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Public library maker programs for youth with disabilities survey available



A new survey, funded by the Institute for Museum and Library Services, and conducted by June Abbas and Yong Ju Jung from the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Oklahoma, is investigating the current state of programming, design and accessibility of public library's makerspace programs for

Upcoming workshops and important dates

[Summer Reading Virtual Roundtable](#)

When: March 15, 1-2 p.m.
Where: Webinar

[Webmaster Roundtable](#)

When: March 21, 2-4 p.m.
Where: Peabody Public Library and virtual

[What's Up Wednesday - All Free for the Finding: Digging Up Family History for Free on the Internet](#)

When: March 29, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

[Get Ready to Recommend: Using Book Connections for Reader's Advisory](#)

When: March 30, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Where: Webinar

[What the Research Says - A Week in the Life of an Academic Video Game Collection](#)



Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

[Children's Services Librarian](#)
Anderson Public Library

[Community Relations Specialist](#)
Avon-Washington Township Public Library

[Teen and Adult Services Librarian II](#)
Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library

[Communications Director](#)
Indianapolis Public Library

[Community Branch Manager](#)
Indianapolis Public Library

[Supervisor Librarian - Juvenile Focus](#)
Indianapolis Public Library

[Library Assistant IV](#)
Ivy Tech Community College - Lawrence Township Campus

[Senior Library Clerk/Outreach](#)
Jeffersonville Township Public Library

[Youth Services Manager](#)
Jeffersonville Township Public Library

[Adult Services Specialist II](#)
Muncie Public Library

[Circulation and Outreach Department Manager](#)
Putnam County Public Library

youth with disabilities within libraries in United States.

Makerspace programming can address inequities in underserved communities - including youth with disabilities - by providing access to various making technologies, skill acquisition through training and peer and professional mentoring, each critical to today's youth with disabilities who plan to move into the workforce, but also essential for improving each youth's quality of life. The purposes of the study are to learn more about the prevalence of makerspaces or maker programming for youth with disabilities in public libraries; the role of parents, caregivers and youth with disabilities in maker programming decisions; the barriers encountered by both libraries developing the programs and those of youth with disabilities who participate; the accessibility of makerspaces or maker programming - both physical and learning-enabled design - for youth with disabilities; and the best practices being applied to ensure accessibility of makerspaces and maker programming for youth with disabilities.

The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. The researchers plan to present the results of the survey at a future ALA or PLA conference and to share their findings widely on social media and on their project website. Click [here](#) to read more and to take the survey. Those who have either developed or provided programming within makerspaces in their public library are encouraged to participate.

Please contact [June Abbas](#) with questions about participating in the survey.

When: April 5, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

[Professional Development Roundtable](#)
When: April 6, 2-3 p.m.
Where: Webinar

[Inspiring Library Growth Through Outreach](#)
When: April 12, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

[Collection Development, Analysis and Promotion with Book Connections](#)
When: April 13, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Where: Webinar

[What's Up Wednesday - LaPorte County Public Library and The Exchange](#)
When: April 26, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

[What's Up Wednesday? Beyond Books: Serving the Whole Patron](#)
When: May 10, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

[What Candidates Want: Revamping your Recruitment](#)
When: May 17, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

[Webmaster Roundtable - Virtual and In Person](#)
When: May 23, 1-3 p.m. Central Time
Where: Webinar and Lowell Public Library



Welcome to Digital Collection Highlights. Every other week, librarians at the Indiana State Library share images from the library's ever-growing digital

[Lending Services Manager](#)
Vigo County 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.

In the news



[Bloomfield-Eastern Greene County Public Library to host author workshop](#)

Bloomfield-Eastern Greene County Public Library

[Adult Book Club to meet at Brownstown Public Library](#)

Brownstown Public Library

[New director named at Culver-Union Township Public Library](#)

Culver-Union Township Public Library

[How Indiana's Historical Marker Program highlights Black history](#)

Indiana Historical Bureau at the Indiana State Library

[Jackson County Public Library plans book discussions in March](#)

Jackson County Public Library

[Muncie Public Library and LifeStream partnering for new programs](#)

Muncie Public Library

[Library heralds changing of the guard](#)

Peabody Public Library

Frankfort Community Public Library welcomes new members to Teen Advisory Board



The Frankfort Community Public Library inducted new members to its Teen Advisory Board on Monday, Feb. 27 in the library's Skanta Theatre.

The students joining the board are all in grades 9-12 and hail from local schools and homeschools. Michaela Jacobs, Teen Advisory Board president and a junior at Clinton Central, led the induction. The students joining the board include Anna Cari-Taylor of Frankfort High School; Hannah Jacobs of Clinton Central; Kaleb Jacobs of Clinton Central; Levi Jacobs of Clinton Central; Maggie Dieterle, homeschooled; Ruby Wells, homeschooled; and Tabby Walters, homeschooled.

Members completed an application process that included employment-style interviews with library staff. The students answered questions about leadership skills, advocacy and their hope to serve the community. Each agreed to fulfill four hours of volunteer service a year, attend regular meetings, plan teen department events and to serve as library leaders.

Past members of the board have volunteered in Harry Coffee Bar, at summer reading events, for the Family Literacy Program and for the Annual Art Show. Some past members have translated their work into employment at the library.

collections. Visit the [Digital Collections](#) page to view the latest additions.

Indianapolis Optimist Bowlers



This [photograph](#) of the Indianapolis Optimist Bowlers standing outside a train car while en route to Dayton, Ohio provides a snapshot into what public transportation looked like in Indiana in 1930. The group stands in front of a Terre Haute, Indianapolis and Eastern Traction Company car. The second-largest interurban in Indiana at the time, it would only operate for another year before becoming incorporated into the Indiana Railroad. The electric lines that powered the interurban railways can be seen above the car.

One might find the fact that this image features the Indianapolis Optimist Club interesting because the organization was formed as a service club specifically to combat perceived social problems brought on by industrialization and urbanization, at which interurban railways and railroad expansion in general were central. This club formed in Buffalo, New York in 1911 and Indianapolis became the second chapter, and the first to make it a nationwide institution, in 1916. By 1930, their focus was serving underprivileged youth - particularly boys - and bowling was a popular club activity.

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The evening also included recognition for previous and current members of the Teen Advisory Board who served through the pandemic and returned to the library to continue serving. The members include Annabel Hall, Calvin Jobe, Emily Shepherd, Emily Snodgrass, Mason Ruiz and Taylor Knox.

ACPL helps families share their story with future generations with 'Pass the Story Down'



The Allen County Public Library's Genealogy Center and Children's Services Department are partnering to present "Pass the Story Down: The Power of Pictures," a multi-generational event aimed at sharing family photos, creating art and passing family stories down to younger generations. The event will take place on Saturday, March 18 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Globe room of the main library.

"Every day in the Genealogy Center, we see our patrons light up when they learn more about their ancestors and their family history," said Curt Witcher, director of special collections. "This experience is not just reserved for adults. Our youngest patrons can benefit from the discovery and learning that happens when you know the story of where you come from."

"Children love stories and they are such sponges," said Dawn Stoops, Children's Department librarian. "They are never too young to learn about their ancestors and to share in that experience with their caregivers. It gives them a sense of history and connection to the past

PALNI joins NISO as voting member



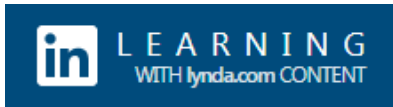
The Private Academic Library Network of Indiana recently became a voting member of the [National Information Standards Organization](#). Through this membership, PALNI will play an integral role in advancing standards-based library infrastructure and innovation through collaboration with cultural, scientific, scholarly and professional communities.

"PALNI is joining key organizations where the objectives of the organization support our progress of deep collaboration between PALNI-supported schools and additional partners," said Kirsten Leonard, PALNI executive director. "As PALNI libraries innovate to work together to leverage new technology, services and expertise to meet the needs of students and faculty from smaller colleges and universities, standards addressed by NISO are critical to our collaborative infrastructure. PALNI libraries, as a collaborative, have the resources to be a voice at the table."

NISO voting membership is open to any organization globally that supports the organization's goals -to initiate, develop, maintain and publish technical standards for information services, libraries, publishers and others involved in the information business. NISO is the only organization accredited by the American National Standards Institute for this purpose.

As a voting member, PALNI obtains the following benefits: a role in influencing the direction of

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Text and Learn for Kindergarten program information



that goes beyond even the best books.”

The event includes family crafting, sharing family stories and using technology to capture those stories for future generations. Participants are encouraged to bring family photos and a flash drive to use the Center’s VividPix scanner. The event is free and open to all ages.

Advance registration is available [online](#), on the ACPL mobile app or by calling any ACPL branch. In the event that the program reaches its registration limit, those interested in attending will be put on a waiting list.

technological advances in information management through driving standards and best practices; unlimited free or discounted access to NISO events, including training, webinars and the annual NISO Plus conference; a voice in shaping NISO’s future direction by nominating and voting for members of the NISO board and other leadership positions, as well as serving on strategic committees; and promoting PALNI and NISO as leaders in the information field.

Click [here](#) to read the full PALNI press release.

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