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[WW BOOK OF THE WEEK](#)

Thirty-year-old Sarah Caldwell is an unhappy Indiana Pioneer. She misses her sister, Rachel, who stayed behind in North Carolina. Worse yet, their widowed father has married a Quaker school teacher, whom Sarah discovers is a secret abolitionist!

Students Invited to Enter Black History Month Challenge

Courtesy of the Indiana Historical Society



In celebration of Black History Month, the Indiana Historical Society invites children and families to learn about Indiana's rich African-American history by participating in the Indiana Black History Challenge. The Challenge will run through February 28.

Since 2001, the IHS worked with the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library on this contest that encourages the investigation of the state's black heritage. Last year, nearly 4,000 students and families participated in the Challenge. The 2011 Challenge focuses on rural communities.

Participants can take the Challenge online at www.indianahistory.org/challenge. Two tickets to the Indiana Experience at the History Center will be awarded to the first 5,000 entrants to the Indiana Black History Challenge. Participants who complete the Challenge with 10 correct answers will be entered into a drawing for the grand prize, which includes an overnight stay at the Omni Severin Hotel in downtown Indianapolis, an IHS household membership, a \$25 gift certificate to Weber Grill and four tickets to special exhibitions at the Indianapolis Museum of Art.

For more information on this and other IHS programs, call (317) 232-1882 or visit www.indianahistory.org. The Indiana Black History Challenge is supported by the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library, Indianapolis Indians, Printing Partners and Indianapolis Downtown Inc. The Indiana Rail Road Company is the official 2011 sponsor of the Indiana Historical Society.

Black History Month Resources Available via INSPIRE



Biography In Context offers dozens of unique and comprehensive resources for Black History Month and is available free through *INSPIRE*. It is designed to provide easy access to biographies on prominent African Americans

associated with the arts, business, current events, entertainment, government, history, literature, multicultural studies, politics, science, and sports.

Biography in Context delivers Gale's authoritative reference content of more than 600,000 biographies on more than 500,000 people gathered from more than 170 award-winning Gale reference sources. Recently, several enhancements were made that integrate in-demand resources like video, audio, podcasts, interactives and more that provide a richer multi-media, online experience for today's learners, educators and librarians.

Vectren, SW Indiana Libraries Partner on Initiative

The Indiana State Library, Vectren Corporation and southwest Indiana public libraries recently partnered on a pilot initiative to help patrons discover ways to find savings on their home energy bills at their local library. The "[Phantom Finder](#)" program enables patrons to borrow a unique, yet simple power-monitoring device designed to identify "[phantom](#)" energy consuming appliances.



Last week, [participating libraries](#) began loaning "Phantom Finder" toolkits, which include the consumer-acclaimed Kill-A-Watt power meter. The meters plug into electrical outlets and enable the user to plug in any appliance to generate a readout on how much electricity the appliance uses and then calculate how much money it's costing.

LSTA Grant Deadline Approaches

Applications for LSTA Technology and Digitization grants are due on Friday, February 11. For complete details, visit the [Technology Grants](#) or [Digitization Grant Program](#) web pages.

Ongoing grants, including Innovative Library Technology and Information Access for the Unserved grants, have rolling deadlines and are not due February 11.

If you have questions about your eligibility, a grant application requirement, or anything else concerning 2011 LSTA grants, contact the Library Development Office at ldo@library.in.gov or (317) 232-3697.

UPCOMING EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

Moving Library Cooperation to Web Scale

When: **February 10**, 10:00 AM - 12:15 PM (Live Online)

When: **February 24**, 2:00 PM - 4:15 PM (Live Online)

When: **March 29**, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM (Ind. State Library)

Library Reading Incentive Programs for Summer and Beyond

When: February 15 - 1:00 PM
Where: Live Online

Programming for Babies

When: February 15 - 1:00 PM
Where: Lowell Public Library

Library Services for Homeschoolers

When: February 15 - 1:00 PM
Where: Lowell Public Library

Summer Reading Workshops

When: 9:00 AM - Noon
Where: Multiple Locations

2/17: [Muncie PL](#)

2/23: [Brownsburg PL](#)

2/24: [Bloomfield PL](#)

3/08: [Pulaski County PL](#)

3/09: [Noble County PL](#)

3/11: [Jackson County PL](#)

Indiana Authors Award

Nominate your favorite Hoosier authors through March 25, 2011

 **By Freedom's Light - Elizabeth O'Maley**

When Rachel and her family arrive for a visit, Sarah is overjoyed. Rachel brings Polly, a slave girl, with her. As Polly and Sarah become friends, Sarah questions her beliefs about slavery. Soon she is faced with a life-altering decision.

In this historical novel for grades four and up, readers will experience both the harshness of a slave society and the brave acts of people who helped slaves find freedom.

By Freedom's Light by Elizabeth O'Maley was a 2010 Best Books of Indiana Contest finalist.

Teen Tech Week

When: March 6-12

Indiana Resource Sharing Conference

When: March 11 - 9:00 AM

Where: Indiana State Univ.

Money Smart Week

When: April 2-9

8th Annual Copyright Conference

When: April 20

Where: Ball State University

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