanish, aim to teach novice-level Spanish students through the incorporation of authentic materials, cultural concepts and real-life conversations with Spanish speakers in the American Midwest. Additionally, the book offers a suite of complementary activities and resources intended for reinforcing these concepts beyond the classroom setting.

The book was published with a Textbook Creation Grant from the



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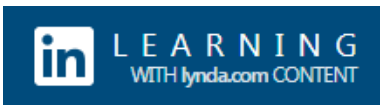
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Indiana library employees who would like to contribute a guest blog, please send an [email](#) with an idea.

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Back issues of the Wednesday Word are available [here](#).

Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning



Text and Learn for Kindergarten program information



- Effective communication skills by emphasizing active listening and empathy for sensitive health discussions.
- Resourcefulness by teaching how to efficiently locate reliable health information.
- Problem-solving skills by informing on how to address complex inquiries confidently.
- Professional support by connecting librarians with peers for guidance and offering a supportive network.

The specialization helps librarians provide accurate, empathetic and empowering assistance to patrons and contributes to the community's health literacy and well-being, while also strengthening the library's role as a trusted resource.

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine is offering free classes that cover the competencies and continuing education hours needed to earn a CHIS specialization. Earning a CHIS demonstrates commitment to providing accurate and trustworthy health information to library users.

On Feb. 28 at 3 p.m. Eastern Time, Bobbi Newman, NNML Region 6 community engagement and outreach specialist, will present an informational meeting in which attendees can learn about the CHIS and how it can help with their community health information needs. The meeting will consist of a 20-minute presentation and a 25-minute discussion and Q&A. Click [here](#) to read more and to register. The meeting is eligible for one LEU for Indiana library staff.

NNLM sponsors the CHIS application fee. Learn more in

PALSave: PALNI Affordable Learning program, and as an open educational resource, it is entirely free to students.

[“Comunidades”](#) is a comprehensive textbook that places a unique emphasis on the rich cultural products, practices and perspectives of Spanish-speaking communities around the globe. Crafted to cultivate students' cultural and communicative proficiency, the text connects readers with authentic resources and real-life video conversations with native Spanish speakers, providing a genuine and immersive learning experience.

Key features include interactive activities tailored to enhance proficiency across three modes of communication - interpretive, interpersonal and presentational. Each chapter is enriched with a diverse range of elements, including at least one Integrated Performance Assessment, exercises featuring automated feedback and thought-provoking prompts that encourage cross-cultural comparisons through research and reflection.

Ikeda and Baumgardt received a PALSave Textbook Creation Grant for the project in 2021. Offered to faculty from PALNI-supported institutions, the grant allows educators to develop open textbooks that are freely available online, making them part of a nationwide effort to reduce the cost of course materials for college students. Financed with support from Lilly Endowment Inc., each grant provides a maximum of \$6,500 per project or \$5,000 per author. Currently, there are 15 grant-funded titles published or in production through PALNI.

Read the full press release from the Private Academic Library Network of Indiana [here](#).

the National Network of Libraries
of Medicine's [guide](#).

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