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## Two Indiana Libraries Receive Financial Literacy Grants

*The Monroe County Public Library contributed to this article*

The **Monroe County Public Library**  [Smart Investing @ your library](#) (MCPL) has been awarded a \$79,582 grant from [Smart Investing@your library](#), a partnership between the American Library Association (ALA) and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation. The goal of the library's grant project, called "It's Your Money," will be to educate local residents ages 15-29 to use unbiased financial education resources to create a budget, make good consumer decisions about major purchases and home ownership, and manage credit, savings and investments. The grant will run from February 2011 through January 2013.

The grant will enable MCPL to add many financial resources to its collection, develop a Financial Literacy Web portal, and create short "It's Your Money" videos for cable casting and podcasting. Additionally, the project will host 15 public training sessions and 15 "talk to an expert" opportunities at the library and at other community locations.

The **Carmel Clay Public Library** was also among the **20 public library recipients nationwide** to be awarded funds through this initiative during the latest round of grantmaking. Carmel Clay will receive a \$84,600 grant to establish the library as the county's focal point for personal finance learning. The program will address money basics for teens, college financing, retirement planning and investor protection, among other topics.

## Last Chance for Students to Enter Teen Video Challenge

 **Teen Tech Week:**  
**March 6-11, 2011**

Students have until Monday, February 28th to enter the **2011 Teen Video Challenge**. The national initiative is part of the Collaborative Summer Reading Program and will award \$250 to winners in each state!

The video should be a short, yet imaginative, public service announcement and must be produced by an Indiana student or group of students. The video that best encourages the use of local public libraries and promotes reading all summer long will take away the contest prize and be featured throughout 2011 as the official commercial for Indiana's Summer Reading Program.

For more information about the 2011 Challenge, including entry forms and contest guidelines, visit <http://in.gov/library/teenvideo.htm>

 **Indiana Authors Award**

## Nominate your favorite Hoosier authors through March 25, 2011

## OCLC Holds Prices Steady for Another Year

OCLC recently announced that it will keep pricing at the current level for the upcoming fiscal year commencing July 1, 2011. This will be the third consecutive year that OCLC has held prices flat.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

### Summer Reading Workshops

When: 9:00 AM - Noon  
 Where: Multiple Locations  
 2/24: [Bloomfield PL](#)  
 3/08: [Pulaski County PL](#)  
 3/11: [Jackson County PL](#)  
 3/18: [Noble County PL](#)

### Moving Library Cooperation to Web Scale

When: **February 24**, 2:00 PM - 4:15 PM (Live Online)  
 When: **March 29**, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM (Indiana State Library)

### Teen Tech Week

When: March 6-12

### ILF District Conferences

When: 8:30 AM (local time)  
 Where: Multiple Locations  
 3/24: [District 3](#)  
 4/08: [District 6](#)  
 4/27: [District 8](#)  
 5/03: [District 1](#)  
 5/12: [District 5/7](#)  
 5/13: [District 2](#)  
 5/20: [District 4](#)

### Indiana Resource Sharing Conference

When: March 11 - 9:00 AM  
 Where: Indiana State University

### Society of Indiana Archivists Annual Meeting

When: April 1 & 2  
 Where: Indiana Historical Society

### Money Smart Week

When: April 2-9

### 8th Annual Copyright Conference

When: April 20

Where: Ball State University

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