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Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

[Library Assistant I - Reference and Local History Department \(part-time\)](#)

Crawfordsville District Public Library

[Library Assistant I - Youth Services Department \(part-time\)](#)

Crawfordsville District Public Library

[Adult Services Librarian \(part-time\)](#)

Greenwood Public Library

[Technology Specialist I](#)

Michigan City Public Library

Indiana Digital Library users borrow 6.6 million digital books in 2023



The Indiana Digital Library has announced that its patrons reached a new milestone: 6.6 million digital books borrowed in 2023. This achievement illustrates the library's commitment to serving all members of the community in innovative ways, including with a large catalog of e-books, audiobooks and other digital media. Indiana Digital Library is ranked fifth of all public library e-book consortia and is one of 152 total public library systems worldwide that surpassed one million checkouts last calendar year. View a complete list [here](#).

Indiana Digital Library member libraries have been providing readers continuous access to e-books, audiobooks, magazines, comic books and other digital content 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 throughout the years. Some of the member libraries include Plainfield-Guildford Township Public Library, Perry County Public Library, Whiting Public Library, Brownstown Public Library and Berne Public Library.

"The Indiana Digital Library has, once again, exceeded expectations. The consortium is beyond thrilled to have reached the one million digital book checkout milestone for the second consecutive year," said Jacob Speer, Indiana State Librarian. "The State Library will

Upcoming workshops and important dates

[What's Up Wednesday: Hello Dolly! Learn More About the Imagination Library Program](#)

When: Feb. 14, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

[Adventure Begins at Your Library - CSLP 2024 Training & Roundtable](#)

When: Feb. 16, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Where: Monticello-Union Township Public Library

[What the Research Says - Playful Lectures: How Games Can Help Learning](#)

When: Feb. 21, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

[Digital Preservation 101: What Libraries Should Know](#)

When: Feb. 22, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

[Webmaster Roundtable](#)

When: Feb. 27, 2-3 p.m.
Where: Webinar

[What's Up Wednesday: Talking Book and Braille Library: Helping the Visual, Physical, and Reading Disabled Hoosier](#)

When: Feb. 28, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

[Free and Low Cost Programming for Youth](#)

When: Feb 29, 2-3 p.m.
Where: Webinar

[What's up Wednesday: Nature Play Days at our Local Libraries](#)

When: March 13, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

[What the Research Says - Digital Privacy in Libraries as Digital Literacy](#)

When: March 27, 10-11 a.m.
Where: Webinar

[Professional Development Roundtable](#)

When: April 11, 2-3 p.m.
Where: Webinar

[Library Assistant - Teen Central \(part-time\)](#)
Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library

[Librarian - Youth Services](#)
Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library

[Branch Manager](#)
Tippecanoe County Public Library

[Youth Services Librarian](#)
Tippecanoe County 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



[APLS Board keeps card fee for non-district people at \\$96](#)
Adams Public Library System

[ACPL adds new streaming service to its list of offerings](#)
Allen County Public Library

[ACPL's Rolland Center unveils new exhibits for 2024](#)
Allen County Public Library

[Allen County Public Library announces Black History Month activities](#)
Allen County Public Library

[Library elevator repairs still underway](#)
Bartholomew County Public Library

[Brownstown library announces programs for adults](#)
Brownstown Public Library

[Fulton County Public Library literacy director loves his job](#)
Fulton County Public Library

[Hamilton East Public Library launches redesigned website](#)
Hamilton East Public Library

[Stuffed with fun: Plush pets photographed in shenanigans at HCPL](#)
Hancock County Public Library

[Read to Feed challenge secures donations to HCCS](#)
Harrison County Public Library

[Meet the Artists XXXVI is here](#)
Indianapolis Public Library

[Jackson County Public Library unveils programs for February](#)
Jackson County Public Library

continue to support the Indiana library community's collaborative effort to bring e-book access to the public while saving taxpayer funds."

The highest-circulating title Indiana Digital Library readers borrowed in 2023 was "It Starts with Us" by Colleen Hoover. The top-circulating genre, romance, represents the most popular in a vast catalog that also includes thriller, suspense, children and young adult, mystery and more.

Residents of Indiana only need a valid library card from a member 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®.

Download the Libby app, or click [here](#), to get started borrowing e-books, audiobooks and more.

Recently, Speer appeared on [WISH-TV in Indianapolis](#) to discuss the Indiana Digital Library.

INverse Poetry Archive now accepting entries



The Indiana Arts Commission, in partnership with the Indiana State Library, has announced that [INverse](#), the state poetry archive, is now accepting entries.

INverse, an initiative of former Indiana Poet Laureate Adrian Matejka, celebrates and preserves the diverse range of Indiana poetry for future generations of Indiana writers and readers. The works of 57 poets were added to the poetry archive in October 2023.

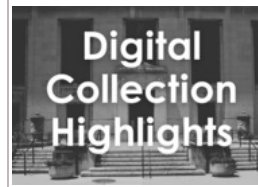
"We are excited to once again open the INverse archives to entries," said Miah Michaelsen, Indiana Arts Commission executive director. "INverse is celebration of Indiana's creative voices, the wonderful literary talent of our state and the preservation of Hoosier poetry. We are proud to partner with the Indiana State Library on the INverse program. "

All eligible residents of Indiana are encouraged to submit poems to the archive for review.

A [sample submission form](#), [guidelines](#) and [access to the archive](#) can be found by clicking the links.

"The INverse Poetry Archive is a great project and I really value the partnership that we have with the Indiana Arts Commission," said Jacob Speer, Indiana State Librarian. "The Indiana State

[What's Up Wednesday: Employee Wellness Incentive: Corrective to Inclusive](#)
When: May 8, 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.

'Skiing at Pokagon State Park'



Shown here is a [photograph](#) from the Rare Books and Manuscripts [Oversized Photographs Collection](#): "Skiing at Pokagon State Park." Pokagon State Park is best known for its winter activities, often advertised as "Indiana's Winter Wonderland." Located near Angola in scenic northern Indiana lake country, it opened in 1925 and was named after Potawatomi leaders Leopold and Simon Pokagon.

During cold months, the Potawatomi Inn can be a cozy getaway with a variety of winter sports and events to choose from while visiting the park. This photo depicts cross-country skiing, which is just one of many activities on offer, including snow-shoeing, ice skating, sledding and ice fishing. It also boasts a quarter-mile long toboggan run as one of its unique features.

The park is, of course, a popular attraction year-round and is also home to stone and log structures built by the Civilian Conservation Corps from 1934-1942.

Explore more images of [Pokagon](#) and [other Indiana state parks](#) in the Indiana State Library's digital collections.

ACPL awarded Certificate of Achievement for

[Adventure Begins at Your Library Adult Reading Club](#)
Milford Public Library

[Reindeer meet-and-greet hosted at Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library](#)
Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library

[Still time to earn prizes in Adult Winter Reading program](#)
North Webster Community Public Library

[Luddy Indianapolis library student serving her community, one snack at a time](#)
Whiting Public Library

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Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning



Library is honored to be part of this effort as it enters its fifth year."

Entries are due by April 30.

Frankfort Library announces a season of storytellers



This year's slate of Hoosier Storytellers at the Frankfort Community Public Library has been announced.

Kicking off the season on March 18 at 6 p.m., will be popular Frankfort musicians and storytellers, Hunter Wainscott, Jason Wells and Gibson Wells. They will share stories about their passion for their craft, their musical journeys and their experiences as Hoosier musicians. After questions from the audience, the talented trio will close out the program with a few songs.

On Friday, May 10 at 6 p.m., the Red Barn Summer Theatre's creative director, Michael Taylor, will bring along some special guests to chat about the Barn's 2024 lineup of shows and give updates about the barn and the grounds. They will also share some history of the origin and the 55 seasons of the Red Barn. This program will also part of the Library's Annual Event, and the return of "Barns and Blooms."

The Hot Dog Hall of Fame returns to the library on Saturday, July 27 at 1 p.m. This will be the third year the HDHOF has participated in the Hoosier Storytellers program during the Hot Dog Festival. Members of the Hall of Fame Class of 2024 will be interviewed before being inducted into the HDHOF at Frankfort High School later that afternoon.

"Through the Lens: Jim Ostler's Frankfort 1960-1964" will be the final Hoosier Storytellers program for 2024 on Thursday, Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. Ostler's slides will be shown on the theatre screen, as Dennis Hoffman, Flossie Swearingen and Bill Miller share their input and expertise on each image. Audience participation is encouraged to help identify the people and places in the photos.

Hoosier Storytellers is an ongoing series, where host Michael Clossin interviews guests of local interest as they discuss their unique experiences. The presentations usually last an hour, followed by

Excellence in Financial Reporting for 31st consecutive year



The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Allen County Public Library for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended Dec. 31, 2022. This is the 31st consecutive year that the Allen County Public Library has achieved this prestigious award.

The report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.


"Our chief financial officer David Sedestrom, and our entire ACPL team, are to be commended for their unwavering dedication to the responsible stewardship of each taxpayer dollar spent at the Allen County Public Library," said Susan Baier, Allen County Public Library executive director. "It is my hope that accolades like this remind our community just how grateful we are to be entrusted with this community's resources."

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

The Allen County Public Library values transparency in its finances and reports regularly to city, county, state and federal institutions to ensure it is held to the most rigorous standards.

The Allen County Public Library has fostered lifelong learning and discovery in Northeast Indiana for more than 125 years. The library consists of fourteen branches throughout Allen County, serving more than one million visitors per year. The library's collection includes more than 2.7 million items, with a circulation total of 3.6 million items borrowed annually. It also houses The Genealogy Center, the nation's largest public genealogy research center, and The Rolland Center for Lincoln Research, consisting of more than 20,000 artifacts related to President Abraham Lincoln.

The Government Finance Officers Association advances excellence in

<p>Text and Learn for Kindergarten program information</p> 	<p>questions from the audience. The interviews will be recorded live on YouTube and will be archived on the library's website. Registration is not required, and this program is free and open to the public. The library is located at 208 W. Clinton St. in Frankfort.</p>	<p>government finance by providing best practices, professional development, resources and practical research for more than 21,000 members and the communities it serves.</p>
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