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IndyPL's Hayes elected president of the Black Caucus of the American Library Association



The Indianapolis Public Library's interim CEO Nichelle M. Hayes has been elected president of the Black Caucus of the American Library Association.

The BCALA serves as an advocate for the development, promotion and improvement of library services and resources to the nation's African American community while providing leadership for the recruitment and

Upcoming workshops and important dates

[An Evening with Laird Hunt, author of 'Zorrie'](#)

When: Aug. 2, 7-7:45 p.m.
Where: Webinar

[What's Up Wednesday - Get INSPIRED: Using Book Connections at the Public Library](#)

When: Aug. 10, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

[The Mystery of the Darlington Bible](#)

When: Aug. 13, 1-3 p.m.
Where: Indiana State Library

[Reimagining School Readiness Part One; a.m. option](#)

When: Aug. 16, 10 a.m.- 12 p.m.
Where: Webinar

[Reimagining School Readiness Part One; p.m. option](#)

When: Aug. 16, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Where: Webinar

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Nappanee Public Library

If you would like your Indiana library job posting to be listed in the Wednesday Word, the position and its description must be submitted to the Indiana State Library. Click [here](#) for submission guidelines and to submit.

In the news

professional development of African American librarians.

Hayes has been a member of BCALA since 2010, most recently serving as vice president. She says the organization has positively impacted her career.

“I’ve been personally impacted by learning from members informally and at conferences, as well as by being mentored by Marcia Smith Woodard and having access to leadership opportunities,” Hayes said. “As president, I want to continue the legacy of librarians like Effie Lee Morris, one of the BCALA founders, and Shauntee Burns-Simpson, our immediate past president. We are a 52-year young organization that strives to promote librarianship and advocate for the full inclusion of Black librarians within the profession. I want to grow our membership and increase our ability to connect members in a meaningful way.”

Hayes has been with the Indianapolis Public Library system since 2015, most notably serving as the founding director of the [Center for Black Literature & Culture](#) and taking on the role of interim CEO in April 2022. Her term as president of BCALA runs from 2022-24.

Read the fully IndyPL press release [here](#).

Difference is You Award nomination submission deadline is Aug. 5



[Reimagining School Readiness Part Two; a.m. option](#)

When: Aug. 17, 10 a.m.- 12 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[Reimagining School Readiness Part Two; p.m. option](#)

When: Aug. 17, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[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

[What's Up Wednesday - Get INSPIRED](#)

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



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Warsaw Community Public Library

Is your library making news?

The nomination submission deadline for the 2022 Difference is You Award recipient is Friday, Aug. 5 by 5 p.m.

The Indiana State Library's Professional Development Committee wants to recognize library staff working in Indiana libraries. This year, the committee encourages everyone to think about a staff member who has taken change in stride and done great things and nominate them for the Difference is You Award. The award recognizes a library support staff worker who goes above and beyond for their community.

Nomination forms can be downloaded [here](#) in Word format and [here](#) in PDF format. The forms should be filled out and sent to [Kara Cleveland](#), Professional Development Office supervisor at the Indiana State Library, before the deadline.

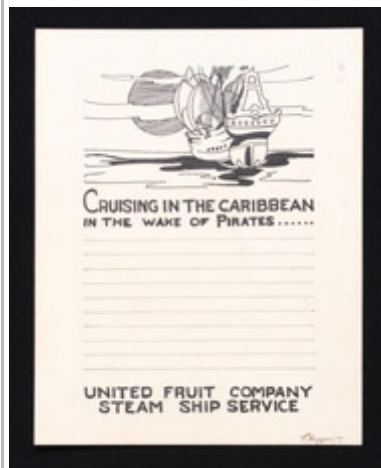
The annual The Difference is You conference is a training event for library support staff and paraprofessionals. The event also sees the presentation of The Difference is You Award.

"Refresh and Recharge" is the theme of the 2022 conference. The conference will take place on Friday, Sept. 23 at the Indiana State Library. Please check the [conference website](#) for schedule and registration details. The last day to register for the conference is Friday, Aug. 26 and the registration fee is \$25, which includes lunch.

Greensburg Decatur County Public Library to host author Bill Sullivan, Ph.D.

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.

Floyd D. Hopper, the 'dean of Indiana watercolorists'



Floyd D. Hopper, referred to as the "dean of Indiana watercolorists," worked in both watercolor and oil paintings and was best known for his early works in the regionalist style. born in 1909, he lived most of his life in Indianapolis and Noblesville, where he worked at different times as a lithographer and teacher.

[This United Fruit Company stationary with a drawing of a pirate ship](#) was created by him as a student at John Herron Art Institute, where he attended during 1929-33 and studied under several notable Hoosier Group artists including William Forsyth. It was chosen here for the playfulness of a student not seen in his later work. Hopper married Hazel Glennie Whitefeather, who worked at the Indiana State Library for 44 years from 1931 to 1975, in 1936 and this connection is how the Hopper drawings came to be donated to the library. The collection includes his early works from his first time at the John

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Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning



Bill Sullivan, author of "Pleased to Meet Me: Genes, Germs, and the Curious Forces That Make Us Who We Are" will speak at the Greensburg Decatur County Public Library on Thursday, Aug. 18 at 6 p.m. The conversation with the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana Authors Award honoree is part of the Indiana Authors Awards Speaker Program, powered by Indiana Humanities and made possible through the generosity of Glick Philanthropies.

An Indiana University professor, Sullivan will share his wisdom, insight, and humor as he explores how personalities and actions are influenced by DNA, germs and environment.

"I'm excited to host Dr. Sullivan. His book is easy to understand and appreciate. I wish all science could be so entertainingly presented," said Lori Durbin of the Greensburg Decatur County Library.

The event is free and open to the public. Registration is requested. Click [here](#) to register. The library is located at 1110 E. Main Street in Greensburg.

Herron Art School and includes many pencil drawings as well as personal journals, exhibit programs and photographs of some of his later works.

The Indiana State Library Digital Collection can be accessed [here](#).

2022 INSIRSI conference registration now open



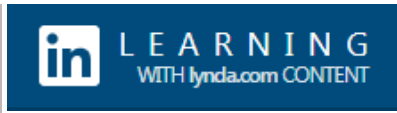
Registration is now open for the 2022 INSIRSI Meeting and Conference. The conference will be held on Friday, Aug. 12 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the new Clark Pleasant Branch of the Johnson County Public Library located at 350 Clearwater Blvd. in Whiteland.

The 2022 conference will include refreshments, a SirsiDynix update, lunch provided by SirsiDynix, a business meeting, informative sessions and a tour of the new Clark Pleasant Branch.

The agenda will be sent out once it's finalized. To register, click [here](#).

Membership in the Indiana SirsiDynix Users Group is open to any institution in Indiana that uses SirsiDynix products.

Please contact [Kendra Hummel](#) of the Tipton County Public Library and INSIRSI chair/vice chair, with any questions.



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