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Allen County Public Library Foundation announces \$25,000 fundraising match for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library campaign



The Allen County Public Library Foundation has announced a \$25,000 funding match to support the group's campaign to bring Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to the children of Allen County as

Upcoming workshops and important dates

[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

[Indiana Public Library Certification and Library Education Units Refresher](#)

When: Sept. 10, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[What the Research Says - Playing Games to Build Relationships and Learn Empathy: How Tabletop Role-Playing Games Help Players Grow](#)

When: Sept. 11, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

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

When: Sept. 17, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Central Time

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Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

[Senior Branch Librarian – Adult and Maker Space Focus](#)

Allen County Public Library

[Senior Branch Librarian – Adult and Maker Space Focus](#)

Allen County Public Library

[Business Office Assistant](#)

Anderson Public Library

[Senior Operations Manager](#)

Ball State University

[IT Support Technician](#)

East Chicago Public Library

[Community Branch Manager](#)

Indianapolis Public Library

[Social Worker](#)

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[Program Coordinator](#)

Ligonier Public Library

[Branch Children's Librarian](#)

St. Joseph County Public Library

[Library Director](#)

Van Buren 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.

part of its commitment to promoting literacy and supporting early childhood education. The fundraising campaign launched in June of this year with a goal of raising \$100,000. It has currently raised \$37,000.

“We are incredibly excited to launch this \$25,000 match opportunity,” said Allen County Public Library Foundation Board secretary Susan Johnson. “The Imagination Library has a profound impact on early literacy and a child’s love for reading. With this matching gift, we hope to inspire our community to come together and help us achieve our \$100,000 goal.”

With the match in place, every dollar donated to Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library campaign will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$25,000. This generous match, made possible by the Foundation’s dedicated supporters, aims to double the impact of every contribution and accelerate the program’s reach within the community.

The funds raised through this campaign will go directly toward launching Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library within Allen County. Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library is an initiative founded by singer-songwriter Dolly Parton. Its mission is simple yet powerful: to foster a love for reading and learning in children. Parents or caregivers may choose to enroll their children who will receive free, age-appropriate, high-quality books from birth to age five, mailed to their homes each month. Eighty-five out of 92 Indiana counties currently host the program.

Since the announcement of the Allen County Public Library’s intention to host the program in partnership with the Allen County

Where: La Porte County Public Library

[Indiana State Library Lunch and Learn Series 2024: Newspaper Research: The "Why" and the "How"](#)

When: Sept. 17, 12-1 p.m.

Where: Indiana State 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

[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: Sept. 30, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Where: Vigo County Public Library

[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

Where: Crown Point Community Library

In the news



[\\$8 million library project can move forward after Fort Wayne City Council's approval](#)

Allen County Public Library

[ACPL announces new podcast studio and Maker Labs rebrand](#)

Allen County Public Library

[Allen County Public Library creates new bilingual program and partnership specialist position](#)

Allen County Public Library

[Allen County Public Library offers limited edition card for National Library Card Sign-Up Month](#)

Allen County Public Library

[Lakeshore Public Media, Crown Point Community Library present free community event](#)

Crown Point Community Library

[Dolly Parton's Imagination Library serving kids in Michiana](#)

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Indiana

[Eckhart Public Library can help register to vote](#)

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[Library to hold ribbon cutting to celebrate new patio and renovations](#)

Greensburg - Decatur County Public Library

[Public invited to groundbreaking as Huntingburg Library begins](#)

Public Library Foundation, the community has shown widespread support. According to the Imagination Library of Indiana, more than 1,400 Allen County children have already joined a list awaiting the launch of the program.

“Nearly every day, a patron or community leader stops me to share their excitement about the Imagination Library. It really is something everyone wants to see happen for our community,” said Allen County Public Library executive director Susan P. Baier. “So many people have already given generously and I believe this match will be the extra incentive that moves people to dig a little deeper and push us over the top!”

Fundraising will continue until the goal is met. The library hopes to launch in early 2025 if the goal is achieved. The community is invited to make donations [here](#), or by visiting any Allen County Public Library branch.

Tippecanoe County Public Library announces new name for downtown library building



The Tippecanoe County Public Library Board of Trustees has announced a new name for the downtown library building. The building, formerly known as the Downtown Library, located at 627 South St. in Lafayette, has been re-named as the Tippecanoe County

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

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

Where: Jennings County Public Library



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.

'Passengers: The Indiana Railway Experience' on display now at Indiana State Library



From now until the end of 2024, the Indiana State Library will present "Passengers: The Indiana Railway Experience," an exhibit that originated as a guest display at the Indianapolis International Airport in 2023.

[substantial renovation project](#)
Huntingburg Public Library

[William Keemer State Historical Marker dedicated](#)
Indiana Historical Bureau at the Indiana State Library

[Education series for business owners, entrepreneurs to launch at Indy Public Library](#)
Indianapolis Public Library

[Library offers free adult, teen programs in September](#)
Jackson County Public Library

[JCPL branches to offer gobs of kids program in September](#)
Jasper County Public Library

[Maiden Archi-Treks voyage cruises to Auburn](#)
LaGrange County Public Library

[Children get creative during 'Crafternoon'](#)
Syracuse Public Library

[Vigo County Public Library receives money to help boost programs for people over 60](#)
Vigo County Public Library

[Waterloo library unveils donor benches](#)
Waterloo Grant Township Public Library

[Willard Public Library to host annual Better Books Sale](#)
Willard Public Library

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Public Library Jos N. Holman Branch.

"The idea of naming a library branch after Jos N. Holman began over five years ago when the Wea Prairie Branch was under construction," said Tippecanoe County Public Library Board of Trustees president Grant Fischer. "Both current and past library board members believed the downtown branch was the best fit to share Jos's name."

Holman began working as the director of the Tippecanoe County Public Library in 2002.

"Jos Holman has served as the Tippecanoe County Public Library County Librarian for over 20 years. In that time, he has been instrumental in growing our library system and evolving our libraries to meet our growing community needs," Fischer added.

In March of 2023, demolition began on an 18-month downtown library renovation project. The renovation was completed in August of this year. Read more about the recently completed renovation [here](#).

The [Jos N. Holman Branch](#) hosts a collection of over 250,000 materials available for checkout, including books, movies, nonfiction, materials in Spanish, audiobooks, music, magazines and online resources.

Greensburg-Decatur County Public Library to host Dr. William Cooke

The exhibit - located in the Exhibit Hall on the first floor of the Indiana State Library - provides a snapshot of the passenger experience of steam and electric railroads in Indiana, told by tangible material culture that has been carefully preserved at the Indiana State Library over time. Brightly-colored posters, railway timetables, photographs and menus from Union Station in Indianapolis are meant to provide a brief glimpse into railway passenger experience in Indiana from the late 19th to early 20th centuries.

Many of the broadsides on display can be found in the Indiana State Library's digital collection that features Chicago and the South Shore and South Bend Railroad. Click [here](#) to view the broadsides in the library's digital collection.

The Indiana State Library is located at 315 W. Ohio St. in downtown Indianapolis. "Passengers: The Indiana Railway Experience" can be viewed during the library's normal [operating hours](#). Click [here](#) for parking instructions.

PALNI recognizes outstanding library and consortial staff



The Private Academic Library Network of Indiana recognized library and consortial staff members for outstanding service, deep collaboration, leadership and more during its biennial All-Staff Meeting, Aug. 2 at Marian University.



Now in its 31st year, PALNI is a nonprofit organization supporting collaboration for library and information services for 24 private colleges, universities and seminaries throughout Indiana. The PALNI community comprises more than 150 employees from those libraries, serving approximately 47,500 students and faculty statewide.

This year’s award recipients were nominated by their peers and represent a variety of organizations, roles and responsibilities within the consortium. Awards were given in multiple categories that support [PALNI’s mission](#) of providing high-quality support for student learning and effective teaching through shared expertise, services, resources and partnerships.

“Each person in PALNI holds a great deal of knowledge and expertise within their respective role, which is contributed back to the collaboration in many ways,” said Kirsten Leonard, PALNI executive director. “The PALNI Awards were created to recognize what we do together. Our ability to function effectively only works because of the people who contribute their time and expertise to our mission. Every person in PALNI is important and provides something we need to be successful. These awards are one way we recognize those efforts in deep collaboration.”

Click [here](#) to read the full PALNI press release, including the list of award categories and award winners.

The Greensburg-Decatur County Public Library and the Decatur County Health Department will host Dr. William Cooke for an author talk and community resource fair on Sept. 12 at the Decatur County Health Department.

Cooke was the sole doctor in Austin, Indiana when he found himself at the crossroads of two unprecedented health-care disasters: an opioid epidemic and the worst drug-fueled HIV outbreak ever seen in a rural American community. It made national and international news. He writes about his experience in his memoir, "Canary in the Coal Mine." His story is compelling and is relatable to communities throughout Indiana.

The author talk with Cooke will take place from 6-7 p.m., while the resource fair will take place from 4-6 p.m. and from 7-8 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Read more about the event [here](#). Those interested in participating in the resource fair should email [Lacy Gibson](#) of the Greensburg-Decatur County Public Library.

The Decatur County Health Department is located at 315 S. Ireland St. in Greensburg.

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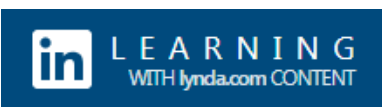
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