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# Indiana State Library

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## Wednesday Word to change platforms; readers may need to resubscribe



Beginning in January of 2025, the Wednesday Word will be transitioning to a new delivery platform. The newsletter will be delivered via Salesforce Marketing Cloud. Subscribers to the Wednesday Word through the current GovDelivery platform may need to resubscribe to the newsletter. While some subscribers will automatically be subscribed to the new version of

## Upcoming workshops and important dates

[Collaborative Summer Library Program 2025 Color Our World Webinar](#)

When: Jan. 7, 2025, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[What's Up Wednesday - Empowering Libraries to Support Caregivers: Essential Resources and Strategies](#)

When: Jan. 8, 2025, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

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

When: Jan. 9, 2025, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Marion Public Library

[Professional Development Roundtable](#)

When: Jan. 9, 2025, 2-3 p.m.

Where: Webinar

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

When: Jan. 17, 2025, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

## Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

### [Business Support Service Advisor](#)

Bracken Library at Ball State University

### [Archivist/Assistant Professor](#)

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College

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

the newsletter, it is not possible to transfer certain subscribers. Those who would like to keep receiving the Wednesday Word can subscribe to the new version via this [link](#). Those who have already been transferred to the new subscription list - and try to subscribe via the link - will receive a message informing them that they are already subscribed.

Please note that the Wednesday Word will take its usual holiday hiatus during the week of Dec. 23. The current issue of the Wednesday Word will be the last of 2024 and the last issue delivered via the GovDelivery platform. After the Christmas holiday, the Wednesday Word is currently scheduled to return on Thursday, Jan. 2, a day after New Year's Day.

The Indiana State Library appreciates everyone's patience as the newsletter is transferred to the new delivery platform. The

Where: Jackson County Public Library

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

When: Jan. 23, 2025, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Danville-Center Township Public Library

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

When: Jan. 29, 2025, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

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

When: Jan. 31, 2025, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Franklin County Public Library District - Brookville Branch



[Do it Best Foundation awards grants to seven Fort Wayne organizations](#)  
Allen County Public Library

[\\$25,000 gift from Library Foundation helps library thrive](#)  
Eckhart Public Library

[Eckhart Public Library announces winter film series](#)  
Eckhart Public Library

[Library offering Safe Sitter Essentials class](#)  
Eckhart Public Library

[Dig into history at the library](#)  
Greenwood Public Library

Indiana State Library also apologizes for any inconvenience.

Those with any questions about the Wednesday Word or the transition should contact [John Wekluk](#), communications director at the Indiana State Library.

## **Gov. Holcomb declares Indiana State Library Bicentennial Day; library prepares to celebrate**



*Indiana Library and Historical Board president Laurel Setser reads Gov. Holcomb's Indiana State Library Bicentennial Day proclamation on Friday, Dec. 6 at the Indiana State Library during a staff ceremony.*



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.

## **Healthy Holidays**



[Teens to get festive at the library](#)

Syracuse Public Library

[Tipton County Public Library gets artwork back](#)

Tipton County Public Library

[Celebrate the Holidays with Santa Visits Willard](#)

Willard Public Library

## 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.



Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb on Dec. 6 issued a proclamation declaring that day to be Indiana State Library Bicentennial Day, highlighting the importance of the Indiana State Library. The library became a state agency in 1825 and has since served as the primary research library for state government and as the official depository for state publications. It also plays a vital role in preserving the history and culture of Indiana.

In celebration of its 200th anniversary as a state agency, the library has several activities and events planned for 2025. On Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2025, an invitation-only celebration will take place at the Indiana State Library marking the anniversary of the day that the library became a state agency. Throughout the year, the library will administer multiple trivia and escape room events, host a special bicentennial Lunch and Learn program, exhibit and display several items from its

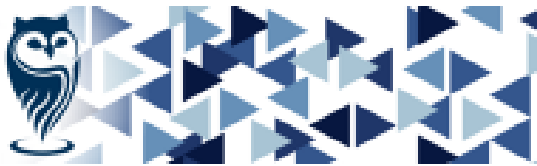


The holiday season can put a strain on diets and budgets. Making the right food choices can be challenging between the big meals, parties and sweets. The USDA, through [nutrition.gov](#), offers tips and ideas to help those stay on track with health goals, plan budget-friendly meals, accommodate guest's dietary restrictions and maintain safe food handling.

The USDA's [Healthy Holidays](#) resources page is a guide to help people prepare a holiday feast in a healthy and affordable manner. Healthy Holidays features links to healthy holiday diet features, meal planning advice, food safety tips relating to safe food storage, advice for leftovers and guidance regarding buffets and parties. There are also easy-to-follow recipes for



## 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.

collections and screen a movie in October as part of a program featuring the Circle City Ghostbusters. A historical marker will also be dedicated on the grounds of the library in 2025.

“Join us in this celebration of the Indiana State Library’s 200th anniversary, as we honor its past, celebrate its present and look forward to its future,” said Jacob Speer, Indiana State Librarian.

As part of the celebration, the library has already published "Laying the Foundation," a richly illustrated book featuring 100 items from the library's collection. Spanning multiple centuries and covering a wide array of topics, items in the book represent only a small fraction of the historic and culturally significant materials held by the Indiana State Library.

"Laying the Foundation" is available for purchase now for \$20 from the Nook Gift Shop on the first floor of the Indiana State

[Hanukkah](#), [Christmas](#) or [Kwanzaa](#) dishes.

[Nutrition.gov](#) is a USDA-sponsored website offering credible information to help make healthy eating choices. Explore the webpage to find resources for various life stages like pregnancy, breastfeeding, children or older adults. It aims to connect consumers with content consistent with current science and the most recent edition of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

## Submissions now being accepted for Letters About Literature

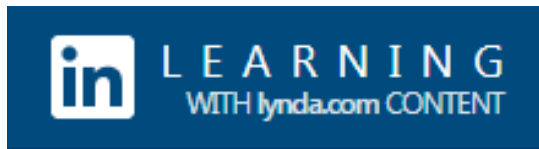


Submissions are now being accepted for the 2024-2025 Indiana Letters About Literature statewide writing contest. The contest is coordinated by the Indiana State Library and the

## Miss an issue of the Wednesday Word?

Back issues of the Wednesday Word are available [here](#).

## Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning



## Indiana State Library to house State Archives' newspaper master microfilm reels



Library, located at 315 W. Ohio St. in downtown Indianapolis.

Additionally, the library will be launching a celebratory website in 2025.

## PLAC fee to change in 2025

**2025 PLAC  
FEE  
\$70**



The Indiana Library and Historical Board voted unanimously on Dec. 6 to change the cost of the Public Library Access Card from \$65 to \$70, effective Jan. 1, 2025.

Indiana Center for the Book and is centered around reading and writing.

Students are asked to read a book, poem or speech and write to the author - living or deceased - about how the book affected how they see themselves or how they see the world. Indiana students in grades four through 12 are eligible to enter the Letters About Literature reading and writing contest.

There are three competition levels: Level I, for grades four through six; Level II, for grades seven and eight; and Level III, for grades nine through 12. Prizes are awarded to the following winners in each level: first place will win \$100; second place will win \$50; and third place will win \$30. Additionally, \$50 will be awarded to the highest scored letter written to an Indiana author and \$150 will be awarded to a teacher who has gone the extra mile to support their students in entering the contest.

Beginning in 2025, the Indiana State Library will house all of the newspaper master microfilm reels created by the Indiana Archives and Records Administration's state imaging and microfilm lab. The merged newspaper microfilm master reels collection will be managed by the State Library. Those who would like more information about ordering microfilm should contact [David Pleiss](#), newspaper librarian at the Indiana State Library.

Learn more about the Indiana State Library's newspaper collection [here](#).

Those interested in accessing digitized Indiana newspapers can visit [Hoosier State Chronicles](#) or use Newspapers.com via [INSPIRE](#) for free access to digitized Indiana newspapers.

The PLAC program allows library patrons to purchase a card which permits them to borrow materials directly from any public library in Indiana.

Any individual who holds a valid Indiana public library card may obtain a card. The cost of the card is \$70 and each card is valid for 12 months after being issued.

The Indiana State Library collects the revenue from the sale of these cards and places it in a designated fund account for the PLAC program. After the end of the calendar year, all of the money collected is distributed back to libraries on the basis of net loans.

Click [here](#) to access the call for entries, click [here](#) to access the group entry form and click [here](#) to access the individual entry form. The submission deadline is Jan. 21, 2025.

Winners will be announced in late March of 2025. They will also receive an invitation to the Virtual Awards Ceremony, as well as a prize pack -including free books - mailed to their home. All winning letters are published in a book that is distributed free to the winning students. The guest author for the Virtual Awards Ceremony will be Indiana author Lisa Fipps.

The 2024-2025 Letters About Literature contest is made possible by the James and Madeleine McMullen Family Foundation and the Indiana State Library Foundation. View the Letters About Literature contest website [here](#).

Please contact [Suzanne Walker](#), director of the Indiana Center for the Book, with any questions.



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