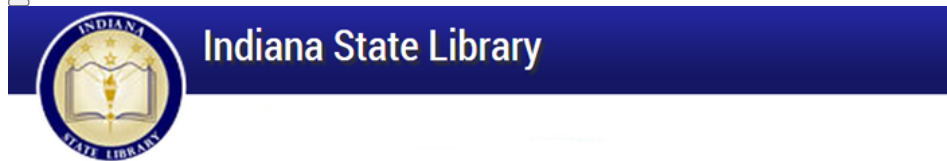


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### Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

- [Youth Services Assistant \(part-time\)](#)  
Hamilton East Public Library
- [Library Aide \(part-time\)](#)  
Hamilton North Public Library
- [Local History and Genealogy Librarian](#)  
Hancock County Public Library

### National Book Festival event scheduled at Indiana State Library



The Library of Congress is once again presenting the [National Book Festival](#). The 24th annual festival will take place in-person on Aug. 24 at the Washington Convention Center in Washington D.C. On Aug. 10, Indiana is having its own National Book Festival Event in downtown Indianapolis.

Each year, the Indiana Center for the Book chooses two authors to feature during the festival, one who writes for children and one who writes for adults. This year, the Center has chosen to highlight Gabrielle Balkan's picture book "What a Map Can Do" and Kaveh Akbar's novel "Martyr!"

The Indiana Center for the Book is partnering with Indiana Humanities to host a program with Balkan in-person at 1 p.m. on Aug. 10 at the Indiana State Library. The family-friendly event will feature a talk from Balkan and mapping activities for kids. Kids Ink will be on hand to sell books. Attendees can park for free at the Senate Avenue Garage across the street from the Indiana State Library. Parking tickets can be brought into the library to be validated. The event is free but [registration is required](#).

In addition to the aforementioned authors, Indiana author Candace Fleming will also be at the National Book festival in-person. Fleming's book "The Enigma Girls" is featured in a [toolkit](#) put together by Indiana Humanities and Indiana Center for the Book.

### Upcoming workshops and important dates

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

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

[What's Up Wednesday - Detecting Fraud Against Older Adults: Building Awareness and Resources for Library Staff](#)  
When: July 31, 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](#)

[Community Branch Manager](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

[Youth Services Specialist](#)

Jasper County Public Library

[Media Specialist Teen Librarian](#)

Mooreville Public Library

[Programming Assistant \(part-time\)](#)

New Carlisle-Olive Township Public Library

[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**[Nearly 20,000 kids in Indianapolis](#)[join summer reading program](#)

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The toolkits can be used to develop local programs related to these authors or the National Book Festival. Indiana Humanities wants to hear from those who are planning local programs. Fill out this [form](#) to share local National Book Festival-related programs.

Please contact [Suzanne Walker](#), Indiana Young Readers Center librarian and Director of the Indiana Center for the Book, with any questions.

**Indiana Treasurer of State offering scholarships for special needs students**

An Indiana Education Scholarship Account, administered by the Office of the Indiana Treasurer of State, provides scholarship funding to students with disabilities, which they can use to access the educational environment that best meets their learning needs. Parents of eligible students, or emancipated eligible students, may spend scholarship money on pre-approved educational programs, therapies, services, tuition and fees at private schools, curricular materials and other expenses related to the student's education.

"This scholarship program offers a great opportunity for parents of children with special education needs. The Indiana Department of Education [counts more than 100,000](#) K-12 students in this category every year. Librarians across Indiana can greatly benefit their communities by sharing this information with their adult patrons who may be parents of these students," said Kara Cleveland, Professional Development Office supervisor at the Indiana State Library.

To be eligible for the scholarship account, the student must be a resident of Indiana; in the K-12 grade level, ages 5-22; have a disability and require special education; meet an income requirement; and complete state testing. Click [here](#) to watch a short video that provides an overview of the program.

The application window closes on Sept. 1 and the funds are distributed on a first come, first served basis. Click [here](#) to read more and to apply.

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

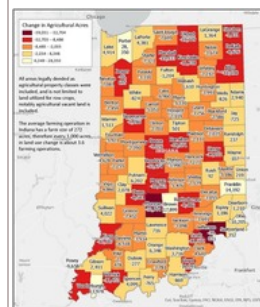
[Every Child Ready to Read and School Readiness in Storytime](#)

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

Where: La Porte County Public Library



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.

**Inventory of lost farmland**

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture [recently announced](#) the completion of its inventory of lost farmland to the Indiana Legislative Council. With [House Enrolled Act 1557](#) the 2023 Indiana General Assembly called on ISDA to conduct the inventory and submit the results not later than July 1. View both the [full 2010 to 2022 report](#) and a [summary](#) of methods, data, results and recommendations.

The ISDA determined there has been an overall reduction of 350,000 farmland acres, approximately 1.5-2%, from 2010-2022. Agricultural land was mostly lost near the edges of cities and suburban areas, primarily due to residential use.

Despite the loss in acreage, yield data from the [USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service](#) shows that Indiana's production of its cash



**Meet an Author, Be an Author Book Fair scheduled for Oct. 19 at Indianapolis Public Library; author applications open**



The Indianapolis Public Library's annual Meet an Author, Be an Author Book Fair will take place on Oct. 19, between 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., at the Central Library.

From 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., attendees can take part in a local author book fair. From 11 a.m.-3 p.m., attendees can participate in workshops and readings. The fair invites the public to meet local authors, attend writing workshops and network with published writers, aspiring writers and fans. No registration is required to attend this free and family-friendly event.

"The event is perfect for anyone interested in writing or publishing their work or exploring the local literary scene," said Jill Edwards, adult program specialist with The Indianapolis Public Library. "We have workshops for aspiring writers to hone their skills and we have plenty of books for readers of all ages to discover covering a variety of genres."

Local authors are invited to apply to be featured at the Meet an Author, Be an Author Book Fair. Featured authors will receive free table space to sell and promote their books, network with other authors and engage with the public. The application period closes on Aug. 26. Selected authors will be notified by Sept. 13.

Meet an Author, Be an Author is made possible by the generous support of Friends of the Library through gifts to The Indianapolis Public Library Foundation.

Click [here](#) to read the full Indianapolis Public Library press release about the Meet an Author, Be an Author Book Fair.

crops has increased. In 2012, Indiana produced over 597 million bushels of corn for grain, and in 2022 yielded over 1 billion bushels. Indiana produced nearly 219 million bushels of soybeans in 2012 and saw that number increase to over 326 million in 2022.

The ISDA recommends that the inventory be conducted every five years to keep pace with both population and economic growth. Other recommendations include encouraging local governments to identify agricultural land trends when making land use decisions and updating their comprehensive plans accordingly.

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**State Budget Agency calculates maximum levy growth quotient**



Public library directors and trustees should note that the State Budget Agency has calculated the maximum levy growth quotient pursuant to IC 6-1.1-18.5-2 for property tax levies first due and payable in CY 2025. The growth quotient for CY 2025 is 4.000%.

The supporting documentation uses the information released by the Bureau of Economic Analysis on June 28. Click [here](#) to read the memorandum.

**'Supplementing Science of Reading from the Library & TeachingBooks' webinar scheduled**



**TeachingBooks™**

On Wednesday, Aug. 21, from 11 a.m.-12 p.m., the Indiana State Library will present "Supplementing Science of Reading from the Library & TeachingBooks."

In this free webinar, attendees will learn how to discover exceptional texts to support and supplement science of reading instruction. Underscoring phonics, phonological awareness, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension, the Indiana State Library INSPIRE-licensed TeachingBooks can help to identify popular picture books by more than a dozen phonics and phonetical awareness classifications, including vowel and consonant sounds, alliteration, rhyming and more.

Those who cannot attend the live webinar may request to have the recording sent to them when it becomes available - usually within 30 days of the live session - [via this form](#). The webinar will also be posted on the Indiana State Library's [Archived Training page](#).

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

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