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Libraries Encouraged to Help Kids Get 'Money Smart'

The Indiana Money Smart Kid Committee, in conjunction with and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, has launched the [Money Smart Kid Essay Contest](#) for Hoosiers 6-8 graders. The contest asks students to describe how their future education and career choice will impact earning power and discuss what types of challenges could be involved in pursuing their education or career choice.



Essays should be 500 words or less, typed, double spaced and submitted electronically, including the signed application, to indianamskid@gmail.com by February 28, 2014. Finalists will be interviewed via phone March 12, 2014 and the three winners will be notified by March 14, 2014. Three finalists, along with their families and teachers or adult sponsors, will be selected to attend the Money Smart Week Indiana Kickoff Breakfast in Indianapolis on Friday, April 4, 2014. The winner will receive \$750 and the runners up will each receive \$375 CollegeChoice 529 Savings Accounts courtesy of CollegeChoice 529, Fifth Third Bank and PNC Bank. Click [here](#) for complete contest rules and guidelines.

Additionally, The Indiana Council for Economic Education (ICEE) is inviting proposals for sessions for the 2014 Financial Literacy Summit in Indianapolis on April 11th from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. They're looking for presenters to share and discuss successes and challenges of integrating personal finance education into formal and informal education opportunities. This summit will bring together both PK- 12 teachers, and those who facilitate, plan, or teach financial education through school based curriculum or out-of-school programs to youth. Attendees of the summit will learn about the policy, best practices, strategies, and instructional resources in the area of youth financial literacy in the State of Indiana. The deadline to [submit proposals](#) is Friday, **February 14, 2014**.

Money Smart Week is a public awareness campaign designed to help consumers better manage their personal finances. Visit [MoneySmartWeekPartners.org](#) to learn about ways your library can participate in Money Smart Week from April 5-12.

ILHB Charges Taskforce to Review Public Library Standards



The Indiana Library & Historical Board has charged the Indiana Public Library Standards Taskforce to conduct an initial review of the

first two years of the new Public Library Standards. Directors and trustees were sought from libraries based upon both size and geographical distribution around the state. Meetings are scheduled for every other month. The taskforce will report progress after each meeting and make final recommendations to the ILHB by its December 12, 2014 meeting.

Visit www.in.gov/library/plst.htm to view taskforce members and monitor new developments.

Last Chance to Register to Volunteer for PLA in Indy

The PLA 2014 Conference is coming to Indianapolis March 11 – 14 and volunteers are being sought to serve as greeters, ambassadors, and more to ensure that out-of-state public library professionals get the most out of their experience. Volunteers who aren't registered for the Conference can receive some enticing benefits courtesy of PLA.

Simply complete the [PLA Volunteer Interest Form](#) and submit by **Jan. 31, 2014**.

Upcoming Workshops & Important Dates

[INSPIRE Webinars from Gale](#)

When: Now through April

Where: Live Online

[2014 CSLP Training: 0-12](#)

When: Multiple Dates

Where: Multiple Locations

[2014 CSLP Training: 13-Adult](#)

When: Multiple Dates

Where: Multiple Locations

[Rock Star Librarian Training](#)

When: Multiple Dates

Where: Multiple Locations

[Digital Learning Day](#)

When: February 5

Where: Nationwide

[ACA Overview](#)

When: February 21 @ 10:00 AM (CST)

Where: Newton Co. PL - Roselawn

[Health Literacy](#)

When: February 21 @ 1:00 PM (CST)

Where: Newton Co. PL - Roselawn

[Reboot 2014: ILF Library & Info Technology Division Conference](#)

When: February 28

Where: Plainfield-Guilford Twp. PL

[PLA Conference](#)

When: March 11 -15

Where: Indiana Convention Center

[LSTA Grant Applications Due](#)

When: March 14 @ 4:00 PM

[Crafting opportunities, e-options take place of traditional offerings](#)

South Bend Tribune

[Science Alive reintroduces the inner child to local scientists](#)

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[Cloud Library gives access to e-books](#)

Washington Times Herald

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[Children's author to speak locally](#)

Your Library Making News?

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Contest Raising Money for Young Hoosier Poets, Artists

Submissions are now being accepted for the **Rhyme Time Poetry Contest**. Poets entering the contest must be 16 years or older. All poems must rhyme and can be up to 32 lines. Previously published poems are acceptable. The deadline for submissions is **March 8, 2014**.



There is a \$2 per poem entry fee. Winner will receive forty percent of the entry fees and a copy of the book "Mimes Chimes and Rhymes" by Ian Graham. Sixty percent of the entry fees will go to the **Indiana River of Words** program that supports young Hoosier poets and artists.

The Rhyme Time Poetry Contest has been organized by Stacy Savage, a poet, naturalists and activist residing in Anderson, Ind. Click [here](#) for complete contest rules.

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When: April 25 @ 9:00 AM

Where: Indianapolis PL - Central

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