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ISL Host of Midwestern Roots Pre-Conference Library Workshop

The Indiana State Library, Genealogy Division, hosted a Genealogy Resources Library Workshop as a part of the Midwestern Roots 2016 pre-conference on July 14, 2016. The workshop included four presentations by Curt Witcher and Betty Warren. Curt's presentations were entitled Buildings, Books, Bodies & Bytes: The Best of Times for Genealogy Librarians, and Something for Everyone: Genealogical Reference Service in the 21st Century. Betty's presentations were entitled General Court House Research, and Marriage Laws.

At the Midwestern Roots conference, the Indiana State Library Foundation sponsored

The Difference Is You: Your Service Matters

There is a special conference out there just for support staff and it is called The Difference is You. This year's theme, Your Service Matters, was chosen by the DIY subcommittee lead by the Indiana State Library's staff member, Kim Brown-Harden. This is the second year for this event which caters specifically to Indiana library staff members who do not hold a master's degree. Held on August 10th, at the Indianapolis Public Library's Central Branch, it is a deal at only 25.00 per registrant. And that includes lunch! [Registration](#) is available through the Indiana Library Federation, which is partnering with the Indiana State Library's Professional Development Committee to produce this event.

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In The News



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Gary Public Library

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Sarah Pfundstein, who presented "Finding Your Female Ancestors" to 81 attendees. The Genealogy Division promoted ISL resources and materials at a booth at the Family History Market and Book Fair.

Director's Interview: Debbie Clapp, Ladoga-Clark Township Public Library



Debbie Clapp

Kimberly Brown-Harden, Northwest Regional Coordinator recently had an opportunity to talk with Debbie Clapp, Director, Ladoga-Clark Township Public Library. She replaced Wanda Bennett who retired this year. Debbie is very passionate and excited about libraries and how to best serve the patrons in her area. Here's her story:

What is your name?

Debbie Clapp

What is the name of the library you work for?

Ladoga-Clark Twp. Public Library

Are you from the area? If not, where are you from originally?

I live in Crawfordsville about 15 minutes away from Ladoga.

What inspired you to work in libraries?

The Indiana State Library reached out to Paris Pegg, Director at the [Morrisson-Reeves Public Library](#) for her thoughts on the DIY event held in 2015.

Why did you decide to send staff to the 2015 Difference is You Staff event?

"It's always a challenge to find staff development activities that are new, fresh, different, etc. News of the 2015 Difference is You conference came across my desk and it just seemed like a great alternative to some of the things we've done for staff development in the past (and the timing was right). One highly successful staff development day involved sending teams of staff to different libraries within an hour's drive of Richmond to see how library service works outside our own doors. The Difference is You conference afforded us another opportunity to get out of our own space and see library service through others eyes. MRL staff has been very insulated in this respect and I encourage them to get out and go to conferences and workshops in other locations, but because many aren't comfortable driving long distances or in heavy traffic, we have limited opportunities. Another consideration was the cost of the conference. We couldn't bring someone in to conduct the quality of workshops and the variety offered for \$25 per employee! Because of the low cost, we were able to charter a bus and get everyone to the conference without anyone having to worry about driving or traffic or parking.

Did you see a difference in your staff after they attended the event in 2015?

There was a renewed enthusiasm about library service; a renewed

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It's always the love of books, isn't it? I love the stories-both in books and in the clients who come into the library looking for a book. Whether it is a book for light reading or a DIY book to fix the DIY task that went awry, there is always a story to be told.

What is your favorite thing about working for your library?

I love the people, especially the children. I love how the book captures them, at least for a moment, and they too are "in" the story.

What is your favorite book?

My favorite is usually the one I just finished, but I have read several books multiple times because I love them, such as The Chronicles of Narnia and The Lord of the Rings.

If you could have dinner with any three famous people in recorded history, who would they be and why?

My utmost favorite person in history is George Rogers Clark. He was known as the "Conqueror of the Old Northwest." and led, with very small resources and in daunting weather and terrain, a group of men to victory during the Revolutionary War. I love his quote, "Great things have been effected by a few men well conducted." I would love to speak with Mother Teresa because of her mercy, humility and utter focus on the needs of others. Finally, I would love to talk with the Apostle Paul about his travels and his utmost dedication to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

What do you enjoy doing when you're not at work?

I am an amateur, amateur, amateur painter in acrylics. I enjoy it and can see my own improvement but am still squarely in the level of

confidence in what we do at MRL; and a renewed interest in implementing new ideas. Staff are still hesitant to go outside MRL if they have to drive, but they're more willing to explore different options and get ideas from other libraries.

How often do you send support staff to off-site conferences?

We encourage them to attend at least once a year for the district conference. Opportunities for support staff seem to be somewhat limited, but as with the district conference, we will encourage support staff to attend the Difference is You conference and do our best to make travel available. I'm not aware of other off-site conferences that would be appropriate for support staff to attend.

Would you encourage other libraries to participate in the Difference is You staff event in 2016?

Absolutely! I will say it is geared toward support staff in a way I've not seen with other conferences. So many conferences offer "professional" development that tends to be geared more toward degreed librarians and administrators. This conference is unique in that support staff are encouraged in their roles in the library, they are recognized for their service, and they come away with a better understanding of how "professional" applies to them, as well.

Click [here](#) to access this year's brochure. If you have questions about Difference is You: Your Service Matters, please reach out to Kim Brown-Harden, at the Indiana State Library: kbrown-harden@library.in.gov.



expertise that my family begs me to not give them my artwork as gifts!!

Winners Chosen for 2016 Indiana Authors Award

Six writers with Indiana ties have been named winners or finalists of the 2016 Eugene & Marilyn Glick Indiana Authors Award, including a first-ever winner in the category of Genre Excellence.



Karen Joy Fowler

Bloomington native Karen Joy Fowler is the winner of the \$10,000 National Author Award. She is the author of six novels, including *The Jane Austen Book Club*, a 19-week New York Times bestseller that was made into a major motion picture. Her most recent novel, *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves*, won the PEN/Faulkner Award as well as the California Book Award for Fiction for 2013.

“Like many other writers, the magic of my life is in my childhood and that means Indiana. I haven’t lived there since I was eleven years old, but in my heart I’ve always been a Hoosier,” said Fowler. “I’m thrilled and I’m grateful, and when I come to Indiana for the award dinner in October, I’ll be coming home.”

Upcoming Workshops & Important Dates

[Tools/Tips/Trends: Public & School Library Partnerships](#)

When: July 26, 2016, 2:00 - 2:35

Where: Webinar

[Pokémon GO @ Your Library!](#)

When: July 29, 2016, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Where: Webinar

[Evergreen Indiana-Local Administration](#)

When: July 30, 2016, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Where: Eckhart Public Library

[Technology Accessibility Webinar](#)

When: August 1, 2016, 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Where: Webinar

[Ask an Expert Webinar: Active Shooter webinar](#)

When: August 2, 2016, 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Where: Webinar

[Ask an Expert: Incorporating Yoga into Library Programming](#)

When: August 3, 2016, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Where: Webinar

[Rock Star Start Up](#)

When: August 8, 2016, 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Where: Brownsburg Public Library

[Rock Star Start Up](#)

When: August 9, 2016, 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Where: Elkhart Public Library

[The Difference is You! Conference](#)

When: August 10, 2016, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Where: Indianapolis Public Library - Central Library

[INSIRSI User's Group Annual Meeting](#)

When: August 12, 2016, 9:00 am -



Philip Gulley

Danville native Philip Gulley has been named the Regional Author winner, earning him a \$7,500 prize. Gulley, a Quaker pastor, writer and speaker, has published 20 books, including the acclaimed “Harmony” series.



April Pulley Sayre

Children’s picture book author and South Bend resident April Pulley Sayre is the winner of the first-ever Genre Excellence Award, earning her a \$6,000 cash prize. She is best known for her lyrical, read-aloud science books, including Raindrops Roll, an ALA Notable/NCTE Orbis Pictus Honor book.

Emerging Author Award finalists include Sarah Gerkenmeyer (Greencastle), Bill Kenley (Noblesville) and Edward Kelsey Moore (Indianapolis). All winners and finalists will be honored at the eighth annual Indiana Authors Award Dinner on Saturday, October 29 at Central Library in

4:00 pm

Where: Library Services Center at the Indianapolis Public Library

[Evergreen Indiana Basic Circulation](#)

When: August 17, 2016, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Where: Orleans Town & Township Public Library

[Evergreen Indiana Holds Training](#)

When: August 17, 2016, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Where: Orleans Town & Township Public Library

[CYPD Children & Young People's Division Conference](#)

When: August 21 - 22

Where: Indianapolis Marriott East

[INSPIRE for Grades 6-12](#)

When: August 24, 2016, 9:30 - 10:30 am

Where: Webinar

[INSPIRE for Grades 6-12](#)

When: August 30, 2016, 3:00 -- 4:00 pm

Where: Webinar

Indianapolis. In addition to their cash awards, winners will designate individual \$2,500 grants to the public libraries of their choosing.

A nine-member, statewide Award Panel selected the winners and finalists from a pool of publicly nominated authors that increases each year.

The annual award program recognizes Indiana authors' contributions to the literary landscape in Indiana and across the nation. The Eugene & Marilyn Glick Indiana Authors Award is a program of The Indianapolis Public Library Foundation and is funded through the generosity of The Glick Fund, a fund of Central Indiana Community Foundation.

Tickets to the Award Dinner benefiting the Library Foundation are available at indianaauthorsaward.org.

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