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The latest in Indiana library news

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Indiana library jobs

North Manchester library receives Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers grant

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Science Kits for Public Libraries

The North Manchester Public Library has announced that it is a 2023 recipient of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers - Region 4's Science Kits for Public Libraries grant. The $2,000 grant has been awarded to the library for the purpose of creating a science kit collection for circulation to its patrons.

The fund was established in Illinois in 2009 and has since spread to other states in the Midwest. The North Manchester Public Library is

Upcoming workshops and important dates

INSPIRE and New User Interfaces from EBSCO
When: Aug. 1, 2-3 p.m.
Where: Webinar

What's Up Wednesday - What the Research Says - I Will Drop This Class if You Are the Spy! Teaching Information Literacy with Tabletop Games
When: Aug. 9, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

Indiana Library Leadership Academy Opening Day
When: Aug. 16, 3-8 p.m.
Where: Indiana State Library

Indiana Library Leadership Academy
When: Aug. 17, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Where: Indiana State Library

Indiana Library Leadership Academy
When: Aug. 18, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Where: Indiana State Library

This week's new Indiana library jobs

Library Director
Anderson Public Library

Director of Research and Branch Services
Ball State University

Reference Librarian
Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

Deputy Director/Chief Impact Officer
Hamilton East Public Library

Deputy Director/Chief Operating Officer
Hamilton East Public Library

Youth Services Assistant (part-time)
Hamilton East Public Library

Teen/Tween Librarian
Hancock County Public Library

Library Assistant (part-time)
Monon Town and Township Public Library

Adult Services Assistant
Monticello-Union Township Public Library

Community Library Manager
St. Joseph County Public Library

Branch Leader (part-time)
Tippecanoe County Public Library

Library Assistant
Warren Public Library

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.

the fourth Indiana Public Library to receive the grant since its inception.

"I'm thrilled that our application was successful," says Sarah Morbitzer, Children's Department manager. "The kits will be available to homeschoolers, daycare providers, Head Start, public school classrooms and individual patrons. Robotics, electrical circuitry, green energy, forensics, genetics and physics will come alive with hands-on experimentation in the home, at the library or in the classroom. We've already received the first installment of funds and ordered our first batch of kits. We'll need some time to get them cataloged and ready for circulation, but we plan to have them ready for checkout by the end of the summer."

"One of the benefits of this grant is that financial barriers will not be an issue for STEM learning and experimentation," says Diane Randall, director. "Thanks to IEEE - Region 4, we can offer free access to the community through library checkouts. Library led programs will open doors to learning for those who are initially hesitant to test the kits on their own or who simply enjoy learning in a group setting."

The grant will be used to purchase nearly 30 different science kits for grades ranging from kindergarten through high school. Several of the kits purchased will be classroom packs for group instruction.

"We are proud of our tight knit community, but also intensely aware of the fact that many of our patrons lack easy access to science museums, zoos, etc. These extras provide many advantages to residents of big cities," says Jeanna Hann, Adult Department manager and marketing coordinator. "As a community center, we seek to close those gaps by providing as many

Every Child Ready to Read and School Readiness in Storytime
When: Aug. 25, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Where: Jennings County Public Library

Dyslexia and the Public Library
When: Aug. 29, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Where: Webinar

What's Up Wednesday - Writing Policy Without Worry
When: Aug. 30, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

Every Child Ready to Read and School Readiness in Storytime
When: Aug. 31, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Where: Peru Public Library

Every Child Ready to Read and School Readiness in Storytime
When: Sept. 7, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Where: Crawfordsville District Public Library

Grants for Public Libraries
When: Sept. 12, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Where: Webinar

What's Up Wednesday - "You might have heard we had a fire." Eckhart Public Library
When: Sept. 13, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

Difference is You Conference
When: Sept. 15, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Where: Indiana State Library

Every Child Ready to Read and School Readiness in Storytime
When: Sept. 21, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Central Time
Where: Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

In the news

[EVPL McCollough to temporary close for renovations](#)
Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

[Haubstadt's library celebrating a decade of progress](#)
Fort Branch and Haubstadt Public Library

[Eastern, Greentown Public Library in gray area with book banning bill](#)
Greentown Public Library

[Summer reading program wraps up](#)
Milford Public Library

[TrineOnline's Brown recognized with PALNI award](#)
Private Academic Library Network of Indiana

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opportunities as possible for hands-on learning at the library. This grant will enable us to freely give young library users access to scientific experimentation and learning, an area we are currently lacking in here at NMPL."

"The Science Kits for Public Libraries grant will bring resources for hands-on learning and exploration to library users," adds Molly Magnus, programming coordinator. "While we have many science books and DVDs available for checkout, they are no substitute for those hands-on experiences. Touch, sight, sounds – learning with the senses is memorable and will make STEM 'stick' with the kids."

PALNI awards innovation grants to Butler, UIndy and Wabash College

The Private Academic Library Network of Indiana has awarded $20,000 in grant funds to three of its supported institutions in recognition of their innovative ideas for enhancing student learning and success.

Butler University, the University of Indianapolis and Wabash College are the 2023 recipients of the [PALNI Library Innovation Grant](#) - an award that funds programs, projects and initiatives that align with PALNI strategic priorities and support deep collaboration throughout the consortium.

Welcome to Digital Collection Highlights. Every other week, librarians at the Indiana State Library share images from the library's ever-growing digital collections. Visit the [Digital Collections](#) page to view the latest additions.

Fred and Iva Roach Benton

Fred Coleman Benton was born in Gibson County in 1875 and lived there his entire life. He opened his first photography studio in 1891 in Oakland City while he was still a teenager. Benton later took over a studio in Princeton and ran it from 1899-1900. He was involved with the Photographers Club of Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky, serving as a treasurer-secretary. He also served as a secretary in the Indiana Association of Photographers in 1912. Benton established the Oakland City News with Josiah DeLong. The paper was published for 11 months before suspending publication due to lack of subscribers. He was also considered to be a talented cornet and trumpet player, performing in and leading a few local bands while also performing at his Methodist church.

Iva Roach was born in Boone County and lived in Hamilton County, where she first started

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Text and Learn for Kindergarten program information

Library Fund competitive grant cycle opens Aug. 1

These grants will fund the libraries' proposed initiatives in areas that meet students' evolving needs, including artificial intelligence literacy and digital literacy.

Proposals are evaluated and selected for funding based on their creativity, clearly defined and measurable objectives, replicability by other PALNI institutions and long-term sustainability. The projects are supported for up to one year, with recipients expected to present their results and share ideas for further collaboration and innovation across PALNI forums at the end of the granting period.

This year's funded proposals include: Butler University's Irwin Library's "PALNI Open Repository for AI Class Activities;" the University of Indianapolis' Krannert Memorial Library in Partnership with the Faculty Academy for Excellence and Innovation and Faculty Learning Community's "Micro-Lectures: A Key to Student and Faculty Success;" and Wabash College's Lilly Library's "Beyond the Research Paper: Supporting Digital Media Creation at Wabash College."

Click here to read the full PALNI press release, including detailed descriptions of the funded proposals.

ALA's Thinking Money for Kids Program Kit grant available

Thinking Money for Kids, an initiative of the American Library Association and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation, strives to teach children and their parents, caregivers and educators about financial topics - like saving, spending, sharing and budgeting -

teaching before moving into painting and photography. She owned studios in a variety of places in Indiana including Indianapolis, South Bend, Huntington, Warsaw and Bloomington. An article from the Bloomington Evening World on Nov. 15, 1915, mentions that she previously had studios in Cincinnati; Memphis, Tennessee; and Chattanooga, Tennessee. They also reported that she was a past president of a ladies' organization of photographers in Indiana and was a student at the John Herron Institute in Indianapolis. Her first marriage to James Collopy ended in divorce in 1915.

In June of 1922, Iva Roach married Fred C. Benton and joined him as a partner running a newly built studio in Oakland City.

The above photograph of Fred and Iva Roach Benton is from the Carolyn North Miller collection.

NNLM announces upcoming webinars

The Network of the National Library of Medicine has announced several upcoming webinars.

On Thursday, July 27, from 1-2 p.m., NNLM will present "NNLM Grants and Proposal Writing" via Zoom.

The webinar is designed for beginning grant proposal writers interested in NNLM funding. The class presents a general overview of grant and funding processes, as well as the level of detail required for a successful proposal.

Click here to read more and to register.

On Tuesday, Aug. 15, from 1-2 p.m., NNLM will present "AI, Higher

The Library Fund competitive grant cycle opens Aug. 1. The grants support innovative programs and projects at public and high school libraries in Marion County. A high school does not need a full-time media specialist to apply.

Applications must be submitted through CICF's Smart Simple platform. To begin, log into Smart Simple and select the correct call for proposals. The Smart Simple 101 Guide will walk users through the steps of creating or accessing their Smart Simple account.

Read more about the Indianapolis Foundation Library Fund grants here. Grant applications are due Sept. 8.

Those with questions about the grants should contact Jamie Valentine, community leadership officer with the Indianapolis Foundation.

in a way that is both meaningful and fun.

ALA and the FINRA Foundation invite public libraries to apply to receive a Thinking Money for Kids Program Kit, a collection of expertly vetted resources to help libraries offer financial education for children ages three to 12, both in the library and in children's homes.

Approximately 200 public libraries will be selected to receive a Thinking Money for Kids Program Kit, with an estimated value of $2,000. Libraries will keep all kit contents after the grant period ends.

ALA will accept online applications for this opportunity until Sept. 8. The programming period will run from September 2024 through December 2025.

Click here to apply, to view a PDF of the grant application, to view project guidelines and to read frequently asked questions about the grant.

Education and Medical Librarianship: Opportunities and Risks" via Zoom.

This presentation on the most recent developments of artificial intelligence systems will discuss the basic principles of ChatGPT and other generative AIs, provide real-time demonstrations of how to use generative AI systems, examine the historical use of AI technology and encourage discussion about the potential costs and harms of powerful AI systems.

Click here to read more and to register.

NNLM is an Indiana State Library pre-approved provider for earning LEUs. Click here to view the State Library's policies on LEUs.

Classes are free, but participants must sign up for an account. Click here to view a full list of upcoming NNLM webinar and trainings.

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