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### Indiana Digital Library reaches 4 million digital book checkouts in 2022



Earlier this week, [Indiana Digital Library](#) announced that it reached a record-breaking four million digital book checkouts in 2022. This milestone illustrates the continued growth and importance of library lending of e-books, audiobooks and other digital media as well as the library's success in serving all members of the community.

Consisting of more than 200 libraries around the state, Indiana Digital Library ranked number 10 in digital checkouts in 2022 of all public library consortia. One of 129 public library consortia worldwide, it's also the first consortium in

### Upcoming workshops and important dates

[All Together Now! CSLP 2023 Training and Roundtable - All Ages](#)

When: Jan. 13, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Where: Jackson County Public Library

[All Together Now! CSLP 2023 Training and Roundtable - All Ages](#)

When: Jan. 17, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Where: Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library

[Launching TALK in Your Community](#)

When: Jan. 18, 2-3 p.m.  
Where: Webinar

[All Together Now! CSLP 2023 Training and Roundtable - All Ages](#)

When: Jan. 19, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Where: Tyson Library

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## Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

[Senior Librarian - Genealogy Center](#)  
Allen County Public Library

[Community Engagement Librarian](#)  
Anderson Public Library

[Children's Reference Librarian](#)  
Avon-Washington Township Public Library

[Information Services Librarian](#)  
Brownsburg Public Library

[Library Assistant \(part-time\)](#)  
Hancock County Public Library

[Children's and Young Adult Assistant](#)  
Starke County Public Library System

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.

## In the news



[Motivational books from ACPL](#)  
Allen County Public Library

Indiana that surpassed one million checkouts last calendar year.

Member libraries have been providing readers 24/7 access to e-books and audiobooks for several years through the award-winning [Libby app](#), the library reading app created by [OverDrive](#). The large collection serves readers of all ages and interests, and usage has grown every year. Member libraries include Vigo County Public Library, Jackson County Public Library, Porter County Public Library System, Huntington City-Township Public Library and Speedway Public Library amongst others.

“The Indiana Digital Library, with its robust digital collection, is a testament to the power of collaboration within the state’s library community,” said Jacob Speer, Indiana State Librarian. “In its first six months of operation, the program has exceeded expectations and benefited Indiana residents by increasing access to e-books while saving taxpayer funds. The Indiana State Library enthusiastically supports the operations of this venture and is excited about its future.”

The highest-circulating title that readers borrowed in 2022 was “The Last Thing He Told Me” by Laura Dave. The top-circulating genre, romance, represents the most popular in a vast catalog that also includes mystery, fantasy, children, young adult and more.

Residents of Indiana only need a valid library card from a participating library to access digital books from Indiana Digital Library’s OverDrive-powered digital collection. Readers can use any major device, including Apple, Android, Chromebook and Kindle.

Click [here](#) for all of the latest Overdrive news, including the most recent press releases.

When: Jan. 24, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Vigo County Public Library

[Webmaster Roundtable](#)

When: Jan. 24, 2-3 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[All Together Now! CSLP 2023 Training and Roundtable - All Ages](#)

When: Jan. 25, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Muncie Public Library - Maring-Hunt Branch

[What's Up Wednesday - Digital Preservation: What Libraries Need to Know](#)

When: Jan. 25, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar



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.

## Postal service routes of southern Indiana



The United States Postal Service marks its beginning with the appointment of Benjamin Franklin as the first postmaster general in 1775. From the start, the postal service has subsidized the American transportation system, beginning

[Hobby swap is announced at Fremont](#)

Fremont Public Library

[KHCPL celebrates 25 years in Russiaville location](#)

Kokomo-Howard County Public Library

[How the Kurt Vonnegut Museum and Library used Kickstarter to help secure their location](#)

Kurt Vonnegut Museum and Library

[Library makes overdue policy change](#)

La Porte County Public Library

[Odon Winkelpleck library expanding](#)

Odon Winkelpleck Public Library

[Trivia participants sought](#)

Rushville Public Library

[Get reading and enjoy 'All the Feels' with Sheridan Public Library](#)

Sheridan Public Library

[Sheridan library announces winter concerts](#)

Sheridan Public Library

[St. Joseph County Public Library offering free winter programs](#)

St. Joseph County Public Library

[Artist of the month announced in library exhibit](#)

Vigo County Public Library

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**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.



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**MCLS wants to engage with Indiana library communities**



As the Midwest Collaborative for Library Services prepares to embark on its strategic planning process in 2023, they would like to engage with the library community in Indiana and Michigan through a series of Community Conversations.

This engagement process is an opportunity to hear from the library community - staff from libraries and affiliated associations throughout Indiana and Michigan - about their aspirations and concerns. The knowledge gathered will help inform MCLS's future priorities as they plan how to serve Indiana and Michigan more fully over the next several years. Participants in the conversations don't need to be experts. All are welcome to share their perspective.

MCLS will facilitate 12 virtual Community Conversations via Zoom between Feb. 6-18 at a variety of times. The conversations are open to any library staff in any type of library in Indiana and Michigan. For more information, including dates, times and links to register, click [here](#). Once registered, participants will receive a link to join. Spots are limited.

Please contact [Pamela Seabolt](#), engagement, consulting and training manager at MCLS, with any questions.

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**Collaborative Summer Library Program seeking executive director**

with roads suitable for horses, then stagecoaches.

This [hand-drawn, vellum map](#) of southern Indiana circa 1847 depicts three types of roads and their suitability for four-horse coaches, two-horse vehicles and horseback riders, indicating the sort of transportation utilized by post riders and drivers to deliver the mail. The map is believed to have been the property of Elisha Embree, a Dubois County Circuit Court judge from 1835-1845, who was later elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. Embree served as a member of the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads during 1847-1849. Over time, as railroads expanded east to west, mail delivery shifted from road to rail, when possible. The map also shows an additional transportation route - Indiana's rivers - which were used to deliver mail as early as the 1830s when steamship service began on the Ohio River.

The American Post Office consistently embraced new transportation technology throughout its history: from steam engines by rail and ship to automobiles to airplanes. Some technologies tested to transport the post proved less successful or cost-effective, such as [air balloons](#), pneumatic tubes and [even missiles](#).

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**Indianapolis Public Library presents 'The Great Blizzard of 1978'**







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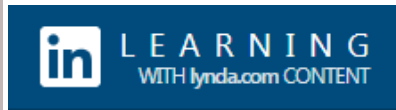
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Indiana library employees who would like to contribute a guest blog, please send an [email](#) with an idea.

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**Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning**



The Collaborative Summer Library Program, the leading national summer library program, is currently seeking an executive director. The position reports to the CSLP Board of Directors and is responsible for internal management of all of CSLP's projects, staff and vendor relationships. CSLP is a unique organization and is seeking a leader who can smoothly guide the organization as it seeks to continually improve the summer reading experience for both the staff and patrons of public libraries through its products, artwork and partnerships for the children, teens and adults that CSLP serves in its communities.

This is a remote work position with some travel required. The salary range for the position is \$75,000-\$85,000, depending on experience. Salary will be reviewed based on the successful completion of the first year. Benefits include an additional monthly stipend for insurance, as well as an annual technology stipend, plus paid holidays and time off.

The application deadline is Jan. 31 at 8 p.m. Eastern Time. Click [here](#) to read more about the position and to apply.

The Indianapolis Public Library invites the community to attend "The Great Blizzard of 1978" on Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 6:30 p.m.

The Great Blizzard of 1978 is often the storm that all other winter storms are measured against. This virtual presentation covers a synopsis of the records of the storm in Indianapolis and across the Midwest. It will include a brief look at the meteorology behind the blizzard, a short chronology of the storm taken from media sources as well as historic files from the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Indianapolis. Impacts to the weather service staff at the time, lasting effects of the blizzard and winter weather safety will be included as part of the virtual presentation.

Joseph M. Niel, meteorologist with the National Weather Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, will present.

The presentation is part of the Culture, History and Society lectures hosted jointly by the Indianapolis Special Collections Room and the Lawrence Branch.

Click [here](#) to read more and to register. The event is being held via Zoom. Registered attendees will be emailed login instructions approximately two hours before the event.

Please contact [Montoya Barker](#), Special Collections librarian at the Indianapolis Public Library, with any questions.

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