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Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Book Award Committee announces 10th anniversary ballot



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Michigan City Public Library

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Peabody Public Library

[Youth Programming Associate](#)

Plymouth Public Library

Five picture books have been selected to appear on the ballot for the 2024 Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Book Award. The award is an initiative of the Indiana Center for the Book developed to promote early childhood literacy in Indiana. This year's selected books are: "Bear Has a Belly" by Jane Whittingham, "Firefighter Flo!" by Andrea Zimmerman, "Let's Go Puddling!" by Emma Perry, "I Was Born a Baby" by Meg Fleming and "One, Two, Grandpa Loves You" by Shelly Becker.

The nominees are chosen by the Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Committee from a list of books nominated by Indiana library staff who work with children. Books are chosen for their ability to encourage parents and children to practice talking, singing, reading, writing and playing together, all components of a rich early literacy environment.

Indiana children ages 0-5 may vote one time for the Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award. Children will need the help of a parent, librarian, teacher or other caregiver adult to circle one of the titles on the ballot, which will be available shortly. Tallies will be accepted through July 31. Late tallies cannot be accepted. The book that garners the most votes wins the Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award. The award winner will be announced on Aug. 5.

[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

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

When: Feb. 21, 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

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

Where: Webinar

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

Where: Webinar

[Evening Circulation Assistant](#)

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at Indiana University

[Museum Curator](#)

Sullivan 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.

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The Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award Committee will be releasing a program guide to go along with the five books. The program guide will be available [here](#) by March 15.

The Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award program is administered by the Indiana Center for the Book housed in the Indiana State Library.

Click [here](#) to read more about the nomination process, the voting process, ballots and the use of logos for promotion.

Please contact [Suzanne Walker](#), Indiana Young Readers Center librarian at the Indiana State Library, with any questions about the Firefly Award or the voting process.

Winter 2024 SWIN Programming Roundtable scheduled



On Friday, Feb. 23, from 1-3 p.m. Central Time (2-4 p.m. Eastern Time), the Winter 2024 SWIN Programming Roundtable will take place in person at the Newburgh Chandler Public Library Bell Road Library. The theme of the roundtable will be "Program Evaluation and Assessment."

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

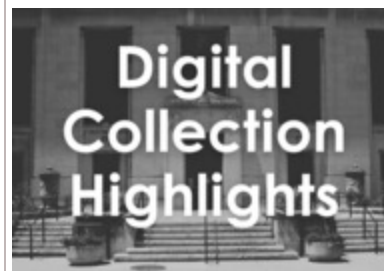
When: March 27, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Professional Development Roundtable](#)

When: April 11, 2-3 p.m.

Where: Webinar



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.

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Porter County Public Library System

Those who would like to connect with other library staff in Southwestern Indiana to discuss and share ideas about library programming are encouraged to join. The roundtable meets to share ideas around the planning, implementation, evaluation and assessment of library programming. The roundtable is for any library staff member who is interested in programming and wants to connect with local library staff in the Southwestern Indiana region.

Click [here](#) to register.

The roundtable is eligible for one LEU for Indiana library staff. Up to 10 LEUs per five-year certificate period may be earned for attending professional roundtable meetings. Note that only individuals holding a five-year certificate are eligible to count LEUs from professional roundtable meetings.

The Newburgh Chandler Public Library Bell Road Library is located at 4111 Lakeshore Drive in Newburgh.

Please contact [Kelli McDaniel](#) of the Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library, or [Susan Melfi](#) of the Newburgh Chandler Public Library, with any questions.

Clinton County Youth Theatre presents 'Anne of Green Gables'



The Indiana State Library has made available two newly-digitized Posey County maps showing landowners, 1870 and 1909. The maps are available online [here](#).

Posey County, one of the counties established in Indiana's territorial days, is interesting to look at on a map. Posey has the Wabash River and Ohio River as natural borders. The rivers create some unique land areas among the waterways. The Wabash creates islands, inlets and peninsulas. The county is disorienting as the Ohio River curves to lay to the east, or even north; otherwise always south for most Hoosiers.

The two maps highlighted here are very large wall maps. The State Library recently acquired a mounted camera which allows the digitization of large maps. Many large county wall maps show

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This week, the Clinton County Youth Theatre will present "Anne of Green Gables" in the Frankfort Community Public Library's Skanta Theatre. The play will be performed Jan. 25–27 at 7:30 p.m. each evening, as well as at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27.

The play, written by Joseph Robinette, is an adaptation of the popular and beloved L.M. Montgomery novel. It is the story of a feisty, intelligent, red-headed orphan who is taken in by a lonely spinster named Marilla and her brother Matthew. Audiences are sure to enjoy the Clinton County Youth Theatre's version of familiar scenes such as "the slate debacle," "the raspberry cordial incident" and "the sudden awakening of Aunt Josephine."

General seating tickets are \$7 and may be purchased at the library's circulation desk or by calling 765-654-8746.

The cast members of the Clinton County Youth Theatre's production

landowners. The earlier maps may have illustrated borders showing homes, businesses and local institutions - as demonstrated on the 1870 Posey County map.

It's exciting for the library to share, as some of these maps have not been made available online before now. Users can check to see if their own home county has a new map up on the [State Library Map Collection](#).

The Indiana State Library is invested in bringing these rare and at-risk artifacts to researchers.



Registration open for 'Women In Leadership' workshop

On Friday, Feb. 9 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Compass Park in Franklin, Leadership Johnson County will present "Women In Leadership: Moving From Conflict To Collaboration."

How to handle the anxiety of a conflict will be the first topic of this year's workshop. Additionally, facilitator Nichole Williams will provide insights into how personalities affect conflict and how perspective switching can be a valuable tool. Then, in the afternoon, Amanda Stevenson-



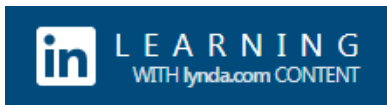
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of "Anne of Green Gables" are as follows: Jazzy Kirk, Ben Hodge, Ella Bushman, Eliana Prather, Evans Machosa, Payten McDonald, Lydia Orellana, Ruby Wells, Bailey Langkop, Kalli Rule, Jessica Roche, Erin Fitch, Chase Mooneyhan, Rory Fields, Kelly Hodge, Holden Rountree, Madison Rountree, Carson Mooneyhan, Hadley Sacha, Emily Miller, Tabby Walters, Heidi Nance, Mikey Walters, Emma Jones, Kylar Harness, Delia Cragun, Savannah Houston, Scout King, Michaela Jacobs, Katie Griffith, Sophia Stewart, Avery Loveless, Maeve Smith, Cecilia Trent, Aria Nance, Rory King, Arianna Eldridge, Ruthie Walters, Lilya Stewart, Annabel Kreps, Gia Garcia, Gabe Walters, Lorelei Nance and Caroline Fitzgerald.

"Anne of Green Gables" is produced by special arrangement with The Dramatic Publishing Company and is made possible by the Friends of the Frankfort Public Library, Encompass Credit Union and Garcia & Sons Construction, LLC.

To learn more about supporting the arts by contributing to Clinton County Youth Theatre, please contact Rachel Milburn at 765-654-8746, ext. 1117, or [via email](#).

Holmes will lead participants through dealing with difficult people, creating psychologically safe environments and collaboration.

The "Women In Leadership" registration fee is \$135 for the general public and \$115 for Leadership Johnson County Signature Program graduates, Franklin College alumni, Franklin and Indy Chamber of Commerce members and Aspire members. Register [here](#).

"Women In Leadership: Moving From Conflict To Collaboration" is approved for six LEUs by the Indiana State Library.

Since its first class in 1995, Leadership Johnson County has studied many issues, supported great causes and engaged the community in numerous ways. The Signature Program classes are divided into groups who work together to address opportunities and challenges in the community.

The projects vary each year, but the goals of engaging in creative problem solving through collaboration remain the same. The projects have led to significant community initiatives that have impacted the lives of Johnson County residents.

Please contact Bea Northcott, Select Workshops and To Your Door coordinator at Leadership Johnson

County at Franklin College, at 317-441-5295 or via [email](#) with any questions, or if a group registration of more than five participants is planned.

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