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Talk like a pirate among language courses at Greenwood Public Library

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Donations help library add technology for kids

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Books help kids figure out relationships, more

Rushville Republican

Thank you from the library staff

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2013 Annual Report Now Available

The [2013 Indiana Public Library Annual Report](#) is now ready for completion and instructions were emailed to all Indiana

ILHB Seeks Taskforce for Review of Public Library Standards

The Indiana Library & Historical  Board is charging a taskforce to conduct an initial review of the first two years of the new [Public Library Standards](#) (590 IAC 6). The Indiana State Library is seeking input from directors and trustees from libraries based upon both size and geographical distribution around the state. We would like to have the first meeting of this taskforce by the end of January. Meetings will be every other month thereafter. The taskforce will report to the ILHB of progress after each meeting. It is anticipated that this taskforce will be convened for the duration of 2014 and make final recommendations to the ILHB by its December 12, 2014 meeting.

If you are interested in serving on this taskforce, please send your name and library to ldo@library.in.gov by 1/13/13. Taskforce members will be selected and notified on 1/16/13.

INSPIRE Resource to Focus on Prevalent Topics in Librarianship

 INSPIRE.IN.gov


A new INPSIRE page, "[Hot Topics](#)," was recently unveiled and focuses on emerging eGovernment services, testing

changes and other relevant issues. Currently, you will find the following topics:

- **ACA Resources for Hoosiers:** This portal helps Hoosiers navigate the ACA process.
- **ACA Resources for Indiana Librarians:** This portal aids librarians in answering ACA-related questions from patrons and better serving their respective communities.
- **CORE Academic Skills Assessment (CASA):** Effective September 1, 2013, CASA replaced Praxis I to satisfy the basic skills competency requirement for entry into Indiana educator preparation programs.
- **Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC):** Beginning in 2014, TASC replaces GED as Indiana's official high school equivalency test.

Each resource can connect your staff and patrons to relevant information for each respective topic. Please book mark the "[Hot Topics](#)" page as the Indiana State Library will continue to add to it as new topics and suggestions emerge. If you would like recommend a topic to be covered on INSPIRE, please email inspire@library.in.gov.

LSTA Grant Opportunities Focus on Technology, Bicentennial

The Indiana State Library  Development Office opened the application process for the 2014 LSTA grant program. The 2014 applications must be received by 4:00 PM EST on Friday, March 14th, 2014 and include the following opportunities for Indiana libraries and historical and cultural organizations:

- **Technology Grants:** [Technology Grants](#) help Indiana libraries provide their users with the new and improved technology necessary to meet their residents' ever-changing needs for library services and access to information.

Welcome New Library Directors

Please join the State Library in welcoming the following new public library directors from around the state:

Kerry Green, Director, Hussey Mayfield Memorial Public Library

Grier Carson, Director, Putnam County Public Library

Amy Schrock, Interim Director, New Carlisle-Olive Twp. Public Library

Becky Hunter, Interim Director, Lincoln Heritage Public Library

Katie Mullins, Interim Director, Kendallville Public Library

Cynthia Webb & Karen Stephenson, Co-interim Directors, Paoli Public Library

Best of luck to you all!

Upcoming Workshops & Important Dates

Medical Resources on INSPIRE

When: Throughout January 2014

Where: Live Online

TeachingBooks.net Introduction & Overview

When: January 7 @ 2:00 PM

When: January 7 @ 4:00 PM

When: January 8 @ 10:00 AM

Where: Live Online

Day of Learning at Fishers Library

When: January 8 @ 8:30 AM

Where: Hamilton East PL - Fishers Branch

2014 CSLP Training: Ages 0-12

When: Multiple Dates

Where: Multiple Locations

2014 CSLP Training: Ages 13-Adult

When: Multiple Dates

Where: Multiple Locations

Rock Star Librarian Training

When: Multiple Dates


Where: Multiple Locations

PLA Conference

When: March 11 -15, 2014

public library directors. If you did not receive an email containing your login info or if you have any questions, please contact the Library Development Office at (800) 451-6028 or LDO@library.in.gov

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- **Digitization Grants:** The theme for the [2014 Digitization Grant Program](#) is *The Indiana Bicentennial*. While adherence to the theme is not required, projects incorporating this theme are encouraged.

If you have questions about your eligibility, a grant application requirement, or anything else concerning 2014 LSTA grant opportunities, please contact the Library Development Office at LDO@library.in.gov or (800) 451-6028. Visit the [LSTA homepage](#) to learn more how LSTA grants support Indiana libraries.

Where: Indiana Convention Center - Indy

Discovery to Delivery V

When: Apr. 25, 2014 @ 9:00 AM

Where: Indianapolis PL - Central

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