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# Indiana State Library

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### Registration now open for 2024 Difference is You Conference



Registration is now open for the 2024 Difference is You Conference. The conference is the only statewide event designed especially for library support staff and non-MLS librarians. However, all are welcome to attend.

The conference will take place on Friday, Sept. 20, from 9 a.m.-3:45 p.m., at the Indiana State Library in downtown Indianapolis.

The theme of this year's Difference is You Conference is "Grow Your

### Upcoming workshops and important dates

[Indiana State Library Lunch and Learn Series 2024](#)

Where: June 25, 12-1 p.m.  
Where: Indiana State Library

[What's Up Wednesday: The Walk and Talk Webinar: Touring the Indiana State Library](#)

When: June 26, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Where: Webinar

[What's Up Wednesday: Material Challenges: ACPL's Journey of Training Staff](#)

When: July 10, 10-11 a.m.  
Where: Webinar

[Summer Lecture Series: Land Platting and Genealogy](#)

When: July 13, 11 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.  
Where: Indiana State Library

[Professional Development Roundtable](#)

## Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

### [Children's Services Programming Assistant](#)

Anderson Public Library

### [Collection Services Clerk](#)

Anderson Public Library

### [Head of Research and Teaching Services](#)

Ball State University

### [Head of Resource and Systems Strategies](#)

Butler University Libraries

### [Public Services Librarian](#)

Hamilton East Public Library

### [Public Services Librarian](#)

Hamilton East Public Library

### [Circulation Team Lead](#)

Pendleton Community Public Library

### [Branch Assistant](#)

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

Garden." The Professional Development Committee of the Indiana State Library hopes that attendees will develop and cultivate what they learn at this event and that they can expand upon that knowledge at their own library. The committee also encourages libraries to register staff as a group for a team-building outing.

This year's sessions include: "Building Relationships with Local Officials and Organizations," "Communicating Across Generations," "Teen Mental Health – Taking Action and Sharing Resources," "Welcoming People with Disabilities to the Library," "Services from the Indiana State Library," "Teaching Technology to Your Community," "Immigrants in Indiana: Data, Needs and Resources," "Emotional Intelligence" and "State Data Center and Grant Data."

Click [here](#) to register by Friday, Aug. 9. Payment is due by Aug. 23. Each library will be invoiced. Full session descriptions and presenters biographies can be found on the [Difference is You Conference page](#).

The cost of registration is \$30 per person, which includes a boxed lunch. A total of five LEUs are available for Indiana Library staff. Click [here](#) for a map to the parking areas.

Please contact [Paula Newcom](#) or [Kara Cleveland](#), conference committee co-chairs, with any questions about the event.

## North Webster Community Public Library offering yard games

When: July 18, 2-3 p.m.

Where: Webinar

### [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 p.m.

Where: Marion Public Library

### [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



[ACPL librarian recognized nationally for creating programming for adults with disabilities](#)

Allen County Public Library

[The Allen County Public Library invites the public to its upcoming Juneteenth celebration](#)

Allen County Public Library

[Crown Point Community Library taking knowledge to the streets, leading tours around courthouse square and city](#)

Crown Point Community Library

[Campaign aims to bring Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to kids in Allen County](#)

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Indiana

[Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb to expand Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program](#)

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Indiana

[Library to welcome Indiana Master Naturalist](#)

Eckhart Public Library

[McCollough library reopens after closing in summer of 2023 for upgrades and renovations](#)

Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

[Floyd County Library in southern Indiana offering at-home blood pressure kits](#)

Floyd County Library



*North Webster library staff members Izzy Espinoza and Anna Jackson try out the Yardzee outdoor Yahtzee game.*

This summer, the North Webster Community Public Library is offering a variety of yard games for patrons to check out via its Library of Things.

From classic favorites like tug of war, ring toss, ladder ball and bocce ball to exciting new additions such as a bubble machine, disc toss, Viking chess, yard pong and yard Yahtzee, there is something for everyone. Additionally, multiple disc golf sets have been generously donated to the library by Pedals & Paddles and local community member Hikari Iwayama.

All games can be borrowed for a three-week period with a valid North Webster Community Public Library card. The library says the games are "perfect for livening up any family gathering, neighborhood event or casual backyard fun."

To check out yard games, visit the North Webster Community Public Library or view the library's available selection through the online catalog by visiting the library's [website](#). For more information, please contact the library at 574-834-7122.

The North Webster Community Public Library is located at 110 E.

[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 ISL!](#)

When: Oct. 9, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Professional Development Roundtable](#)

Oct. 10, 2-3 p.m.

Where: Webinar



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.

**Happy birthday, Fort Benjamin Harrison**



On June 16, 1906, the United States War Department Order 107 officially designated Fort Benjamin Harrison as a "new military post



[Fishers library opens new pedestrian plaza](#)

Hamilton East Public Library

[Indianapolis Public Library dog, cat adoption event coming](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

[What's happening at Indianapolis library's Book Fest and Juneteenth Celebration](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

[Library hosting writing contest this summer](#)

Jay County Public Library

[Teen weekly cryptid scavenger hunt kicks off](#)

North Webster Community Public Library

[Summer reading program arrives at SPL](#)

Syracuse 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.



North St. in North Webster.

### Submissions now being accepted for Jerry Kline Community Impact Prize



Submissions are now being accepted for the Jerry Kline Community Impact Prize.

Developed in partnership between the Gerald M. Kline Family Foundation and Library Journal, the prize was created in 2019 to recognize the public library as a vital community asset.

One winning library will receive \$250,000 in unfettered grant monies from the Gerald M. Kline Family Foundation. The winning library will also be profiled in the February issue of Library Journal and online. Honorable mentions may also be named.

The winning library will be identified based on the degree of its impact on the community in the following key areas:

- Engagement with local government to support the service area's defined goals.
- Engagement with the community to develop library services.
- Community recognition.
- Inclusion to meet the needs of underserved populations as well as promoting social cohesion and connection across differences.
- Leadership development to perpetuate the library's organizational strength and dynamism.
- Environmental sustainability and leadership in sustainable thinking
- Inventiveness as exemplified by one of the library's services which is

near Indianapolis, Indiana." Eleven years later, the country entered the first World War and the fort became a hive of activity with soldiers arriving from all over the country to prepare for deployment to Europe.

Indianapolis photographer Harry C. Coburn documented life at the military base and even filmed soldiers going through their trainings. The above [still image](#) is from one of his films.

Coburn's footage of Fort Benjamin Harrison can be viewed in its entirety within [this video](#) on the Indiana State Library's YouTube channel.

### What's Up Wednesday Legal Help webinar scheduled



As part of its What's Up Wednesday webinar series, on Wednesday, Aug. 28, from 10-11 a.m., the Indiana State Library will present "Indiana Legal Help - How Can Libraries Support Publicly Accessible Legal Information."

In this webinar, presenter Mike Commons, Indiana Legal Help manager at Indiana Legal Help, will seek to improve access to justice for all Hoosiers by removing barriers to the law so they can better understand their legal options, make informed decisions and connect to local legal and community resources.

Commons will cover:

### State Library blog



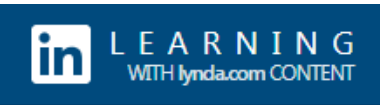
Follow the [Indiana State Library's blog](#) for weekly posts covering all aspects of the State Library.

Indiana library employees who would like to contribute a guest blog, please send an [email](#) with an idea.

### 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



### Text and Learn for Kindergarten program information



particularly original, both strategically and tactically.  
- Any controversies that have arisen within the library, and how the library has handled them going forward.

Nominations will be submitted via an [online form](#). Nominations must include nominator; library data; an overview summary of no more than 1,000 words; detailed answers to focused answers on each of the criteria driven question; and three letters of support from community partners or civic leaders, with at least one from an elected official. Click [here](#) to read more.

All U.S. Public Libraries are eligible for the prize. The deadline for consideration for the 2024 Community Impact Prize is July 31, 2024.

Click [here](#) to read about the 2023 winner, the Kent District Library in Michigan.

Please contact [Lisa Peet](#), executive editor at Library Journal, with any questions about the Jerry Kline Community Impact Prize or submitting a nomination.

- How to find Indiana Legal Help online and bridging the digital divide. What and where are the Indiana Legal Help kiosks? How can libraries use and promote [indianalegalhelp.org](#)?

- What legal information and resources can be accessed on the website, such as linking to free legal help, legal information help desk, calendar of events, etc.

- What is legal information vs. legal advice? Guidance for librarians on what they can and cannot do to help people with legal issues.

Diverse members of the public represent some of the largest portions of citizens and library-users that are unable to afford legal representation. The legal forms, resources and information provided by the Indiana Bar Foundation at [indianalegalhelp.org](#) are provided at no cost. Librarians who are trained and proficient on assisting members with use of the website can help ensure that these resources are available to those in the state who need them most.

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

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