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DNA & Genealogy Discussion Group to meet online on June 8



The Johnson County Public Library has announced that the next DNA & Genealogy Discussion Group will take place virtually on Saturday, June 8 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. via Zoom.

Angela Guntz from the Central Indiana DNA Interest Group will demonstrate tips and techniques to unlock the power of genetic genealogy to help locate living relatives. "Finding Living Relatives" will equip attendees with techniques to identify unknown DNA matches and locate living relatives using DNA analysis tools and research methods, which can

Upcoming workshops and important dates

[What's Up Wednesday: Grace in the Workplace](#)

When: May 29, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[The Game Master Librarian, Part Two: Immersive Experiences of TTRPGs in Education](#)

When: May 31, 3-4 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[Summer Lecture Series: DNA Workshop](#)

When: June 8, 1-3 p.m.

Where: Indiana State Library

[What's Up Wednesday: Moving Beyond Avoidance: Conflict Resolution for Beginners](#)

When: June 12, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

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

Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

[Reference Librarian](#)

East Chicago Public Library

[Youth Services Librarian](#)

East Chicago Public Library

[Library Assistant Adult Services \(part-time\)](#)

Plainfield-Guilford Township 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



[Convention center considers solar roof as Allen County library moves forward with similar project](#)
Allen County Public Library

[Bartholomew County Public Library celebrates 125th anniversary](#)
Bartholomew County Public Library

[Play YOUR Way with the Evansville Public Library's summer reading](#)

assist those struggling to trace their ancestry with minimal information or those who are puzzled by DNA matches that lead to dead ends.

Register for this free program by calling the White River Branch of the Johnson County Public Library at 317-885-1330, or by visiting the library's [events page](#). A link to the Zoom program will be emailed to all registrants the day before the program. Participants should make sure to include their email address with their registration.

The event is eligible for LEUs for Indiana library staff.

The series is presented in memory of beloved CIDIG presenter, friend and colleague, Denise Anderson-Decina and is part of the is part of the Denise Anderson-Decina Memorial Lecture series.

The Central Indiana DNA Interest Group is a nonprofit organization with the goal of educating Hoosiers on the benefits of genealogical DNA testing. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Juneteenth program set to take place at Allen County Public Library



On June 19 at 3 p.m., the Allen County Public Library will host "Abraham Lincoln, Juneteenth, and the Power of the Emancipation Proclamation."

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](#)

When: July 18, 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.

Save Woodruff Place

[celebration](#)

Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

[Library receives Honda contribution for summer reading program](#)

Greensburg-Decatur County Public Library

[First library in Region, second in state, unveils Redbox-like vending device](#)

Hammond Public Library

[Huntingburg Library expansion and renovation project bolstered by Community Foundation grant](#)

Huntingburg Public Library

[Library Awarded grant for One State/One Story programs](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

[Jackson County Library summer learning program begins](#)

Jackson County Public Library

[Library offers adult, teen programs in June](#)

Jackson County Public Library

[A new reading adventure begins at JCPL this summer](#)

Jasper County Public Library

[Children's Book Week winners announced](#)

Milford Public Library

[Walkerton-Lincoln Township Library receives second grant to enhance Unity Garden](#)

Walkerton-Lincoln Township Public Library

[VIP Party raises \\$53K for new Westfield public library](#)

Westfield Washington Public Library

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In this presentation, part of the Allen County Public Library's Rolland Lecture series, Jonathan W. White, Civil War historian, will discuss President Abraham Lincoln and the Emancipation Proclamation. He will also examine Juneteenth, the holiday that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States.

White is an historian of the American Civil War with a particular interest in Abraham Lincoln, African American history and U.S. constitutional history. His articles have appeared in a wide variety of journals, magazines and periodicals, including Smithsonian Magazine, Civil War History, the Journal of the Civil War Era, the Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, the Maryland Historical Magazine, New Jersey Monthly and more. White currently teaches American studies courses on the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, Abraham Lincoln and race and the history of treason in the U.S. at Christopher Newport University in Virginia.

The hybrid program will take place both virtually on Zoom and in person in the Allen County Public Library's Main Library Theater. Registration is required for both the in-person presentation and the virtual presentation. Click [here](#) to register.

Please contact the [Rolland Center](#) with any questions about the program. "Abraham Lincoln, Juneteenth and the Power of the Emancipation Proclamation" is sponsored by the Friends of the Lincoln Collection.

The Allen County Public Library is located at 900 Library Plaza in Fort Wayne.



On Sept. 18, 1953, residents of Woodruff Place were invited to attend a town hall meeting via a flyer proclaiming that "time is of the essence." The [flyer](#) - a copy of which can be found in the Small BroadSides Collection at the Indiana State Library - provides a glimpse into the hard-fought battle that ultimately resulted in the annexation of Woodruff Place into the city of Indianapolis.

Now a near-east side neighborhood, the town was established in the 1870s by James O. Woodruff, best known for creating the city's water system, and it remained an independent town within city limits after it was incorporated in 1876. Councilman J. Wesley Brown introduced the annexation ordinance multiple times in 1953 before it was passed in September, but it was formally enacted only after nine years of protests and legal battles. The final blow to resistant Woodruff Place residents came in February 1962 after the Supreme Court decided not to review the case, the next logical step after the Indiana Supreme Court upheld the annexation the previous year. At the time of annexation, it comprised around 1,700 residents.

The reason for annexation cited by the city was the need for Woodruff Place residents to pay their share of taxes, though the incorporated town did already pay the city fees for

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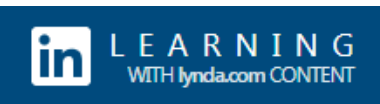
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Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning



Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library introduces new Messy Munchkins preschool program



The Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library has introduced a new preschool program called Messy Munchkins. The new program, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is offered each month at the Zionsville Branch of the library.

Each program begins with the reading of a story that incorporates the theme of the month. After the story, children are free to explore six "messy" hands-on stations. The program helps children gain developmental skills while getting messy and having fun.

Messy Munchkins encourages the development of pre-literacy skills, emerging STEM skills, fine motor skills, gross motor skills, social skills, confidence, decision making and creative problem solving.

The first session, "Nature Play Days Messy Munchkins," will be on Monday, June 3. Please note that registration for the session - which will include paint, sidewalk chalk, mud, sand, water and bubbles - is full.

Library staff are encouraging those interested in future Messy Munchkins programs to visit the library's [events calendar](#) to register for other upcoming sessions as they

trash, sewage, education, police, fire and the General Hospital.

Click [here](#) to read more - including accounts of the heated debates and the results of the annexation - and to view a photo of one of the neighborhood's iconic fountains.

Indiana State Library virtual tour webinar scheduled



As part of the Indiana State Library's What's Up Wednesday series, "The Walk and Talk Webinar: Touring the Indiana State Library" will take place on Wednesday, June 26 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

The live virtual tour will showcase the behind-the-scenes and public areas of the Indiana State Library. The tour will be in real time via Zoom and attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions of library staff as they walk through the different divisions of the Indiana State Library.

The tour will begin at the public entrance on West Ohio Street. From there, attendees will visit the Circulation Division, the Indiana Historical Bureau, the Genealogy Division and the Indiana Statehouse Education Center. Next, the tour will visit the Great Hall, the History Reference Room, the Indiana Authors Room, the Indiana Young Readers Center, the Browsing and Manuscripts Reading

Text and Learn for Kindergarten program information



are announced. Participants are encouraged to "dress for the mess."

The Zionsville branch of the Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library is located at 250 N. 5th St. in Zionsville. Please contact the library at 317-873-3149 with any questions. Click [here](#) to read more about Messy Munchkins.

Room, the Indiana Division, the Reference Division and the Newspaper Room. The tour will then go behind the scenes to the stacks, the Cataloging Division and the Preservation Lab before finishing in the administrative office. Other State Library services, including Dolly's Parton's Imagination Library of Indiana and the Indiana Talking Book and Braille Library, will also be highlighted.

The virtual tour is eligible for two LEUs for Indiana Library staff. Click [here](#) to read more and to register for "The Walk and Talk Webinar: Touring the Indiana State Library."

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