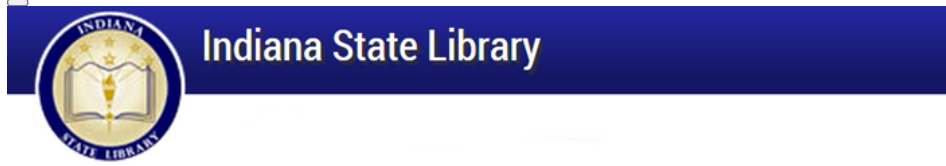


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Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

[Library Technologies Support Analyst](#)
Ball State University Libraries

[Library Director](#)
Edinburgh Wright-Hageman 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 seeking participants for 'I am INSPIRED' campaign contest



The Indiana State Library is currently seeking participants for its new bimonthly "I am INSPIRED" contest.

The Indiana State Library wants to know, "How has INSPIRE inspired you?" The contest is open to all Indiana residents, including teachers, students, librarians, researchers and more. Those who have used [INSPIRE](#) - the lifelong learning library for Hoosiers - for school projects, personal research or exploring a new passion are encouraged to share how the free collection of INSPIRE databases has impacted their learning journey and opened doors to new possibilities.

Participants can submit text entries for a chance to win an INSPIRE prize pack. Entries can be submitted [here](#). One submission per person may be entered and no teams are allowed. One winner will be chosen bimonthly, and the next drawing will be held in December. Winners may also be asked to participate in a video testimonial that will appear on the I am INSPIRED campaign page, which can be viewed [here](#).

Prizes are available while supplies last.

Newspaper Preservation blog from the Indiana State

Upcoming workshops and important dates

[New Escape Room Kits from ISLL - 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 1: 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

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

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

Where: West Lafayette Public Library

[Institutional Workshop](#)

When: Nov. 15, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Indiana State Library. Click [here](#) for submission guidelines and to submit.

In the news



[Allen County Public Library explores ways to help patrons with hunger, homelessness](#)

Allen County Public Library

[Allen County Public Library opens the Hive for upper elementary-aged children](#)

Allen County Public Library

[Library approved for more money for health insurance claims](#)

Bartholomew County Public Library

[Dolly Parton Imagination Library comes to Clay County](#)

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Indiana

[IU Southeast Library hosts reading by Indiana poet, Marianne Boruch, tonight](#)

Indiana University Southeast Library

[History for the Ages presenting Genealogy Resources on Oct. 26](#)

Jackson County Public Library

[Column: James Patterson to appear in Franklin tonight](#)

Johnson County Public Library

[Nonprofit Alliance's 'Meet the Funders' speed-networking event for nonprofits to take place](#)

Monroe County Public Library

[North Manchester Library Fall Book Sale Oct. 24-26](#)

North Manchester Public Library

[Harry Potter Family Fun Event Oct. 24 at North Webster Community Public Library](#)

North Webster Community Public Library

[Franklin College faculty receive 'Open Educator' awards from PALNI](#)

Private Academic Library Network of Indiana

[Kazhia Kolb linoleum block print exhibit at the Saint Meinrad Archabbey Library Gallery](#)

Saint Meinrad Archabbey Library

[Vigo County Public Library gets in on Halloween fun during Haunted Haute](#)

Vigo County Public Library

Is your library making news?

Library now available to read



Started earlier this year, the Indiana State Library's Newspaper Preservation blog was created for newspaper archivists and librarians and is intended to fill the void resulting from the lack of scholarly journal articles or scientific studies on the subject.

"I started the Newspaper Preservation blog specifically for those newspaper managers who find themselves in the crosshairs between the patron desk and the archive shelves. Posts in the blog discuss the importance of preservation techniques, the sanctity of local journalism and how we respond to the changing world of born-digital newspapers and mass publication closings," said David Pleiss, blog author and newspaper librarian at the Indiana State Library.

Pleiss also cites making newspapers available to the public as a contributing factor in why he decided to start the blog. "The idea is to preserve newspapers and make them as accessible to the public as possible. Once in my current position, I found a surprising lack of information online about newspaper preservation and how it relates to the goals of the library: creating and maintaining accurate finding aids, making objects accessible online and rendering microfilm accessible and searchable," Pleiss said.

Recently, Pleiss helped a North Carolina researcher find information about Civil War physician Dr. Almira Fifield by locating a seemingly lost 1800s Valparaiso Republic newspaper master reel in the State Library's collection. Read the post [here](#).

Visit the Newspaper Preservation blog [here](#).

Allen County Public Library reaches \$100,000 fundraising goal to fund Dolly Parton's Imagination Library campaign



The Allen County Public Library has announced that it has successfully reached its \$100,000

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



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.

Halloween safety and trick or treating



Halloween is just around the corner, and kids are excited to dress up for trick or treating. It's important to ensure that everyone enjoys a safe and fun environment, and state agencies have helpful safety tips and resources to achieve this goal.

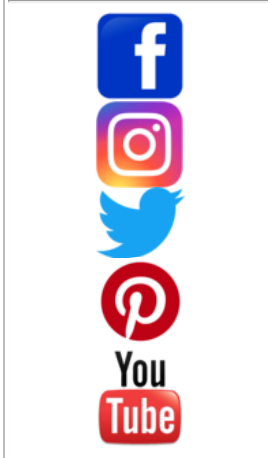
The [Indiana Department of Homeland Security](#) and [Indiana State Police](#) have published helpful safety tips to follow. Among them is selecting a costume that a child can easily walk and see through to help them avoid any trips or falls. Make sure to travel in well-lit neighborhoods or travel with a flashlight. Finally, inspect the candy - and perhaps taste test first - and do not eat any unwrapped candy.

Trick or treating hours can vary from place to place. Parents can confirm with local community or county websites to find the official hours. Remember to stay safe and have fun this Halloween.

Annual Art Exhibition and Sale, 'Art Unleashed' scheduled at Frankfort Community Public Library

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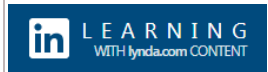
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Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning



fundraising goal for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, a program dedicated to fostering early childhood literacy by providing free, age-appropriate books to children from birth to age five.

"This milestone reflects the generosity of our community, the trust they have in our library and the value they place on nurturing a love of reading in our youngest neighbors," said Allen county Public Library executive director Susan P. Baier. "With these funds, the library will be able to launch the Imagination Library program in the coming months, ensuring that children will begin receiving books in their homes even sooner than we'd hoped."

The funds were raised from a combination of sources including donations from individuals, family foundations, social and civic organizations, businesses, library employees and members of the Friends of the Library. The Allen County Public Library Foundation also stirred fundraising during the middle of the campaign with a generous \$25,000 match from its own funds. A \$5,000 gift from the employees at the Meijer on Dupont Road presented on Oct. 14 pushed the campaign well over its goal.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has distributed millions of books to children around the world, helping to create a foundation for literacy and a lifelong love of reading. In Allen County, the program already has a list of more than 1,500 children awaiting the program. Upon launch, Allen County will join the other 87 Indiana counties who already host the program.

The \$100,000 campaign will be matched by funding from Gov. Eric Holcomb's Next Level Agenda and will fund the first two years of the program. The program requires continued support and the community is invited to make donations [here](#) or by visiting any Allen County Public Library branch.



The Friends of the Frankfort Public Library have announced the 43rd Annual Art Exhibition and Sale entitled, "Art Unleashed," on Nov. 8-10. Taking place on the second level of the Frankfort Community Public Library, the exhibition will feature the work of more than 90 artists from across Indiana. The exhibit will include ceramics, jewelry, photography, printmaking, drawings, woodworking, textiles, paintings and glass. Visitors will hear live music during opening night and see artist demonstrations throughout Saturday.

Art Show Patrons are invited to a preview party and sale Nov. 8 at 5:30 p.m. until the show opens to the public at 7 p.m. Those interested in becoming an Art Show Patron, can simply pledge to spend \$60 or more over the course of the weekend. For more details, please contact Mindy Emswiler [via email](#) or at 765-654-8746, ext. 1125. Art Show Patrons' names will be listed in publicity materials if received by Nov. 1, but patrons can still pledge on the day of the preview party.

The Annual Art Show serves as the Friends' largest fundraiser, helping the library to continue to provide arts and children's programming. The event would not be possible without the generous support of volunteers, patrons and community.

For a complete list of participating artists - and to see the full Art Show schedule - visit the library's [website](#). Contact Lori Brubaker [via email](#) or at 765-654-8746, ext. 1141, for more information.

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