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Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

[Head of Research and Instruction Librarian](#)

Goshen College

[Branch Manager](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

[Branch Manager](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

[Public Services Associate II \(part time\)](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

[Youth Services Librarian](#)

Tippecanoe County Public Library

Application period for 2025 Bicentennial Research Fellowship opens Sept. 3



In honor of the Indiana State Library's 200th anniversary, the Indiana State Library Bicentennial Committee, in conjunction with the Indiana State Library Foundation, will support one Indiana State Library Bicentennial Research Fellowship for 2025.

Emerging or established researchers and historians who are prepared to conduct and publish new research and scholarship with a focus on Indiana history, or a specific collection housed at the Indiana State Library, are encouraged to apply. The fellowship provides a \$1,000 stipend to support in-person research for five consecutive work days at the Indiana State Library in downtown Indianapolis.

Applicants must be emerging or established historians, researchers, authors, post-docs or graduate students with proven writing skills, a demonstrated passion for Indiana history and the ability to perform in-person research at the Indiana State Library for five consecutive days, Monday through Friday, between Jan. 6-Dec. 19, 2025. Applicants can be based anywhere in the U.S., but the committee particularly encourages Indiana residents outside of Marion County to apply.

Those interested should submit a completed [Indiana State Library](#)

Upcoming workshops and important dates

[Supplementing Science of Reading from the Library and TeachingBooks](#)

When: Aug. 21, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Webinar

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

When: Aug. 23, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Central Time

Where: Oakland City-Columbia Township Public Library

[Webmaster Roundtable](#)

When: Aug. 27, 2-3 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[What's Up Wednesday: Indiana Legal Help - How Can Libraries Support Publicly Accessible Legal Information](#)

When: Aug. 28, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

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

When: Sept. 9, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Where: Marion Public Library

[What the Research Says - Playing Games to Build Relationships and Learn Empathy: How Tabletop Role-Playing Games Help Players Grow](#)

When: Sept. 11, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

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

When: Sept. 17, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Central Time

Where: La Porte County Public Library

[Indiana State Library Lunch and Learn Series 2024: Newspaper Research: The "Why" and the "How"](#)

When: Sept. 17, 12-1 p.m.

Where: Indiana State Library

[Science of Reading](#)

When: Sept 18, 11 a.m. -12 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[Difference is You Support Staff Conference](#)

[Youth Services Assistant Librarian](#) Vigo County 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



[BMPL continues prep for arts and innovation hub](#)

Batesville Memorial Public Library

[Library and museum unveil a new look](#)

Crawfordsville District Public Library

[Eckhart Public Library receives thousands of DeKalb County property records dating back to early 1800s](#)

Eckhart Public Library

[Library foundation makes contribution to Eckhart Library art appraisal project](#)

Eckhart Public Library

[Historical marker at Oliver Mansion to honor family who started factory, shaped South Bend](#)

Indiana Historical Bureau at the Indiana State Library

[Public library builds community with Spanish-language book club](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

[Seymour Library closing for car show](#)

Jackson County Public Library

[JCPL highlights agriculture with new Trafalgar 'Play & Learn' space](#)

Johnson County Public Library

[Another successful summer reading program completed at Milford Public Library](#)

Milford Public Library

[Visit to Mishawaka library was home for former Marian standout, and now author, Devin Cannady](#)

Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library

[Meet author Cara Putman at Sheridan Public Library](#)

Sheridan Public Library

[Wabash library has new director](#)

Wabash Carnegie Public Library

[Westfield library dedicates STEM lab to young Westfield girl](#)

Westfield Washington Public Library

[Bicentennial Application](#) along with a one-page research statement or proposal, a resume or CV with a maximum of three pages, one letter of recommendation and up to three writing samples. The application should be submitted [via email](#). Writing samples may be submitted as PDF or Word files and should be no longer than 20 pages each.

The application period opens on Tuesday, Sept. 3. The application deadline is Tuesday, Nov. 26. The Fellowship will be awarded by Tuesday, Dec. 31.

Click [here](#) to read more.

CSLP 2024 summer reading survey available



The Collaborative Summer Library Program has created a survey to help assess the usefulness of the materials offered by the program in order to better serve its members. All Indiana public libraries are members of CSLP - even if the library opts not to use the slogan, artwork or manual - because the Indiana State Library covers membership fees on a statewide level using Institute of Museum and Library Services and Library Services and Technology Act Grant funds.

The audience for the survey is public library staff who played an active role in administering or running 2024 summer library programming. One person per library could fill it out, or multiple library staff from the same library could complete the sections of the survey most relevant to their work.

The survey is not required, but CSLP would appreciate the input. Every library that responds helps the organization get a more accurate picture of overall satisfaction with the program.

Respondents should be prepared with general feedback on using - or not using - the 2024 program theme and materials; feedback and info about how or whether they tracked participation; and stats for participation and programming for children, teens and adults. Participants may skip any questions for which they do not have answers.

Click [here](#) to take the survey. The survey is open from now until Friday, Sept. 13.

Please contact [Beth Yates](#), children's consultant at the Indiana State Library, with any questions.

Citizen Science Club at North Webster Community Public

When: Sept. 20, 9 a.m.-3:34 p.m.
Where: Indiana State Library

[What's Up Wednesday: Adult Programming Made Easy](#)
When: Sept. 25, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

[Every Child Ready to Read and School Readiness in Storytime](#)
When: Oct. 4, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Where: Hamilton East Public Library

[What's Up Wednesday: New Escape Room Kits from the Indiana State Library!](#)
When: Oct. 9, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

[Professional Development Roundtable](#)
When: Oct. 10, 2-3 p.m.
Where: Webinar



Welcome to the Government Information Minute. Every other week, government information librarians at the Indiana State Library cover current resources on governmental data at the state, national and international levels, all to keep the public well-informed. Follow the Indiana State Data Center on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) and feel free to leave comments and suggestions.

Catch a falling star this month



A Perseid meteor over Joshua Tree National Park in 2015. Credit: National Park Service/Brad Sutton.

The [Perseid meteor showers](#) occur between July and September every year and peak in mid-August. They are generally considered the best shower of the year with up to a hundred meteors per hour. To find the showers, one can look north toward the Perseus Constellation, home to the showers and the winking star Algol, also known as the Demon Star. Just before dawn is best, but anywhere dark should do.

Meteor showers, however, occur throughout the year, with the regularity of clockwork. In fact, the National Weather Service provides a nice [calendar](#) for the year. There are also informational guides such as [this one](#), that define meteoroids, meteors, and meteorites.

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.



State Library blog



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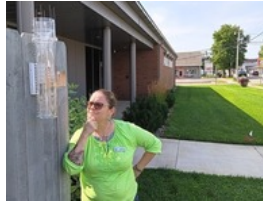
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Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning



Library making an impact



The North Webster Community Public Library's Citizen Science Club is brand new and participants are already finding ways to impact their community. One attendee has already made a connection with a local organization to help with removing invasive plant species. The library has also purchased a CoCoRaHS rain gauge that will allow them to submit daily readings to the National Weather Service for use in tracking rainfall, potential flooding and even drought conditions. CoCoRaHS is the nationwide Collaborative Community Rain, Hail and Snow project.

Attendees choose citizen science projects from around the world via the SciStarter website. Examples include Project Squirrel, to study squirrel populations; Stall Catchers, to better understand Alzheimer's; and iNaturalist, to submit data about local plants, animals, bugs and even fungus.

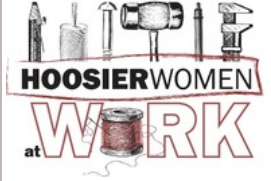
"The best thing about citizen science is that anyone can participate," said public services director Amanda Demster. "You don't have to have a background in science. I majored in English, and I'm terrible at math and calculating formulae, so the fact that I and others like me can still take part in scientific study truly amazes me." Demster heads up the Citizen Science Club and invites anyone interested to join.

"While this program is aimed at adults, we invite participants to bring their kids and grandkids along," Demster said.

The Citizen Science Club meets at 10:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month. For more information, please contact the library at 574-834-7122 or [email Demster](#).

Many federal government entities provide information on the night sky and its wonders, including The National Park Service's [Night Skies: A Resource & Value](#) and NASA's [Night Sky Network](#).

Hoosier Women at Work proposal deadline is Aug. 22; conference scheduled for Oct. 5



The deadline to submit paper proposals for the 2024 Hoosier Women at Work Conference is fast approaching. The conference will take place on Saturday, Oct. 5 at the Kurt Vonnegut Museum and Library in Indianapolis. Attendees will walk to the Madam Walker Legacy Center to hear keynote speaker Amisha Padnani, an award-winning senior staff editor at the New York Times. Her keynote is free and open to the public. This conference will combine historical research and discussion on the unique roles of women in peacebuilding and war efforts.

The conference committee encourages those interested to submit scholarship about the history of Indiana women's work. Special consideration will be given to papers of projects that examine Hoosier women's work for peace and war. Projects could be in the form of a paper presentation or a panel discussion. The deadline for submitting paper or session proposals is Aug. 22


Registration for the conference is \$15, which includes lunch. Click [here](#) to read more - including information about the keynote speaker - and to register.

Please email proposals to Indiana Historical Bureau historian [Nicole Poletika](#).

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