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Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library Harris Branch opens youth courtyard



The Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library has announced the opening of the Harris Branch Youth Courtyard. Landscape architects with DLZ designed the 4,000-square-foot concrete courtyard that borders part of the library's north wall. Construction on the outdoor project began early this year. The new youth courtyard entrance is located in the Youth Services area along the library's north side.

The Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library director of

Upcoming workshops and important dates

[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](#)

When: Oct. 10, 2-3 p.m.
Where: Webinar

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

When: Oct. 11, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Where: Peabody Public Library

[New Escape Room Kits from ISL! - In-person Workshop](#)

When: Oct. 21, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Central Time

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Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

[Children's Services Librarian](#)

Anderson Public Library

[Head of Special Collections](#)

Butler University Libraries

[Business Manager](#)

Harrison County Public Library

[Data Services Librarian](#)

Indiana University Indianapolis
University Library

[Public Services Librarian - Juvenile
Focus](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

[Library Assistant – Library Services](#)

Johnson County Public Library

[Branch Children's Librarian](#)

St. Joe 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

operations Dena Wargo said, “The youth courtyard was created to provide more space and opportunities for families with children to use the library. We are thrilled to have this new library space.”

Maintenance manager Rick Rittenhouse said contractors collaborated to bring the area to life by incorporating the existing trees and topography. “We can’t thank Acorn Landscaping and Excavating and Trademark Irrigation, LLC enough for the high level of knowledge and professionalism their crews demonstrated with the quality fencing installation, a lawn sprinkler system and creating our new landscape,” Rittenhouse said.

The Harris Youth Courtyard is open seasonally and weather permitting. Families are welcome to bring a blanket, pack a picnic and make the most of the space during our [Harris Branch operating hours](#). Click [here](#) to read more.

PALNI awarded IMLS grant to develop PEARL open source reading list system



The Private Academic Library Network of Indiana has announced that it has received a \$149,893 grant to develop an innovative open-source reading list system, [Personalized Easily Accessible Reading Lists](#), known as PEARL. The grant is one of [85 awards given by the Institute of Museum and Library Services](#) to support libraries and archival services across the country and was made through the National Leadership

Where: Crown Point Community Library

[New Escape Room Kits from ISL! - In-person Workshop](#)

When: Oct. 23, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Jennings County Public Library

[New Escape Room Kits from ISL! - In-person Workshop](#)

When: Oct. 25, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Anderson Public Library

[Genealogy and Local History Fair](#)

When: Oct. 26, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Where: Indiana State Library

[What's Up Wednesday - Video Game Collections in Libraries, Part One: The 'Why,' 'What' and 'How' of Selection and Acquisition](#)

When: Oct. 30, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Webinar

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

When: Nov. 1, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Where: Greensburg-Decatur County Public Library

[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



[Allen County Public Library proposes tax increase to open new branches, close others](#)

Allen County Public Library

['Empowering Newton County with Fiber Internet' to be presented at Brook Library](#)

Brook Iroquois Washington Public Library

[Brownstown library unveils adult programs for October](#)

Brownstown Public Library

[Eckhart Public Library to host blood drive](#)

Eckhart Public Library

[Penguins in the library](#)

Greenwood Public Library

[Take your best shot](#)

Hancock County Public Library

[Locals paint library windows](#)

Jackson County Public Library

[Seymour library Oktoberfest schedule announced](#)

Jackson County Public Library

[Author James Patterson to speak in Franklin in October](#)

Johnson County Public Library

[Library book sale planned at Franklin Branch](#)

Johnson County Public Library

[New mural celebration with Lubeznik Center for the Arts](#)

La Porte County Public Library

Grants for Libraries and the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program.

This two-year planning grant will enable PALNI to complete the development of a prototype for this new system, which will influence the way libraries, faculty and students interact with educational resources.

PEARL is designed to make it easier for college and university faculty, instructional designers and library staff to create and manage course reading lists that integrate library resources and open-access materials directly into learning management systems like Canvas and Blackboard. By offering a flexible, cost-effective alternative to existing commercial software, PEARL will provide academic institutions with a powerful tool to enhance student access to learning materials.

With the rising costs of higher education, many students struggle to afford textbooks and other required materials. Library-based reading lists, like those that PEARL will facilitate, offer a solution by providing students with free access to essential course materials. This not only eases financial burdens but also helps improve student outcomes by ensuring all students have the resources they need to fully engage with their coursework.

“We are excited to take this step toward building a sustainable, open-source library service platform that can be widely adopted,” says Noah Brubaker, PALNI associate director. “PEARL will not only save students money by reducing the need for costly textbooks but will also ensure that all students have equitable access to the materials they need to succeed in their courses.”



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.

'The Outlaw' motion picture warning



This [broadside](#) is a warning to filmgoers about the motion picture “The Outlaw” directed by Howard Hughes, released in 1943. The film stars Jack Buetel, Jane Russell, Thomas Mitchell and Walter Huston. It was Russell’s debut role showcasing her as a “sex symbol.” The Hollywood Production Code Administration ordered cuts to particular scenes and 20th Century Fox wanted to cancel the release of the film because of the provocative portrayal of Russell’s character.

There were Gaiety Theatres both in Indianapolis at Broadway and 46th

[McMillen Library presenting Field Insights Speaker Series](#)

McMillen Library at Indiana Tech

[Halloween Costume Swap at Muncie Public Library](#)

Muncie Public Library

[Hobby Fair in Muncie](#)

Muncie Public Library

[Library board to hire new IT company](#)

Putnam County Public Library

[Syracuse Public Library and museum partner on traveling artifact exhibit](#)

Syracuse Public Library

[30th anniversary of Family Learning Day](#)

Vigo County Public Library

[Vigo County Public Library coworkers encourage organ donation after success story](#)

Vigo County Public Library

[Warsaw Community Public Library announces October events](#)

Warsaw Community Public Library

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

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“PALNI is dedicated to collaborating with grant funders, consortium partners, and the open-source software community to develop agile, efficient and scalable solutions that support the educational and affordability needs of our colleges, seminaries and universities,” adds Kirsten Leonard, PALNI executive director.

This project aligns with national efforts to build sustainable, open-source library service platforms, as well as PALNI’s mission of collaborating to provide high-quality support for student learning and effective teaching through shared institutional investments in expertise, services, resources and partnerships.

For future updates on the project, visit [the PALNI website](#). Click [here](#) to read the full PALNI press release.

North Webster Community Public Library Launches 'Scary Stuff Series'



North Webster Community Public Library staff members Anna Jackson and Izzy Espinoza are gearing up for the Scary Stuff Series

This October, the North Webster Community Public Library is offering a new program series that goes beyond ghosts and goblins, tackling real-life concerns in a modern world. The “Scary Stuff Series” will focus on practical ways to protect people from today’s hidden dangers.

streets - and in Fort Wayne on Calhoun Street - but the name of “Mr. Ruffino” from the broadside could not be identified in Indiana or in Hollywood.

Hughes’ response to the endangerment of his film was to manufacture public objection for “The Outlaw” to be banned as an obscene film to generate equal demand for the film’s release.

Church leaders and women’s clubs were contacted and baited, which eventually led to the involvement of the Legion of Decency, who “condemned” the picture.

In 1943, the film played for seven weeks in San Francisco, but after that, further deals with 20th Century Fox and agreements on release dates in other cities collapsed. The film was not released again until 1946.

Virtual and in-person Indiana Escape Room kit trainings scheduled



The Indiana Young Readers Center at the Indiana State Library has announced new Indiana Escape Room kits coming in 2025. They will be available for check-out to Indiana’s teachers and librarians. The kits focus on Indiana history, build on primary resources from the Library of Congress and were developed with the help of a Teaching with Primary Sources grant.

One virtual and two in-person training sessions - presented by



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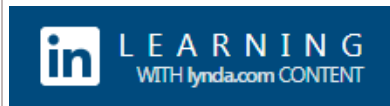
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Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning



The series will cover topics such as identity theft, avoiding common scams and more, offering valuable information and tips to help people stay safe. Each session is designed to educate attendees on how to spot risks, protect personal information and navigate today's digital world securely.

Sessions will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays Oct. 8, 15 and 22. The session on Oct. 8 will focus on how to spot scams; the Oct. 15 session will talk about identity theft; and the Oct. 22 session will discuss money wiring scams.

For more information, or to register, please call the library at 574-834-7122. The North Webster Community Public Library is located at 110 E. North St. in North Webster.

Suzanne Walker of the Indiana State Library - will teach attendees about the kits and the grant. The in-person sessions will offer a chance to try out the kits.

The webinar will take place via Zoom on Wednesday, Oct. 9 from 10-11 a.m. Click [here](#) to register.

On Wednesday, Oct. 23, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., an in-person training will take place at the Jennings County Public Library. Click [here](#) to read more and to register.

On Friday, Oct. 25, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., an in-person training will take place at the Anderson Public Library. Click [here](#) to read more and to register.

The webinar is eligible for one LEU and the in-person trainings are eligible for two LEUs for Indiana library staff.

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