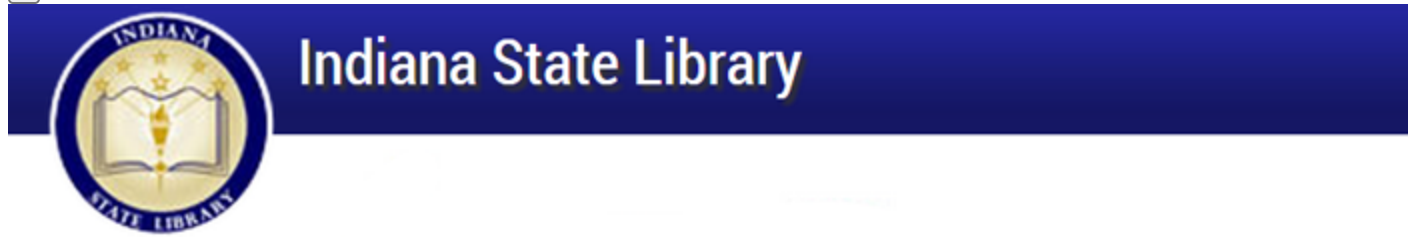


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New librarian interview program to debut this month



Tea Time with Librarians is a new interview program from the Indiana State Library debuting this month. The purpose of the program is to talk about all of the amazing things that Indiana libraries and library staff are doing for their communities.

“Libraries are important, relevant entities in their communities, providing much-needed resources

Upcoming workshops and important dates

[Indiana State Library Lunch and Learn Series: Early Census Questionnaires 1790 to 1860](#)

When: Nov. 7, 12-1 p.m.
Where: Indiana State Library

[Youth Services Leaders Virtual Roundtable](#)

When: Nov. 7, 2-3 p.m.
Where: Webinar

[What's Up Wednesday - Engaging Your Library in Dementia Friendly Initiatives](#)

When: Nov. 13, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

[Public Libraries and the Science of Reading](#)

When: Nov. 14, 2-3 p.m.
Where: Webinar

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

When: Nov. 15, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

[Public Services Assistant \(part-time\)](#)
Hamilton East Public Library

[Public Services Librarian- Adult Focus](#)
Indianapolis Public Library

[Clerical Assistant - Youth Services](#)
Jeffersonville Township Public Library

[Library Media Specialist](#)
Lebanon Community School Corporation

[Adult Services Librarian](#)
Tippecanoe 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

and programming, and I want to give them an opportunity to brag about those things," shared Lacey Klemm, Northwest regional coordinator for the Indiana State Library. The first few interviews will be with Indiana State Library staff. However, anyone in the state who is interested in participating in Tea Time with Librarians can email [Lacey Klemm](#) to make a request.

Episode one of Tea Time with Librarians, featuring Indiana State Library Professional Development Office supervisor Kara Cleveland, will be available to view on Tuesday Nov. 12 on the [Indiana State Library's YouTube channel](#). A new episode will become available the second Tuesday of each month.

Public takes historic cemetery tour with Avon-Washington Township Public Library



On Oct. 11, members of the public took a tour of the Shiloh Methodist Cemetery in Indianapolis along with staff from the Avon-Washington Township Public Library and "met" some of the people buried there.

Led by knowledgeable tour guides, attendees learned a little about the lives of those buried in the cemetery and honored their memories through the historic tour. Avon-Washington Township Public Library staff and a few

Where: West Lafayette Public Library

[Institutional Workshop](#)
When: Nov. 15, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Where: Indiana State Library

[2024 Annual Report and Bookkeeping Workshop - In-Person](#)
When: Nov. 21, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Where: Indiana State Library

[2024 Annual Report and Bookkeeping Workshop - Virtual](#)
When: Nov. 21, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Where: Webinar

[Webmaster Roundtable](#)
When: Nov. 26, 2-3 p.m.
Where: Webinar

[What's Up Wednesday: What's Cooking in the Library?](#)
When: Nov. 27, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

[Color Our World: Summer Reading 2025 In-Person Workshop](#)
When: Dec. 3, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Where: Jeffersonville Township Public Library

[Color Our World: Summer Reading 2025 In-Person Workshop](#)
When: Dec. 9, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Central Time
Where: Lake County Public Library - St. John Branch

[Public Library Social Media Policies: A Legal and Realistic Overview](#)
When: Dec. 10, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

[Color Our World: Summer Reading 2025 In-Person Workshop](#)
When: Dec. 11, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Where: LaGrange County Public Library - Topeka Branch

[What's Up Wednesday - Video Game Collections in Libraries, Pt. 2: Processing, Cataloging, Displaying, and Best Practices](#)
When: Dec. 11, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Where: Webinar



[Behind the scenes: Mentone Bell Library is killing it](#)

Bell Memorial Public Library

[Brownstown library announces adult programming](#)

Brownstown Public Library

[Elkhart library honors Dia de Los Muertos with community ofrenda](#)

Elkhart Public Library

[EVPL Foundation to host 'Fall Mini Book Sale' next month](#)

Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

[EVPL West holds Day of the Dead event](#)

Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

[Lake Institute on Faith & Giving launches resource library for philanthropy and Black churches](#)

Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy

[Indianapolis Public Library hosts 'Jazz, Blues, and Other Hues' event celebrating jazz and poetry](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

[IndyPL announces Fall Fest 2024, guest speaker Yolanda Renee King](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

[November brings gobs of new programs to JCPL branches](#)

Jasper County Public Library

[Kokomo artist displays pollinator art in library's main branch](#)

young patrons were actors during the tour and represented community members from decades past. Those on the tour "talked" to about a dozen people including Janet Hennipman, portrayed by Chloe Splan; Hortense (Powner) Myers - a successful journalist and author - portrayed by Laurel Setser; and George Lester Gladden and his wife Amanda (Miller) Gladden, portrayed by John and Holly Davis. The Gladdens even passed around hardtack - a dense, cracker-like food - for the crowd to sample. The annual historic tour has become a fall favorite for local history buffs.

The Simplicity Funeral Home opened its facilities, provided refreshments and allowed the library to use its parking lot for the event. The funeral home and cemetery are located at 641 N. County Road 1050 E. in Indianapolis.

The program was free, but donations were accepted. Money raised went to the Library Guild, which helps fund free programs at the Avon-Washington Township Public Library. The event was endorsed by the Hendricks County Bicentennial Committee.

Those interested in local history are encouraged to stop by the Huron Room at Avon-Washington Township Public Library or to visit the library's [website](#).

Grand opening of Wabash Carnegie Public Library celebrates completion of major renovation and expansion

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

When: Dec. 13, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Delphi 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.

Celebrate America's 250th birthday



On [Sept. 16](#), the National Archives launched a new website, [Declaration250.gov](#), to help the nation join in its journey to celebrate America's 250th birthday and the signing of the [Declaration of Independence](#). The National Archives is planning for a two-year celebration, in coordination with the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission, also known as

Kokomo-Howard County Public Library

[VonnegutFest returns, gifts board game honoring author's legacy](#)
Kurt Vonnegut Museum and Library

[Friends of Library donate two benches](#)
Milford Public Library

['What's In Your Bag' program coming to Milford library](#)
Milford Public Library

[Photos: Halloween fun at Morrisson-Reeves Library](#)
Morrisson-Reeves Library

[PCCF announces Fall Grant awards](#)
Putnam County Public Library

[St. Joe library turns to branches after revamping downtown hub](#)
St. Joseph County Public Library

[Vigo County Public Library opens 12 Points Branch](#)
Vigo County Public Library

[Willard Public Library holds special ceremony for beloved employee](#)
Willard Public Library

Is your library making news?

[Email](#) news links for inclusion in the Wednesday Word's "In the news" section.

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After a long-anticipated renovation and expansion, Wabash Carnegie Public Library has announced its grand re-opening on Friday, Nov. 15. The celebration will begin with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 1 p.m., followed by an open house featuring light refreshments, tours of the new building, giveaways and more. The entire community is invited to attend and explore the newly updated and expanded library.

The project, which began in March of 2023, has transformed the library into a modern, vibrant community hub. Key improvements include meeting rooms, a children's programming space, genealogy room and flexible study spaces. The updated library is designed to better meet the needs of the community while continuing to offer the welcoming, inclusive environment that patrons have come to love.

Jon Gaskill, executive director of the Wabash Carnegie Public Library, expressed excitement about the reopening by quoting the late Andrew Carnegie. "There is not such a cradle of democracy upon the earth as the free public library, this republic of letters, where neither rank, office, nor wealth receives the slightest consideration." He went on to explain, "As this quote suggests, the public library is here for everyone, regardless of race, creed, color or identity. Regardless of where you have been or where you are going, we are here for you, for the community. This newly

[America250](#), and other federal partners and cultural heritage organizations. For anyone unfamiliar with the term "semiquincentennial," it literally means half of a quincentennial, thus making it a 250th anniversary.

The new website will serve as an anchor to NARA's Declaration250-related activities over the next two years. Currently the site features signature programming and a countdown to July 4, 2026. It also points to a wide range of related National Archives resources, including an America's Founding Documents page on the [Declaration of Independence](#) and a Calendar of Events. Visit [Declaration250.gov](#) to learn more and to sign up for the newsletter to receive Declaration250 materials and updates.

Locally, there is an Indiana Semiquincentennial Commission, created in March 2022 by the Indiana General Assembly. The Commission's mission, members, reports, minutes and more information appear on their [website](#). Check back as plans include making education materials available outlining important state and national historical events, a 250th anniversary celebration on July 4, 2026, at the Indiana War Memorial in Indianapolis and a torch relay that reaches all 92 Indiana counties.

Evergreen Indiana Library Consortium seeking non-member input



The Evergreen Indiana Library Consortium is currently working on a strategic plan and is seeking feedback from non-member libraries.



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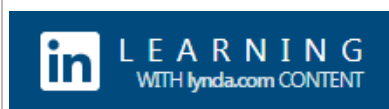
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Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning



expanded Wabash Carnegie Public Library will be something for everyone in the community and beyond, not only a getting place, but a doing place, a gathering place, and a great place where everyone can receive the same level of service and excellent information. We can't wait to welcome you to your new Wabash Carnegie Public Library."

In addition to the ribbon-cutting, attendees will have the opportunity to explore the library's new features during the open house. Staff will be available to answer questions, provide tours and demonstrate some of the new resources now available to the public. The Wabash Carnegie Public Library is located at 188 West Hill Street in Wabash. For more information about the event, please call 260-563-2972.

"We've already heard from our member libraries, and now we want to hear from non-Evergreen libraries all around the state. That's you! Please consider filling out the linked survey and let us know what you think," said Courtney Brown, director of the Evergreen Indiana Library Consortium.

A short introductory video on the survey from the consortium's consultant, Carson Block, can be viewed [here](#).

The survey is estimated to take fewer than five minutes to complete. Click [here](#) to take the survey. The survey will close on Nov. 15.

Please contact [Courtney Brown](#) with any questions.

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