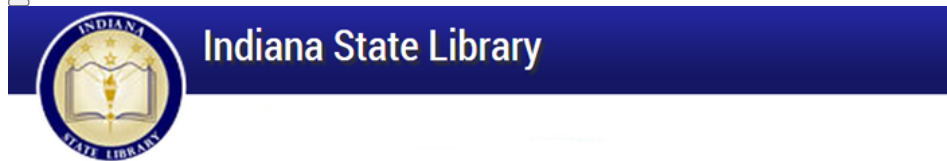


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Allen County Public Library celebrates 10-year anniversary of Maker Labs; announces new labs and programming



The Allen County Public Library has announced the 10-year anniversary of its Maker Labs, marking a decade of providing hands-on learning opportunities to the community. The library is using the opportunity not only to celebrate the success of the current Maker Labs, but to also announce the launch of three new mini Maker Labs, expanded maker programming and the intention to relocate the existing Maker Lab at the Main Library to a space with a larger footprint.

In the spring of 2014, Allen County Public Library opened its flagship Maker Lab at the Main Library, as well as a Maker Lab at the Georgetown Branch. The innovative spaces boasted cutting-edge 3D printers, audio and video recording equipment, craft machines and more. Over the years, the Main Maker Lab has served an average of 950 to 1350 patrons each month and provided hundreds of STEAM programs to the Allen County community for free.

From 2021 to present, the Maker Labs spaces have experienced a 42% increase in visitors. In the most recent quarter, the Maker Lab at Main expanded its programming, offering 28 programs.

In 2022, the library received ARPA grant funds through the City of Fort

Upcoming workshops and important dates

[Summer Lecture Series: Land Platting and Genealogy](#)
When: July 13, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Where: Indiana State Library

[Professional Development Roundtable](#)
When: July 18, 2-3 p.m.
Where: Webinar

[Indiana 211](#)
When: July 24, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

[Indiana State Library Lunch and Learn Series: Introduction to Family Search](#)
When: Aug. 6, 12-1 p.m.
Where: Indiana State Library

[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

[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

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



[Five questions for Aja Michael-Keller, director of communications, Allen County Public Library](#)
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[Library's Reading Service wins two awards](#)
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Bedford Public Library

[Brownstown library announces pottery program](#)
Brownstown Public Library

[Elkhart Public Library Pierre Moran Branch dedicates meeting rooms to two Elkhart icons](#)
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[Friends of the Library sale July 13](#)
Jackson County Public Library

[Kendallville library system seeks improvements](#)
Kendallville Public Library

[Melton Public Library closed indefinitely due to water leak](#)
Melton Public Library

[Milford Public Library to serve breakfast and lunch](#)
Milford Public Library

[Monroe County Public Library Southwest Branch reopens](#)
Monroe County Public Library

[Last day for summer reading prizes is July 13](#)
North Webster Community Public Library

[Taste And Explore heads to Australia](#)
Syracuse Public Library

[You've sunk my Battleship - with a beach ball: Vigo County Public Library to host life-sized version of classic game](#)
Vigo County Public Library

[Warsaw library's StoryWalk project will be installed in the fall](#)

Wayne to purchase new equipment and expand the maker concept to more locations. In 2023, the library outfitted mini Maker Labs at the Hessen Cassel, Pontiac and Shawnee branches. These locations now offer 3D printers, laminators, Cricut vinyl cutters, heat press machines, sewing machines and badge makers to the public. Earlier this month, Shawnee, Hessen Cassel and Pontiac's mini Maker Labs began offering open lab hours for patrons to use the equipment for their own projects.

Last year, the library shared its 2024-28 strategic plan, which included a goal of designing functional, friendly spaces including an expansion of the Main Maker Lab and services. The library embarked on planning for the renovation of the space vacated by Dunkin' Donuts to house a larger, more accessible and more flexible maker space. This move will allow for the transformation of the space into a modern art, science and production studio fostering growth in the years to come.

Beyond expanding across the system and relocating the lab within the Main Library, the Allen County Public Library has also invested in staffing to support the work of the Maker Lab including the creation of a full-time Maker Lab guide and a systemwide specialist focused on maker programming and services beyond the Main Library. Each mini Maker Lab location also has designated staff who have received additional maker training.

For more information about the library's Maker Labs, programs and available equipment, click [here](#).

NEA Our Town creative grants available

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT for the ARTS

The National Endowment for the Arts is currently offering creative placemaking grants through its Our Town grant program.

According to the NEA, the program supports activities that integrate arts, culture and design into local efforts that strengthen communities over the long term. Our Town projects engage a wide range of local stakeholders in efforts to advance local economic, physical or social outcomes in communities. Competitive projects are responsive to unique local conditions, develop meaningful and substantive engagement in communities, center equity, advance artful lives and lay the groundwork for long-term systems change. Click [here](#) to read a detailed description of the program.

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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

[Science of Reading](#)

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

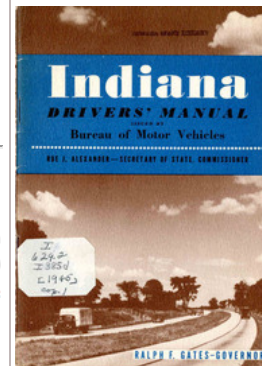
[Difference is You Support Staff Conference](#)

When: Sept. 20, 9 a.m.-3:45 p.m.
Where: Indiana State Library



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.

Indiana Drivers' Manual



"The speed that thrills is the speed that kills." This quote is from the 1945 Indiana Drivers' Manual. The Indiana State Library has digitized a historic run of driver's manuals, published by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles from 1937 to 1976.

The physical look of the manuals has changed, but much of the content is still the same. The earlier manuals were very basic text and had no images or statistics, but by 1945 the manual had grown. It included color images, information about beginner's licenses, various traffic signals and signs, hand signals and the rules of the road.

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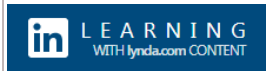
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Applicants may request an amount between \$25,000-\$150,000, with a required minimum nonfederal cost share or match equal to the grant amount.

Part one of the application is due by Aug. 1, and part two is due by Aug. 15. NEA estimates that after registering, the process to draft and submit an application will take approximately 26 hours.

Click [here](#) to read more about the grant and click [here](#) to read detailed application instructions.

Indiana 211 webinar scheduled for July 24



On Wednesday, July 24, from 10-11 a.m., the Indiana State Library will present "Indiana 211."

The free webinar will provide an overview of Indiana 211 - a state agency within Family Social Services Administration - that is free and available to provide resources and information to Hoosiers across all 92 counties.

Indiana 211's stated mission is to improve quality of life for Hoosiers by promoting equity and connecting people to health and human service resources through highly-skilled navigators, continuous community collaboration and a robust community database and technological innovations.

Presenter Jill Shamon is a community engagement coordinator for Indiana 211 and has been with the State of Indiana for just over two years, coming to 211 from Family and Social Services, Office of the Secretary.

The webinar is eligible for one LEU for Indiana library staff. Click [here](#) to read more and to register via Zoom.

Click [here](#) to learn more about Indiana 211.

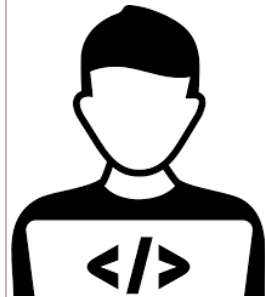
Over the years, the highway system grew and developed and the changes in laws to help promote public safety while out on the road are seen in the drivers' manuals. In 1946, the cost for an operator's license was \$1.25 and would rise to \$5.00 by 1976. The 1945 manual states that in cities and towns, "20 miles per hour in business districts and 30 miles per hour in residential districts."

By 1976, the highway system had grown to include interstates, like Interstates 65, 70 and 465, allowing for faster travel and growth in the cities. This was reflected in the speed limits with the addition "On state highways... 55 mph or as posted." Much of the basic information has stayed the same since 1937, but additions came over the years, such as information about anti-littering laws, drinking and driving and drugs and driving. The 1945 Indiana drivers' manual stated that 784 people were killed in 1944, and later in the 1974, 1,231 were killed.

From the 1945 Indiana Drivers' Manual: "Think twice... once for yourself. Once for the other fellow."

The Indiana Drivers' Manual collection is available in the State Library's [Indiana State Agency Documents digital collections](#) for viewing and research.

Next Webmaster Roundtable scheduled for Aug. 27



On Tuesday, Aug. 27, the third Webmaster Roundtable of the year will take place virtually from 2-3 p.m. Eastern Time.

The Webmaster Roundtable is for those who would like to connect with other library staff members in Indiana who are tasked with overseeing their library's webpage. There will also be time to collaborate and ask questions.

Click [here](#) to read more and to register.

The final virtual Webmaster Roundtable of the year will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 26.

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