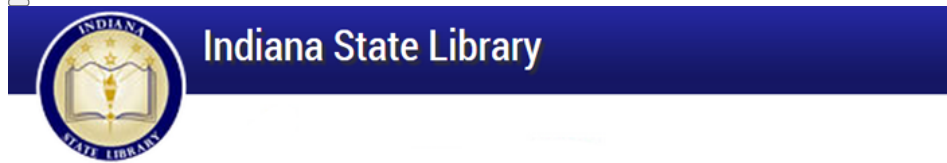


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#### Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

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#### March What's up Wednesday topics include nature play days and digital privacy



As part of the Indiana State Library's free What's Up Wednesday online series, "Nature Play Days at Our Local Libraries" and "What the Research Says - Digital Privacy in Libraries as Digital Literacy" will be presented this month.

On Wednesday, March 13, from 10-11 a.m., the Indiana Children and Nature Network will explore nature play possibilities at libraries with "Nature Play Days at Our Local Libraries." Learn what ICAN Nature Play Days are, who can host one and how to organize and plan a nature play day. Nature play activity and book ideas, tips on connecting with partners and sponsors and practical experiences from nature play day hosts will also be shared.

Presenter Carla Gull volunteers as the state coordinator of Indiana Children and Nature Network and is on her local library board. She is the coordinator of, and associate professor in, the Master of Arts in Environmental Education program at Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College.

Click [here](#) to read more and to register. Those who cannot attend in person may request a recording

#### Upcoming workshops and important dates

- [What's up Wednesday: Nature Play Days at Our Local Libraries](#)  
When: March 13, 10-11 a.m.  
Where: Webinar
- [Indiana State Library Lunch and Learn Series - Fire Insurance Maps Online](#)  
When: March 14, 12-1 p.m.  
Where: Indiana State Library
- [Every Child Ready to Read and School Readiness in Storytime](#)  
When: March 26, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Where: Morgan County Public Library
- [What the Research Says - Digital Privacy in Libraries as Digital Literacy](#)  
When: March 27, 10-11 a.m.  
Where: Webinar
- [Geri-Fit at the Library: A Look at How Evidence-Based Fitness Programming can be Implemented at Libraries](#)  
When: April 10, 10-11 a.m.  
Where: Webinar
- [Navigating Book Selections with Book Resumes on TeachingBooks](#)  
When: April 11, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Where: Webinar
- [Professional Development Roundtable](#)  
When: April 11, 2-3 p.m.  
Where: Webinar
- [Every Child Ready to Read and School Readiness in Storytime](#)  
When: April 12, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Where: West Lafayette Public Library
- [What's Up Wednesday: We Need More Than Just Yoga and Meditation: Really Supporting the Mental Health Needs of Librarians and Library Workers](#)

[Marketing Specialist](#)

Plymouth 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**

[Library dedicates atrium in honor of ex-director](#)

Bartholomew County Public Library

[De-stress program for kids and teens coming to Brownstown library.](#)

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Crawfordsville District Public Library

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Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Indiana

[United Way, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library partner to bring free books to children across northern Indiana](#)

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Indiana

[Library friends hosting book, media sale](#)

Eckhart Public Library

[Evansville libraries in need of comfort bag donations for children facing distress](#)

Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

[EVPL and Evansville Airport to host 2nd Saturday Stories](#)

Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

[GPL to hold voting machine demonstration](#)

Greenwood Public Library

[Indy Public Library expands 'Shared System' to 5K more students](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

[Introducing Indianapolis Public Library's Center for Black Literature and Culture](#)

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[More children's books are now available in braille at the Indianapolis Public Library](#)

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[Trafalgar library to host family gardening events](#)

of "Nature Play Days at Our Local Libraries" [here](#).

"What the Research Says - Digital Privacy in Libraries as Digital Literacy" will be held on Wednesday, March 27 from 10-11 a.m. Article VII of the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights states that "Libraries should advocate for, educate about and protect people's privacy." With the proliferation of digital services available through libraries both public and academic, this imperative extends out beyond the walls of the library and into the realm of digital privacy.

In this webinar, James Henry Smith, Jay Visiting Information Literacy Librarian at Indiana University Libraries, will talk through the preparation and implementation of three different programs on this topic: an online resource, a workshop at Monroe County Public Library and a program at Indiana University Libraries. Through these examples, participants will discover various resources to support similar initiatives.

Click [here](#) to read more and to register.

Each webinar is eligible for one LEU for Indiana library staff.

### Indiana Genealogical Society Conference and Seminar scheduled for April



The Indiana Genealogical Society's 2024 Conference and Seminar will be held at the Allen County Public Library in Ft. Wayne on Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20. This year's theme is "More to Discover: Researching Indiana Records & Repositories."

Friday's sessions include "Researching Indiana Territorial Records," "Researching with Indiana Archives and Records Administration," "Indiana Memory and Hoosier State Chronicles: Indiana State Library's Digital Programs for Researchers" and "Unlocking Hoosier Heritage: Navigating The Genealogy Center's Extensive Collection." Saturday's sessions include "Researching Indiana Fraternal Groups," "School Daze: Important Family Information Resides in Educational Records," "An Introduction to the New Indiana Genealogical Society

When: April 24, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Every Child Ready to Read and School Readiness in Storytime](#)

When: May 3, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Where: Floyd County Library

[What's Up Wednesday: Employee Wellness Incentive: Corrective to Inclusive](#)

When: May 8, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Getting Started with Girls Who Code](#)

When: May 9, 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.

### McCray Refrigerator Company



The McCray Refrigerator Company was incorporated in Kendallville on Dec. 1, 1890, but the start of the company goes back even further. Hiram McCray and his sons ran a dairy and egg business using horse drawn wagons to gather cream, eggs and butter. Wanting to cut down on spoilage Hiram and his son Elmer started experimenting with ways to keep their products cool.

McCray received his first patent in February of 1882 for a refrigeration car. Hiram along with Elmer McCray, Henry and Barclay Moyer and A.T. Ross filed the articles for incorporation for the Kendallville Refrigerator Company in March of 1884 with \$10,000 in capital. Their first factory was on Mitchell Street in Kendallville.

Their products were initially refrigerated train cars and smaller chests for households, but the bulk of their business was for commercial products, like storage rooms for companies to store their meat, dairy and other products. For a time, the McCrays still ran their egg and dairy business alongside their refrigerator business.

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[Milford Public Library - Sign up For the Adult Reading Club](#)  
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[Muncie Public Library welcomes Alan Kornblau as new director in a fresh chapter for Indiana's community hub](#)  
Muncie Public Library

[Oakland City library hands out free solar eclipse glasses](#)  
Oakland City Columbia Township Public Library

[Sheridan library announces free Bookmark Reading Challenge](#)  
Sheridan Public Library

[This year's Community Read through the VCPL will leave you stranded on Mars with this free book](#)  
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[Willard Library shares stories of local African Americans who stood up to injustice](#)  
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Website" and "Researching Indiana Church Records." Friday will also include an "Ask the Experts Q & A Session" and Saturday will include the Indiana Genealogical Society's annual business meeting.

Additionally, extended research hours in the Genealogy Center from 6-9 p.m. on Friday evening will be available for conference attendees.

Click [here](#) for session times and descriptions. Please note that virtual presentations will not be recorded.

Two-day registration cost for Indiana Genealogical Society members is \$40. Two-day registration cost for non-members is \$70. Click [here](#) to register and to see the registration costs for single days and for those planning to join the Indiana Genealogical Society.

The conference is eligible for up to eight LEUs for Indiana library staff. Click [here](#) to see a list of approved LEU providers from the Indiana State Library.

**NASA Solar System Ambassador to discuss eclipse at Frankfort Community Public Library**



On Saturday, March 30, the Frankfort Community Public Library will host NASA Solar System Ambassador B.J. Austin. Austin is the president of an aerospace propulsion research and development and engineering services firm focused on furthering space exploration and space commercialization through advanced propulsion system designs. His presentation about the upcoming total solar eclipse will be held in the Skanta Theatre at 1 p.m. Attendees will have the opportunity to receive free solar eclipse glasses, along with safety information.

The NASA Solar System Ambassador program strives to bring NASA missions and science to the public with the use of motivated, knowledgeable volunteers working in their own communities. The program currently has over 1,000 ambassadors bringing the

McCray opened a new larger factory in 1892 on Mill Street in Kendallville. At their height around WWII, the McCray Refrigerator Company employed 600 men. In March of 1966, the company was sold to Litton Industries. In June of 1973, Litton announced the factory would be closing and in 1974 the factory permanently closed.

The [group photograph](#) is part of the Indiana State Library's Edith L. Moore collection. Two men identified in the group photograph are Gerry Dehoff and Earl J. Moore, father of Edith Moore.

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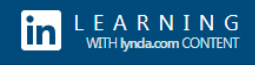



The application deadline for the Private Academic Library Network of Indiana's Library Innovation Grants is March 15.

The funding provided by PALNI Library Innovation Grants aims to optimize library resources and services in ways that significantly expand the ability of supported organizations to support teaching and learning at PALNI institutions. Funded programs, projects and initiatives must align with PALNI strategic priorities and support PALNI deep collaboration.

Up to \$20,000 will be awarded per year and there are no matching requirements. Any employee from a PALNI-supported organization library may apply. Collaborations between PALNI libraries or between the library and other areas in the PALNI supported college, university or seminary, are eligible and encouraged.

PALNI restricts use of grant funds solely to the purpose of the grant. Funding must be utilized as proposed in the application unless written adjustment is requested by grantee and approved by the PALNI Executive Committee. Grantee will maintain accounting and financial records and shall furnish copies of bills, invoices, cancelled checks, receipts, etc. to the PALNI contact upon request. Under no circumstances may Grantee expend, borrow, pledge or transfer grant funding for reasons unassociated with the stated purpose. Grantee may reallocate budgeted items up to 10% of individual line item amounts provided that prior written notice is given to the grantor. Any other changes in budget require prior written approval of PALNI. Any portion of the grant remaining unexpended at the completion of the project or at the end of the period shall be repaid to PALNI

<p><b>Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning</b></p> 	<p>excitement of space to all 50 states, Washington D.C., the U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam.</p> <p>The free event is open to all ages and made possible in part by the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. The Frankfort Community Public Library is located at 208 W. Clinton St. in Frankfort.</p>	<p>within 30 days unless the PALNI Executive Committee, in its sole discretion, shall otherwise specify in writing.</p> <p>Click <a href="#">here</a> to read the application guidelines and to read more program requirements. Click <a href="#">here</a> to read a grant FAQ and to view past projects.</p>
<p><b>Text and Learn for Kindergarten program information</b></p> 	<p>For more information about the Solar System Ambassador program, please contact Rachel Milburn of the Frankfort Community Public Library at 765-654-8746, ext. 1117, or <a href="#">via email</a>.</p>	<p>Those interested in applying should contact Kirsten Leonard, PALNI executive director, <a href="#">via email</a> or at 317-752-6831, or Molly Reed, strategic communications director, <a href="#">via email</a> or at 317-512-7359.</p>

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