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State Library Genealogy Awarded Best State Website

Family Tree Magazine, America's #1 family history publication recently recognized the Indiana State Library Genealogy Collection among the **"2011 Best State Websites."** The **Genealogy Collection's website** offers several features and resources that can assist visitors with their family history research. The website highlights statewide indexes to marriages, deaths, biographies and newspapers, as well as vital records and indexes for each of Indiana's 92 counties.

The Genealogy Collection has developed over time to become one of the largest collections of family history information in the Midwest. In addition to its abundant online resources, the collection includes over 40,000 printed items as well as microfilmed federal census records, Indiana county records, passenger lists, military pension information and hundreds of CDs with family history information.

"We have continually strived to build a strong online presence to complement our comprehensive in-house collection," said State Librarian Roberta Brooker in a recent **release**. "From online resources and reference assistance to in-house and statewide programming, we want family history researchers to understand what is available and how to access and utilize our Genealogy resources."

Additional reference assistance is available for online researchers via the **Ask-A-Librarian** service, which offers phone, email and live chat options. The State Library also offers Family History Tours at least twice monthly, as well as several family history workshops. A complete listing of State Library events and workshops may be **viewed online**. The State Library also brings workshop to local communities. Inquire about hosting a local workshop by calling 317-232-3689.

In addition to the Genealogy Collection, the **Indiana Digital Archives** was recognized by *Family Tree Magazine* as a "Best State Website" for a second consecutive year.

New Themes Introduced for Humanities' Novel Conversations



Indiana Humanities recently introduced three new themes for 2011 for its **Novel Conversations** program. You can put together your own mini-series of reading and discussion programs by reserving **these book sets**. Each set comes with the new Novel Conversations kit, featuring a discussion guide and author biography. Many sets also include 3 large print copies and will soon have two audio CDs available per title.

Initially, to give everyone a chance to reserve these new titles, Indiana Humanities will limit orders to two new titles per library until further notice. However, outside of the select new titles, you are welcome to add any other title off Indiana Humanities' comprehensive **book list** to round out your programs.

Contact Nancy Conner at nconner@indianahumanities.org or 317-638-1500, or toll free at 800-675-8897 (ext. 128) to make your reservations.

State Library Seeks Input on Technology Tools

The State Library wants to know how you use participatory technology tools, sometimes referred to as Web/Library 2.0 tools. We are interested in developing new continuing education opportunities and need your feedback. Please take a moment to complete our **eight-question survey** before 10/31.

Conferences & Workshops

IOLUG Fall Program

When: October 28
 Where: Indiana Wesleyan University- Indianapolis North

Marketing Your Physical Space

When: Oct. 31 @ 1:00 PM (CDT)
 Where: Lowell Public Library

Reader's Advisory

When: Nov. 8 @ 1:00 PM (CDT)
 Where: Lowell Public Library

Evergreen Indiana Introduction Cataloguing

When: November 1 @ 9:00 AM
 Where: Indiana State Library

Evergreen Indiana Admin/ Reports Training

When: November 1 @ 1:00 PM
 Where: Indiana State Library

LYRASIS eGathering: Annual Member Meeting

When: Nov. 9 @ 1:30 PM
 Where: Live Online

Security in the Library

When: Nov. 10 @ 10:00 AM
 Where: Akron Carnegie PL

Book Club Basics

When: Nov. 10 @ 11:00 AM
 Where: Akron Carnegie PL

Evergreen Circulation Training

When: November 10 @ 1:00 PM
 Where: Indiana State Library

ILF Annual Conference

When: November 14-16
 Where: Fort Wayne

TeachingBook.net Overview

When: November 17 @ 2:00 PM
 Where: Live Online

[Saturday library hours may return at SICPL](#)

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Authors, LEU Opportunities Abound this Saturday in Indy

Make plans this Saturday to join dozens of  Hoosier authors and celebrate Indiana's rich literary tradition with activities for writers and book lovers of all ages at the **Indy Authors Fair**. The event, sponsored by the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library (IMCPL) Foundation and made possible by the Eugene & Marilyn Glick Fund, will take place from 9:30-4:30 p.m. (EDT) at IMCPL's Central Library in downtown Indianapolis. Many workshops, expert panels, and programs are scheduled throughout the day – ten of which are eligible for 1-2 LEUs each. Click [here](#) for a listing of LEU-approved events.

Over 30 Hoosier authors will be present at the third-annual Author's Fair, including Margaret McMullan, winner of the National Authors Award and Helen Frost, winner of the Regional Authors Award, along with **finalists** for the Emerging Indiana Authors Award. McMullan will also headline the Indiana Authors Award Dinner, which follows the Fair on Saturday.

Fall Institutional Libraries Workshop

When: November 21 @ 9:15 AM
Where: Indiana State Library

Northern Indiana Library Administrators Roundtable

When: December 9 @ 9:00 AM
Where: Kendallville Public Library

View free LEU opportunities from:

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