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This week's new Indiana library jobs

Children's Programming Librarian
Bartholomew County Public Library

Digital Media Lab Specialist
Carmel Clay Public Library

Chief Executive Officer
Indianapolis Public Library

Children's Librarian
Johnson County Public Library

Information Services Professional
Assistant (part-time)

Indiana State Library's Professional Development Office seeking participants for new webinar series

The Indiana State Library's Professional Development Office has announced a new series of webinars, What the Research Says, featuring academicians and their research. The series will be irregular, but the hope is to feature at least one webinar per quarter.

PDO is inviting academic librarians to reach out with projects they would like to present, or topics they feel would make good additions to this series.

PDO also hopes that the series will offer a venue for academic librarians to not only share their work with others in their field, but with the wider library profession. The format will most often be a one-hour panel discussion webinar, but PDO is open to discussing other options with interested presenters.

Submissions may be directed to George Bergstrom, Southwest regional coordinator at the Indiana State Library.

Click here to read more.

IMDPLA to present 'Difficult History and Digital Collections' webinar in June

Upcoming workshops and important dates

What's Up Wednesday - Get INSPIRED: I See A Library! Making Libraries More Accessible to the Visually Impaired
When: June 8, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

Difficult History and Digital Collections
When: June 15, 1-2 p.m.
Where: Webinar

What's Up Wednesday: NetGalley for Libraries: Live Demo and Overview
When: June 29, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

What's Up Wednesday - Get INSPIRED: Enriching School Wide Collaboration Around Books and Authors
When: July 13, 10-11 a.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

Reimagining School Readiness Part One; a.m. option
When: Aug. 16, 10 a.m.- 12 p.m.
Where: Webinar

Reimagining School Readiness Part Two; p.m. option
When: Aug. 16, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Where: Webinar

Reimagining School Readiness Part One; 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
When: Aug. 20, 12:30-4:30 p.m.
Where: Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library

Warsaw Community Public Library

Those who would like an Indiana library job posting to be listed in the Wednesday Word should submit the position and its description to the Indiana State Library. Click here for submission guidelines and to submit.

In the news

['Ocean of Possibilities' waiting for you at Carmel Clay Public Library](#)
Carmel Clay Public Library

[CDPL plans youth summer reading program](#)
Crawfordsville District Public Library

[Rooftop concert series returns to Elkhart library](#)
Elkhart Public Library

[Library's 'Dive into Reading' program set](#)
Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library

[Indianapolis Public Library starts search to replace former CEO](#)
Indianapolis Public Library

[Join the 'Oceans of Possibilities' summer learning program at Jackson County Library](#)
Jackson County Public Library

[Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library gears up for Summer Reading Challenge](#)
Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library

[Ribbon tying celebration held at the North Judson-Wayne Township Public Library](#)
North Judson-Wayne Township Public Library

[Orange County Historical Society to host IHS's traveling exhibit 'Faces of the Civil War'](#)
Paoli Public Library

[Local sculptor's 'Birds of Paradise' to be found around downtown Valpo](#)
Porter County Public Library System

[Warsaw Library announces summer reading program theme](#)
Warsaw Community Public Library

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.

On Wednesday, June 15 at 1 p.m., the Indiana Memory Digital Public Library of America Outreach Committee will present "Difficult History and Digital Collections."

One of the most important roles of libraries, archives and historical societies is to thoughtfully and intentionally collect and provide access to historical information, even when the history is hard. During this conversation, presenters Tamara Hemmerlein and Justin Clark will identify "difficult" history. They will also discuss the barriers and rewards to addressing difficult history in the context of the increased visibility and broader reach of digital collections.

Hemmerlein is the director of local history services at the Indiana Historical Society and Clark is the digital initiatives director at the Indiana Historical Bureau, a division of the Indiana State Library.

The free webinar will be held via Zoom and is eligible for one LEU for Indiana library staff. Click here to register.

Please contact Tamara Hemmerlein with any questions about the "Difficult History and Digital Collections" webinar.

PALNI awarded additional funding from Lilly Endowment, Inc. to support PALSave affordable learning program

Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment Inc. has awarded the Private Academic Library Network of Indiana a $275,000 grant to support PALSave, the consortium's affordable learning initiative.

PALSave combats the rising costs of textbooks by advancing the use of open educational resources. The project supports student success and retention by providing collaborative tools and a framework for OER awareness, education and engagement. In addition, it enhances the teaching and learning missions of private higher education throughout the state by funding and

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 free to leave comments and suggestions.

Summer travel

As the unofficial start to summer travel season approaches, travelers can explore places to go and things to do on the Visit Indiana website, which includes in-state road trip ideas. Learn about the latest Indiana road construction projects on TrafficWise, which provides information about road conditions, closures and more. The interactive map provides information to motorists drive safely and efficiently. Check out the U.S. Department of Energy site for tips on improving gas mileage.

For those traveling within the United States, USA.gov has information about travel and tourism by state, linking to official state websites. For travel abroad, learn about some of the top issues for U.S. citizens when traveling outside of the country. For travel by plane, find safety information, security requirements, rules for flying with pets and helpful tips when traveling by air with children.

Those wanting to get outdoors can check out the National Park Service page to plan a visit. Search a list of all federal recreation sites including national parks, where park passes are issued or download the new NPS App. For recreation closer to home, use the Indiana DNR Sites Finder to locate Indiana State Parks, forests and other properties that offer a range of ways to stay from camping to inn lodging.

supporting faculty adoption of open and affordable course materials.

The new funding comes on the heels of a 2019 Lilly Endowment grant of $520,000 in support of PALSave. The $795,000 in total funding is helping to create significant savings for Indiana college students.

"Through the PALSave program, PALNI and its supported institutions are making a genuine impact on student success by reducing debt and implementing the use of free, customizable course materials," said Amanda Hurford, scholarly communications director for PALNI and PALSave project lead. "We are so grateful to Lilly Endowment for recognizing this effort, and for enabling us to continue enhancing the learning experience and quality of life for college students across the state."

While only a portion of the overall price tag on a college education, course material costs can be extremely detrimental to student success and retention. According to data from the College Board, the average full-time, on-campus undergraduate at a four-year school was asked to budget $1,240 for books and supplies during the 2020-21 academic year.

Additionally, COVID-19 has raised the barriers students face both financially and technologically to access course materials. Students who lost jobs due to the pandemic or who lacked reliable internet access were hardest hit by course materials costs. PALSave works to provide a proactive solution to these barriers by helping faculty adopt openly licensed and fully customizable OER into their courses.

Click here to read the full PALNI press release, including PALSave highlights and statistics.

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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Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning

Reminder: RSVP to 'Indiana History of Brewing' fundraiser by June 1

The Indiana State Library Foundation and Sun King Brewery are pleased to announce "Indiana History of Brewing," a look at the storied history of beer production in the Hoosier state. The event will take place on Friday, June 10 from 4-7 p.m. in the Great Hall of the State Library in Indianapolis.

Registration for "Indiana History of Brewing" is $20 per person and includes a beer tasting, free beer glass for the first 100 RSVPs received, catered appetizers, guided library tours and a question and answer session with Sun King co-founder Clay Robinson.

Proceeds will fund the Indiana State Library Foundation. The foundation supports the Indiana State Library in fulfilling its mission of serving Indiana residents, leading and supporting the library community and preserving Indiana history.

RSVPs must be received by Wednesday, June 1. To RSVP and to pay for registration, please contact Jeanne Aydt of the Indiana State Library Foundation or call 317-431-3576. Tickets may also be purchased online here.

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