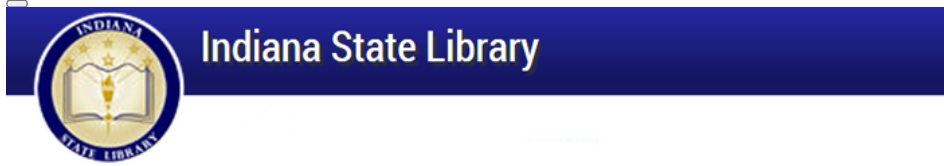


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Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

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Midwest Collaborative for Library Services
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Jasper County Public Library Demotte Branch unveils new StoryWalk



A new StoryWalk® is now open at the DeMotte Branch of the Jasper County Public Library.

StoryWalk® is a program where local libraries install pages of a picture book onto a walking path to encourage families to exercise and enjoy nature while reading. The book pages are fixed on weather resistant mounts far enough away from each other that exercise is needed, but close enough to see or keep the attention of readers. The stories are changed out regularly to keep things fresh and new. StoryWalk® is implemented in all 50 states, and 13 countries.

The community was invited to the DeMotte Library on Nov. 2 to officially open the new StoryWalk® and celebrate Picture Book Month. There was a short ceremony to welcome everyone, and attendees were invited to do the StoryWalk®, which is located on the south lawn of the library and features two bridges. After attendees finished the StoryWalk®, they were invited to come inside the library to complete a craft and enjoy light refreshments. The library held a prize drawing and gave away picture books and passes to Fair Oaks Farms.

Click [here](#) to see a video preview of the StoryWalk®. The library is

Upcoming workshops and important dates

[Copyright for Libraries: A Refresher](#)

When: Nov. 28, 2-3 p.m.
Where: Webinar

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

When: Nov. 29, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Where: Logansport-Cass County Public Library

[What's Up Wednesday: How Do I Count This in 2022? - Guidelines for Programming Stats](#)

When: Nov. 30, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

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

When: Dec. 6, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Where: Tippecanoe County Public Library

[CSLP's Summer Symposium - Free National Virtual Conference on Summer Reading](#)

When: Dec. 8, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Where: Webinar

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

When: Dec. 9, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Where: Bremen Public Library

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

When: Dec. 12, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Where: Fayette County Public Library

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When: Dec. 14, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Where: Harrison County Community Foundation

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

When: Dec. 19, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Central Time
Where: Crown Point Community Library

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

[Technical Services Team Lead](#)
Porter County Public Library System

[IT Analyst](#)
Tippecanoe County Public Library

[Library Director](#)
Walton and Tipton Township 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.

In the news



[Allen County Public Library celebrates former director's debut novel with author visit](#)
Allen County Public Library

[Bedford Public Library presents the Daniel Bennett Group on Dec. 8](#)
Bedford Public Library

[Late Judge Kanne's papers donated to IU Maurer library](#)
Maurer School of Law's Jerome Hall Law Library at Indiana University

[Handmade Holiday Market returns to Middlebury library](#)
Middlebury Public Library

[Puzzles and cake pans available for checkout](#)
Milford Public Library

[Westfield Library Foundation kicks off Christmas Tree Raffle](#)
Westfield Washington Public Library

Is your library making news?

[Email](#) news links for inclusion in the Wednesday Word's "In the news" section.

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Westfield Washington to break ground on new library and township office



The Westfield Washington Public Library and Westfield Washington Township Trustee will break ground on their new 55,000-square-foot building on Thursday, Nov. 17 at 4 p.m. on the southwest corner of Park and Poplar Streets.

"This new building will be a centerpiece in the heart of Westfield's expanding downtown" said library director Sheryl Sollars. "While our current buildings have served us well through the years, they don't allow us room to grow and continue to meet the community's burgeoning needs."

The building will be two-story with two separate entrances – one for the library and one for the township offices. The new library will provide more parking, an expanded teen area, a massive community room, and a coffee shop – as well as outdoor activity space on the 3.6-acre property.

"This is something we have been working toward and planning for nearly a decade, so we are beyond thrilled to see the start of construction," said Danielle Carey Tolan, Westfield Washington Township trustee. "This partnership is an excellent example of efficiency in government by sharing construction costs, space, equipment and staff, while providing a new and expanded community asset."

The library will cover its construction and land costs with a \$16.7 million general obligation bond. The township trustee's portion will not exceed \$5.2 million. KRM Architects will serve as the project architect. Meyer Najem is the contractor. Construction is expected to last approximately 12-18 months.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend the groundbreaking.

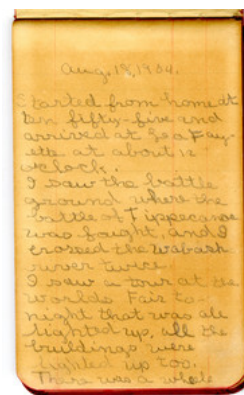
\$20,000 grant opportunity from NEA's Big Read available

When: Dec. 20, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Where: Pike County Public Library - Petersburg Branch



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.

Iris Baughman diary



This small [travel diary](#) from the [Indiana State Library Manuscripts Small Collections](#) was kept by 9-year-old Iris Baughman during her trip from her home in Rensselaer to the St. Louis World's Fair in August of 1904.

Baughman was born in 1895 in Monon to Ulysses M. and Jennie Baughman. Her family lived for a time in Rensselaer before moving to Oklahoma City. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1917 and was a high school teacher. Among the delights recorded in the diary are a water motor clock, Queen Victorian Jubilee presents, elephant tusks and different modes of travel. According to the journal, she liked the pony carts best.

Officially called the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, which commemorated the centennial of the Louisiana Purchase, the fair was attended by nearly 20 million people from more than 60 countries. This document provides an informal account of how the fair appeared to an average little girl from Indiana, including the uglier offerings on display such as ableism, exoticization and the othering of different cultures.



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Arts Midwest is now accepting applications for the 2023-24 National Endowment for the Arts Big Read Program.

The NEA Big Read is a community engagement opportunity with grants of up to \$20,000 for community-wide reading programs, both in-person or virtual. Organizations can choose one of [15 available books](#).

Eligible organizations include arts organizations, community service organizations, colleges and universities, libraries, literary centers, school districts, theater companies, museums, tribal governments and more.

Past grantees have a proven track record of successfully engaging their audiences through the power of literature and stirring up a passion for reading that persists year after year.

The deadline to submit an intent to apply is Jan. 18, 2023. Completed applications are due by Jan. 25, 2023. Click [here](#) to apply.

Please contact Arts Midwest [via email](#) or at 612-238-8024 with any questions.

Adams Public Library System places second in Callithumpian Parade's float competition



The Adams Public Library System won second prize in this year's Callithumpian Parade's float competition, which was held on Oct. 31. The float's theme was "Oceans of Possibilities," a continuation of the summer reading theme.

The Callithumpian Parade, one of the oldest Halloween parades in the nation, has its roots from 1914 when the Civic Improvement Society started a parade and carnival to keep the youth occupied and out of mischief. The library has participated in the parade for many years and has won multiple prizes.

Click [here](#) to see pictures of the float and the parade on the library's Facebook page. Click [here](#) to see pictures of the event over the years courtesy of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce website.

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