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State and National Public Library Statistics released

The 2015 Indiana Public Library Statistics from the latest Annual Report have been posted and here are some highlights:

- **54.73%** - Percentage of Hoosiers that are registered library cardholders (2.21% fewer than 2014).
- **34,928,331** – Indiana public library visits in 2015 (a 2% decrease).

NetLiteracy announces 2nd round of free rebuilt public access computers

The Indiana State Library, in partnership with Net Literacy, is offering a second round of free, rebuilt public access computers. These computers are available to any Public or Institutional library in Indiana (sorry, no schools at this time).

Indiana Library Jobs

[Head of Genealogy](#)
Porter County Public Library System

[Public Library Marketing Associate](#)
Putnam County Public Library

To see the complete list of current openings listed on the ISL [Continuing Education Jobs page](#) click [here](#)

In The News

Is Your Library Making News?

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Crawfordsville District Public Library

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[Library launches points program for book, DVD, audio checkouts](#)
Hancock County Public Library

[UE Names New University Librarian](#)
University of Evansville Library

- **3,070,231** – Total program attendance, an increase of 3%. The number of programs offered was also up 4%. Compared with total visits, nearly 1 in 10 library visitors attended a program.
- **77,652,888** – Number of total items circulated (a .61% increase).
- **24%** – Increase in Electronic materials circulated (13,264,127 total). Ebook holdings are also up 22%.
- Computers and WiFi – While public computer terminal use dropped by 4.33%, wireless internet use increased by **17.41%.**
- **$14.31-$21.15** - Average hourly salary range for a General Reference or Adult librarian.
- **1,463** - The number of FTE librarians employed in Indiana public libraries (a 2% increase).

The Institute of Museum and Library Services has also just released their summary of the [2013 Public Libraries in the United States Survey](#). In this publication, IMLS takes a longitudinal look at libraries, their funding, and services, with an emphasis on trends including the impact of the recession.

Anyone with questions regarding the statistics may contact Jen Clifton at jclifton@library.in.gov or (317) 234-6550.

2016 Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology essay contest

The Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology is

These refurbished computers are all running Windows 7 Professional and have a minimum of 1GB ram, 100GB or larger hard drives, DVD drives, Ethernet cards, and antivirus software. A few of the machines have SD Memory Card readers. The machines arrive internet ready and are equipped with flat screen monitors, keyboards and mice.

Net Literacy is a student-run, Indiana based organization, started back in 2003 when a central Indiana middle school student, Dan Kent, was asked to teach a group of mobility-impaired senior citizens how to use the Internet. From that seed, Net Literacy was born. Today Net Literacy boosts over 3,500 student volunteers who spend 100,000s of hours to rebuild donated computers and provide them to retirement homes, community centers, and since 2011, to public libraries all over the state.

In the fall of 2011, Dan Kent approached the Indiana State Library to see if they could offer their computers to public libraries. Since that time, Net Literacy and the State Library have made over 750 free computers and monitors available to public libraries. As the middle school student that founded Net Literacy said, "while one person can make a difference, at Net Literacy, together we can change the world."

Quantities are limited and priority will be given to recipients that can make arrangements to pick the computers up at the Indiana State Library between March 1 and May 1, 2016.

To request computer(s) for your library, please complete this short online questionnaire. Awardees will be contacted by email to schedule a pickup date. Click [here](#) to access the online questionnaire.

2016 Trees Inc. Fall Photography Contest theme announced
Vigo County Public Library

More than just a lesson in Hoosier history
Washington Carnegie Public Library

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sponsoring an essay competition to celebrate Indiana's great and interesting historic sites.

The competition is open to any 4th grade public, private, or home school student in Indiana.

Essays must be submitted no later than **Friday, May 1, 2016**

Competition Rules:

Essays should discuss a historic place—50 years old or older—in Indiana and why it is his/her favorite historic place. **This is not a history of the site, but rather why the STUDENT likes the place!**

Essays should range from 100 to 400 words, handwritten or typed, and must be the student's original work. Plagiarism will result in disqualification.

Essays must include student's name, teacher's name, and the school's name, address, telephone number, and email address.

During the first week of May, judges will choose 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners, who will all receive prizes.

All work becomes the property of the DNR-DHPA and may be used on the Division's website, e-newsletter, or other venues.

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For more information about the contest call 317-234-1268 or email jrdinius@dnr.in.gov

Please visit Net Literacy's website to learn more about the organization and their efforts to improve Digital Literacy nationwide. Contact Steven Schmidt from the Library Development Office (steschmidt@library.in.gov) if you have any questions about the State Library's program.

Upcoming Workshops & Important Dates

Open Forum on Digital Preservation
When: March 24, 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Where: St. Joseph County Public Library

Indiana Women's History Conference
When: March 26, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Where: Indiana State Library

Every Child Ready to Read 2nd Edition! - New Carlisle
When: March 29, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Where: New Carlisle Olive Twp. PL

Evergreen Indiana Annual Conference
When: March 31 - April 1,
Where: Fort Benjamin Harrison Inn

Advanced Cataloging Pt. 1
When: April 5, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Where: Webinar

PLA Public Library / Association Conference
When: April 5-6,
Where:Denver, CO

"Ask an Expert" Webinar Series: More than Poetry Corner
When: April 6, 2:30 - 3:30 pm
Where: Webinar

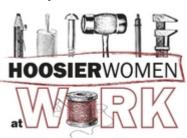Advanced Cataloging Pt. 2
When: April 6, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Where: Webinar

Indiana BioBlitz 2016
When: April 12, 3:00 - 4:00 pm
Where: Webinar

Indiana Women's History Conference

This one-day conference will explore and expand knowledge of women's contributions to Indiana through their labor via speakers, presentations, and panel discussions. The theme, "Hoosier Women at Work" is broadly defined but not limited to the following topics: volunteering for public welfare, contributing to Indiana's agricultural heritage, caring for home and family, and wage earning occupations. Conference keynote speaker, Dr. Nancy Gabin, Associate Professor and Director of Undergraduate Studies at Purdue University, will provide an overview and remarks at the luncheon.

For more information please click here.

Open Forum on Digital Preservation
When: April, 12, 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Where: Jefferson Township Public Library

Open Forum on Digital Preservation
When: April 13, 1:00 - 4:00
Where: Marian University

Open Forum on Digital Preservation
When: April 14, 1:00 - 4:00
Where: Allen County Public Library

Indiana Genealogical Society Conference & Society Management Seminar
When: April 15-16
Where: Allen County Public Library

Indiana Genealogical Society Annual Meeting and Conference
When: April 16
Where: Allen County Public Library

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