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Allen County Public Library security officers recognized for lifesaving efforts



On Wednesday, July 31, the Three Rivers Ambulance Authority recognized the Allen County Public Library's Safety & Security team for its efforts that resulted in saving the life of an Allen County Public Library patron.

On May 15, at the Main Library of the Allen County Public Library, librarians alerted security officers to a patron who was lying on the floor face down breathing irregularly. The officers, who are trained as first responders, quickly administered emergency Narcan, CPR and AED

Upcoming workshops and important dates

Summer Lecture Series: Murderer in the Family Tree, an Author Talks Event Featuring Indiana Author Stephen Terrell

When: Aug. 10, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Where: Indiana State Library

What's Up Wednesday: Unlock the Joy of Play - November's International Games Month

When: Aug. 14, 10-11 a.m. Where: Webinar

Supplementing Science of Reading from the Library and TeachingBooks

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

Where: Webinar

<u>Every Child Ready to Read and</u> <u>School Readiness in Storytime</u>

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

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Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

Library Assistant

Bloomfield-Eastern Greene County Public Library

Youth Services Library Assistant (part-time)

Crawfordsville District Public Library

<u>Senior Systems Network</u> <u>Infrastructure Analyst</u>

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



<u>Library Foundation pledges</u> \$100,000 gift protocols until TRAA paramedics arrived on scene. The patron was safely transported to a local hospital and has since recovered. The ceremony honored the care and quick response of the Allen County Public Library team. Without this response, the patron would have been unlikely to survive.

"As a public library, we are here to serve our community on their best days, and on their worst," said Allen County Public Library executive director Susan P. Baier. "I am so grateful and proud that our incredible Safety & Security team was trained and ready to respond when this patron needed life-saving care. Our staff makes a difference every day in our community, but on some days, we literally save lives."

According to Baier, the library sees itself as a place of books and learning, but also as a place where people can be connected to key services and resources. This is why the library has many first responders on staff and has purchased automated external defibrillators for all of its locations. Staff are currently being trained on these machines. When training is completed, library locations will be added to 911's list of emergency response locations.

"Part of that responsibility is ensuring our patrons are safe and healthy. Any tool, resource or training we can put in the hands of our staff is one more way we can bridge our patrons to lifelong learning and discovery. This is how we truly live our organizational value of people-first service," Baier said.

The ceremony took place in the Great Hall at the Main Library.

Summer 2024 SWIN Programming

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

<u>Every Child Ready to Read and</u> 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

<u>Difference is You Support Staff</u> Conference

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

Eckhart Public Library

Indiana Arts Commission doles out \$300K in local art grants Fulton County Public Library

<u>Schools receive new book return</u> <u>boxes</u>

Hancock County Public Library

Summer reading program concludes at Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library

Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library

<u>Indianapolis Public Library to</u> <u>expand program to IPS schools</u> <u>Indianapolis Public Library</u>

JCPL branches schedules program around festivals, start of school Jasper County Public Library

'Borrow, Don't Buy' items from Library of Things Kendallville Public Library

KPL adds state museums pass Kendallville Public Library

Another successful summer reading program completed
Milford Public Library

Mishawaka-Penn library gaining speed on bookmobile project Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library

MPHPL receives \$5,000 grant to host creative arts program for older adults

Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library

<u>Fifteen local organizations receive</u> <u>funding from Indiana Arts</u> Commission

Ohio County Public Library

Westchester Library changes to meet community need

Westchester Public Library

A new chapter: Westfield
Washington Library, Township

Roundtable scheduled for Aug. 23



On Friday, Aug. 23, from 1:30-3:30 p.m., the SWIN roundtable group will meet in person at the Henderson County Public Library in Henderson, Kentucky.

The August roundtable topic is "Collaboration, Community Partnerships and Outreach." Those who would like to connect with other library staff in the Southwestern Indiana area and want to discuss and share ideas about library programming are encouraged to attend. The roundtable group meets to share ideas around the planning, implementation, evaluation and assessment of library programming. This is for any library staff member who is interested in programming and wants to connect with local library staff in the Southwestern Indiana and Western Kentucky region.

One LEU is available to Indiana library staff. Up to ten LEUs per five-year certificate period may be earned for attending professional roundtable meetings. Note that only individuals holding a five-year certificate are eligible to count LEUs from professional roundtable meetings. See the Indiana State Library's policy on roundtable LEUs here.

Click <u>here</u> to register for the August 2024 Programming Roundtable.

Please contact <u>Kelli McDaniel</u>, of the Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library, or <u>Emily Hurt</u>, of the Henderson County Public Library, with any questions about the roundtable.

The Henderson County Public Library is located at 101 S. Main St.

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



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Highlights. Every other week,
librarians at the Indiana State
Library share images from the
library's ever-growing digital
collections. Visit the <u>Digital</u>
<u>Collections</u> page to view the latest
additions.

A pirate's method of hiding treasure



The renowned Indiana State
Library newspaper database
Hoosier State Chronicles provides
links to other free-access databases
holding Indiana titles. One Googlesupported database has 19th
century issues of the Crawfordsville
Star. In the Star issue for Oct. 7,
1886, an Indiana News section
reads like a crime scene from a
Dickens novel.

It seems that John Short was the brother of a recently convicted thief William Short, now residing in the "northern prison." John was "arrested at Lafayette, and his wooden leg taken off" to reveal a hidden compartment holding "a fine gold watch, a costly lady's necklace, three pairs of fine bracelets, five diamond rings, with other article of jewelry ... to the value of \$1,500." The detective concluded that John was hiding

building a community hub

Westfield Washington Public Library

Westfield library's STEM lab honors Annie Gotwald

Westfield Washington Public Library

Is your library making news?

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State Library blog



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Indiana library employees who would like to contribute a guest blog, please send an <u>email</u> with an idea.

Miss an issue of the Wednesday Word?

in Henderson, Kentucky.

Frankfort Community Public Library schedules Art of Papermaking workshop



The Frankfort Community Public Library will host a five-session workshop, "The Art of Papermaking," this August. Artist Terry Lacy will teach patrons how to transform a simple material into a captivating art form. From the initial beating of cotton fibers to the final press under 20 tons of pressure, this workshop reveals the intricate steps behind an artful transformation.

Supported by the Indiana Arts Commission, in partnership with the Family and Social Services Administration, the workshop is made possible through a Lifelong Arts Indiana grant promoting arts and creativity services for adults ages 65 and older.

The workshop is free, but due to the nature of the process, it is limited to 10 seats. Registration is required, and participants must be aged 65 or older. The workshop will take place in the library art studio on the following dates and times:

- Thursday, Aug. 22, from 5:30–7 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 24, from 1–4:15 p.m., with a 15-minute break between sessions.
- Monday, Aug. 26. from 4–7:15 p.m., with a 15-minute break between sessions.

For more information about the workshops, please email <u>Lori</u>
Brubaker, arts and education

part of his brother's stolen stash in the most secretive place he could imagine.

Click <u>here</u> to access Hoosier State Chronicles.

Tabletop role-playing game webinar scheduled for September



On. Sept. 11, the Indiana State Library will present "What the Research Says - Playing Games to Build Relationships and Learn Empathy: How Tabletop Role-Playing Games Help Players Grow."

Playing games can be helpful to building relationships and learning empathy. In this discussion Megan Connell will specifically cover how TTRPGs help players grow. The discussion will center on why games are important activities for humans to participate in, the research behind engaging with narratives and how that can build empathy and how utilizing safety tools helps create safe spaces for players to learn and grow. Everyone is encouraged to come with questions and join in the discussion.

Connell is a licensed psychologist, author of "Tabletop Role-Playing Therapy: A Guide for the Clinician Game Master," a consultant and cofounder of Health Quest: Innovative Therapeutics.

The discussion is eligible for one LEU for Indiana library staff.

Click here to read more and to register. The event is being cosponsored by the American Library Association's Games & Gaming Round Table.

Back issues of the Wednesday Word coordinator at the Frankfort Please contact George Bergstrom, are available here. Community Public Library. Southern regional coordinator at the Indiana State Library, with any The Frankfort Community Public questions about "What the Free training for Library is located at 208 W. Clinton Research Says - Playing Games to St. in Frankfort. librarians and library Build Relationships and Learn Empathy: How Tabletop Roleemployees on LinkedIn Playing Games Help Players Grow." Learning LEARNING WITH lynda.com CONTENT

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