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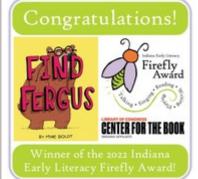The latest in Indiana library news

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Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award winner announced

Congratulations!

FIND FERGUS

Firefly Award

CENTER FOR THE BOOK

Winner of the 2022 Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award!

The Indiana Center for the Book has announced that Mike Boldt is the 2022 recipient of the Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award for his book "Find Fergus," published by Doubleday Books for Young Readers.

"Wow! This is a tremendous honor and privilege knowing Fergus has found a place in so many readers'

Upcoming workshops and important dates

Reimagining School Readiness - In-Person Option
When: Aug. 20, 12:30-4:30 p.m.
Where: Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library

Game Jams for Libraries. What are they? Why should I host one?
When: Aug. 24, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

Placing Your PastPerfect Catalog Records Online
When: Aug. 24, 1-2 p.m.
Where: Webinar

What's Up Wednesday: Best Practices for Preserving Board Minutes
When: Aug. 31, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

Raising Ready Readers
When: Sept. 13, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Where: Webinar

Indiana library jobs

This week's new Indiana library jobs

Branch Manager
Allen County Public Library

Senior Librarian – Genealogy
Allen County Public Library

Digital Archivist
Bartholomew County Public Library

Teen and Adult Services Librarian I (part-time)
Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library

Youth Services Programmer
Jasper-Dubois County Contractual Public Library

Circulation Manager
Johnson County Public Library

Youth Services Digital Programmer (part-time)
Lawrenceburg Public Library District

Adult Services Specialist II
Muncie Public Library

Technical Services Manager
New Castle-Henry County Public Library

Research Services Librarian - Adjunct Faculty
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College

Chief Public Service Officer
St. Joe County 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.

hearts in Indiana. Thank you to the Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Committee for the nomination; to all the parents, teachers and librarians who work to make award and reading and literacy programs like this happen; and especially all the children who voted for 'Find Fergus.' I don't know who has a bigger smile right now, myself or Fergus," Boldt said.

This is the eighth year of the Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award. Votes were submitted from 60 Indiana counties and over 3,300 Indiana children ages 0-5 voted. Votes were collected at public libraries, schools and daycares, and also via a remote voting form available on the Indiana State Library's website.

The Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award is an initiative of the Indiana Center for the Book designed to promote early childhood literacy in Indiana. The nominees are chosen by the Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Committee from a list of books nominated by library staff who work with children all over Indiana.

The nominated books are chosen for their ability to encourage parents and children to use the Every Child Ready to Read® practices of talking, singing, reading, writing and playing together. Caregivers can use the Firefly books as a quality go-to resource for having fun and learning with their young children.

A program guide for parents, librarians and teachers to use with children is available here.

Genealogy Fair examines

What's Up Wednesday - Get INSPIRED: Reference Centers
When: Sept. 14, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

Difference is You Conference
When: Sept. 23, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Where: Indiana State Library

Certification Update: Lots to Like About Our New Rules
When: Sept. 27, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

What's Up Wednesday: Beginner's Guide to Being in Charge
When: Sept. 28, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

Discovery to Delivery 2022
When: Oct. 7, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Where: Indiana State Library

What's Up Wednesday - Get INSPIRED
When: Oct. 12, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

Teen Services: Connected Learning Self-paced Course VIRTUAL Welcome/Orientation Session
When: Oct. 18, 1:30-2:30 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

In the news

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Argos Public Library

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[Ready to read: Local schools receive book donations](#)
Hancock County Public Library

[JCPL Foundation has 20% to go for Clark Pleasant upgrades](#)
Johnson County Public Library

[Library trustees renew consortium membership](#)
Kendallville Public Library

[Lake County Public Library System marks 70 years of serving community](#)
Lake County Public Library System

[Unity Garden flourishes](#)
Walkerton-Lincoln Township Public Library

[Coolest AE projects: St. Joseph Co. Public Library renovation](#)
St. Joe County Public Library

[Warsaw library board learns about success of 2022 summer reading challenge](#)
Warsaw Community Public Library

unconventional ancestors

The Indiana State Library will once again host its popular Genealogy and Local History Fair in downtown Indianapolis on Saturday, Oct. 22. The free event will take place from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the library's History Reference Room.

This year's theme is "Family Drama: Researching Your Complicated and Unconventional Ancestors." Presenters will use case studies to illustrate research techniques and contextualize family stories within the larger scope of history. Attendees will also be encouraged to visit the exhibition hall to collect information from genealogy and local history organizations and to shop the commercial vendors.

Daniel Hubbard will present "When a Life Becomes Myth" about an odd and dramatic family tale that showed a life slowly being converted to myth over generations. Hubbard will also present "Where the Murderers Roam," concerning family stories that are far more important than they seem on the surface.

Additional presenters include Erin Moulton, who will present "Death of a Showman," examining what happens when the subject of your genealogical research joins the carnival, moves across the country, reappears six years younger,

free to leave comments and suggestions.

Constitution Day poster contest

[Constitution Day and Citizenship Day](#) is Sept. 17, the date the U.S. Constitution was signed in 1787.

[ConstitutionFacts](#) and [Government Information for Children](#), an ALA GODORT group, are sponsoring the 14th Annual [U.S. Constitution Day Poster Contest](#) for students. The contest invites K-12 kids, including homeschoolers, to celebrate Constitution Day by designing a poster showing how they benefited from the freedoms embodied in the U.S. Constitution. Entries must be postmarked by Oct. 1 to be eligible. There are prizes for each grade, and each grade winner will receive a Constitution commemorative coin, with the grand prize winner also receiving a $100 cash prize. To learn more, download the poster design contest [entry form](#).

The contest is a great opportunity to encourage students to learn about their rights as U.S. citizens. Participating in the contest can help students apply the principles of the Constitution to current events, and to encourage participation in civic events. It's also a fun way for students to learn about the Constitution and visualize what the Constitution means to them. The contest is yet another example of the wealth of [government information resources](#) that is created specifically for children to help them learn about their government and how it works.

Is your library making news?

Email news links for inclusion in the Wednesday Word's "In the news" section.

To be featured in the Wednesday Word, please email a press release and a photo.

State Library blog

Follow the Indiana State Library's blog for weekly posts covering all aspects of the State Library.

Indiana library employees who would like to contribute a guest blog, please send an email with an idea.

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marries a couple of times and then dies suddenly leaving a wave of confusion in his wake, and Robert Bowling, who will share his research concerning the history of grave robbing in central Indiana.

The program's presentations are eligible for up to four LEUs for Indiana library staff.

Click here to read more about the Genealogy and Local History Fair. Registration is not necessary to attend.

The Indiana State Library is located at 315 W. Ohio St. in downtown Indianapolis. Please contact the State Library's Genealogy Division via email or by calling 317-232-3689 with any questions.

Live story times resume at Milford Public Library

The Milford Public Library has announced that live story times will resume during the school year this fall. Story times are geared toward children ages 3-6 and will be hosted at the library by various library staff members.

Story time is full of fun activities for children. Not only will children be introduced to the joy of listening to stories, but they will also get to participate in arts and crafts activities as well as learn to share snacks in a group setting.

Story times will be held on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30

'Lots to Like About Our New Rules' certification update webinar scheduled

On Tuesday, Sept. 27 from 10-11 a.m., the Indiana State Library will present "Certification Update: Lots to Like About Our New Rules," a webinar that will cover new certification rules that go into effect on Jan. 1, 2023.

Presenter Cheri Harris will cover who needs to be certified now; what happens to special certification; changes to certification requirements for LC 4, LC 5 and LC 7; and updates and improvements to continuing education requirements. This program is for library administrators who are responsible for staff certification and staff members who want to stay informed. Harris will discuss compliance under the new rules and answer questions.

Harris has been the certification program director and a legal consultant at the Indiana State Library since 2017. Earlier in her career, she worked at the Legislative Services Agency drafting bills, including a complete recodification of Title 34 on Civil Law and Procedure, and staffing legislative committees.

The webinar is eligible for one LEU for Indiana library staff.

Click here to read more and click here to register. After registering,

Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning

p.m. beginning on Sept. 21. Programs will be the same for both time slots. All activities are free and no library card is needed to attend. Those interested should register in the children's department. The library is located at 101 N. Main St. in Milford.

attendees will receive confirmation and a link to join the meeting.

Please email Cheri Harris with any questions about "Certification Update: Lots to Like About Our New Rules."

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