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Difference is You conference 2025 call for proposals

Upcoming workshops and important dates

[Color Our World: Summer Reading 2025 In-Person Workshop](#)

When: Jan. 9, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Marion Public Library

[Color Our World: Summer Reading 2025 In-Person Workshop](#)

When: Jan. 17, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Jackson County Public Library

[Color Our World: Summer Reading 2025 In-Person Workshop](#)

When: Jan. 23, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Public Library hold third annual Teen Art Contest

- Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library to offer free English classes for beginners

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Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

[Director](#)

Duggan Library at Hanover College

[Access Services Assistant \(part-time\)](#)

Hamilton East Public Library

[Public Services Librarian](#)

Hamilton East Public Library



The Difference is You committee is getting an early start on planning its 2025 conference. Difference Is You is the only statewide conference designed especially for library support staff and non-MLS librarians. However, all are welcome. In 2024, the conference welcomed over 170 attendees to the Indiana State Library. The 2025 conference will be held on Friday, Sept. 19 at the Indiana State Library.

The annual The Difference is You conference is a training event for library support staff and paraprofessionals. The event also sees the presentation of The Difference is You Award.

Where: Danville-Center Township Public Library

[What's Up Wednesday - Artificial Intelligence in Libraries](#)

When: Jan. 29, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Online

[Color Our World: Summer Reading 2025 In-Person Workshop](#)

When: Jan. 29, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Pike County Public Library - Petersburg Branch

[Color Our World: Summer Reading 2025 In-Person Workshop](#)

When: Jan. 31, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Franklin County Public Library District - Brookville Branch

[What's Up Wednesday - "Sorry, I Don't Speak Librarian: Finding Your Voice and Writing for Your Audience"](#)

When: Feb. 12, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Online

[Virtual Webmaster Roundtable](#)

When: Feb. 18, 2-3 p.m.

Where: Online

[Using TeachingBooks at the Public Library](#)

When: Feb. 19, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Online

[Supervisor Librarian - Adult Focus](#)

Indianapolis 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



[ACPL announces top books for the year](#)

Allen County Public Library

[ACPL shares enhancements to Kanopy streaming service](#)

Allen County Public Library

[Local groups receive share of Indiana Humanities grants](#)

Brown County Public Library and the Johnson County Public Library

Those interested in presenting at the 2025 conference can submit a proposal [here](#). Topics of interest include, but are not limited to: budgets, collection management, communications skills, genealogy, grants and how to find them, keeping libraries relevant, programming, reducing library waste and unhoused patrons.

Time slots for all sessions are 50 minutes, including time for questions from the audience. Submissions for presentations, panel discussions, workshops and other formats are welcome.

Proposals due Jan. 31 and notification of acceptance or decline will be in March. For more information, visit the [conference website](#).

Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library announces special art Gallery exhibit



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.

Anthony Wayne

[Adult programming planned at Brownstown library](#)

Brownstown Public Library

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

Eckhart Public Library

[Indianapolis Public Library shares list of 2024's most in-demand books](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

[Libraries Receive \\$500 Gifts from 2024 Indiana Authors Award Winners](#)

Indianapolis Public Library, Kheprw Institute, Oaks Academy and University Library at Indiana University Indianapolis

[Library offering free programs in January](#)

Jackson County Public Library

[Winter window wonderland shines at local libraries](#)

Jackson County Public Library

[Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library gearing up for 2025 Winter Reading Challenge](#)

Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library

[Library of Trees collects more than 1,500 food items](#)



The Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library has announced a special art Gallery exhibit showcasing historical artwork and photographs from the library's Indiana Room archives. This unique collection, on display from now through February 2025, will highlight the rich history and heritage of Plainfield, Hendricks County and the state of Indiana.

The exhibit will feature artwork from local and Indiana artists, along with historical photographs that capture Plainfield's past. The paintings and illustrations depict the landscapes and landmarks that have shaped the town and surrounding areas.

The Indiana Room, located within the library, is a treasure trove of resources for anyone interested in local and state history. It houses books on local history and geography, family genealogy records, information



General Anthony Wayne, born in January 1745, is the namesake of Fort Wayne, and served as the principal United States negotiator for the Treaty of Greenville. Wayne is prominently featured in the Indiana State Library's stained-glass windows and painted murals by artist J. Scott Williams.

Visitors to the Indiana State Library can find Anthony Wayne in the mural above the entry to the Indiana Authors Room, titled "The Winning of the State." The mural highlights key events, such as the Surrender of Fort Sackville, the Treaty of Greenville, William Henry Harrison and the

New Castle-Henry County Public Library

[Library lights up with Kwanzaa cheer as community embraces culture and tradition](#)

St. Joseph County Library

[Mayor to read MLK book to children at library](#)

Vigo County Public Library

about famous Hoosiers and notable residents of Plainfield and Hendricks County, as well as books authored by local writers.

“The gallery exhibit provides an opportunity to connect with our shared history in a truly meaningful way,” said Reann Poray of the Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library. “By bringing these pieces out of the archives and into our Gallery, we hope to inspire a deeper appreciation for the stories that shaped our community.”

Visitors of all ages are invited to explore the free exhibit and learn more about the library’s Indiana Room. For more information about the exhibit or the Indiana Room, please visit the library’s [website](#).

Native American leader Tecumseh. Additionally, General Wayne appears in the central panel of the stained glass in the Great Hall.

J. Scott Williams [meticulously prepared sketches](#) before committing to the final scenes. Many of these sketches are preserved in the Indiana State Library’s Rare Books and Manuscripts Division.

Is your library making news?

[Email](#) news links for inclusion in the Wednesday Word's "In the news" section.

To be featured in the Wednesday Word, please [email](#) a press release and a photo.

Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library to offer free English classes for beginners



The Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library has announced a series of free English classes for beginners. The 12-week program is designed to help individuals of all backgrounds and experiences. No prior knowledge of English is necessary. The only

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State Library blog



Follow the [Indiana State Library's blog](#) for weekly posts covering all aspects of the State Library.

Indiana library employees who would like to contribute a guest blog, please send an [email](#) with an idea.

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Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning



The Syracuse Public Library and the North Webster Community Public Library have announced their third annual Teen Art Contest. This year, students in grades 6-12 are invited to submit mural designs for a fence located outside of the North Webster Community Public Library. Submissions will be open from now until Feb. 14. Students may submit solo designs or submit in groups of up to four individuals. Mural templates can be picked up - and finished designs can be returned - at either library.

Completed submissions will be displayed at each library and community members will have a chance to vote on their favorite designs. The winners will bring their designs to life in spring of 2025.

Those who need feedback,

requirement is that participants must be 14 years of age or above. This is a completely free course thanks to the generosity of Welcome Pattern, a local nonprofit organization.

The program begins on Jan. 8 and the classes will meet every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Zionsville Branch of the library.

During the course, participants will build basic English skills. They will learn how to introduce themselves, understand simple phrases, ask questions and respond to questions. They will also develop speaking and listening skills by practicing conversations with other students and instructors and getting real-time feedback to improve their pronunciation. Additionally, participants will start reading simple English texts and begin writing basic sentences. The course is designed to help one feel more empowered to use English in their daily life.

Those who have access to a laptop, are encouraged you to bring it along. However, the library understands that not everyone has a device. The course will accommodate those who don't so they can still participate fully

inspiration or supplies can join the libraries for an “Art Contest Workshop.” Two sessions will be available, and students may attend one or both sessions. They will take place on Saturday, Jan. 11, from 12-2 p.m. at the North Webster Community Public Library, and on Saturday, Jan. 18, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Syracuse Turkey-Creek Township Library.

For more information, please call the North Webster library at 574-834-7122 or the Syracuse library at 574-457-3022.

in the course. It is recommended to bring a notebook and writing utensil.

Click [here](#) to read more about the program and to register for the "English for Beginners" course.

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