Great Things 2018

Library working to digitize trove of Civil War materials
“I am in the shade, under a tree, on the side of a mountain, above a rippling brook, overlooking the town, in sight of three thousand troops, writing on the head of a drum. My health is good, so are the boys — we are all in fine spirits.” Read More

New library branch coming to Martindale-Brightwood neighborhood
A major boost is coming to the Martindale-Brightwood neighborhood. Read More

MCPL, Other Public Locations Consider Stocking Narcan
The Indiana State Department of Health is offering the opioid overdose antidote naloxone to libraries and other public gathering places. Read More

South Bend commits to downtown library project
The city’s common council Monday night took two actions enabling the St. Joseph County Public Library to move forward with an ambitious Main Library renovation and expansion projected to cost $36 to $38 million. Read More

Devastation documented: 'Life and Limb' shows Civil War toll
"No tongue can tell, no mind conceive, no pen portray the horrible sights I witnessed."
The quote is from an unnamed wounded soldier in 1862 during the Civil War, and it is among the horrors of the war presented in a visiting exhibit, "Life and Limb: The Toll of the American Civil War," from the National Library of Medicine. The six panels will be displayed through Dec. 29 on the first floor of the Ruth Lilly Medical Library. Read More

‘Finding Christmas’ story walk set to begin
Curling up with a good book on a cold day is great, but the Jasper Public Library has crafted another way for local families to get in a good read. Read More

La Porte County Schools Team Up for Week of Code
All La Porte County public schools will partner to celebrate a Week of Code December 3rd - 7th. The Hour of Code started as a worldwide effort designed to introduce students to computer science and demystify "computer coding." Read More

Pet therapy welcome relief for IU McKinney students
Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law students headed to the library for final exam cramming were met with a pleasant surprise Wednesday when several furry, four-footed friends greeted them at the door. Read More

Grant to Support Science, Literacy Efforts in Muncie
The Corporation for Public Broadcasting and PBS has awarded a $175,000 grant to Ball State University's public television station. Read More

Muncie Public Library receives grant to expand digital STEM program for kids
Muncie Public Library has received a $7,204 grant to extend its award-winning Digital Climbers STEM
program to include Kennedy Library. Read More

**Indiana Authors To Speak Around The State As Part Of Novel Conversations Speakers Program**
More than 25 cities and towns will host 12 Indiana authors over the next few months as part of a statewide speakers program. Read More

**From parks to festivals: Lilly Endowment will spend $48.8M to make Indy a better, cooler place**
The Thomas Taggart Memorial has made a sad splash on more than one of Indiana Landmarks’ 10 Most Endangered Lists. Read More

**November 2018**

**Indianapolis Public Library’s Fall Fest features unique guests**
Local traditions such as Indianapolis Public Library’s Fall fest color cities. The upcoming Fall Fest, headed by the library’s African-American history committee, features local performers and notable guests, including Dr. Lonnie Johnson, inventor of the famous Super Soaker toy. Read More

**Williamsport Library honored with four-star rating**
The Williamsport Public Library has been honored with one of two four-start ratings given out by the Library Journal of America. Read More

**Literacy Coalition provides grants for local teachers**
The Randolph County Literacy Coalition Wednesday awarded $3,450 in classroom grants to 23 local teachers for projects that help build reading skills. Read More

**LIS alumnus empowers organizations, teachers, and students with technology**
Librarian, media specialist, teacher librarian. The title, along with the role, has evolved from the days when ordering books, checking them in and out, and teaching students the Dewey Decimal System was their main function. Read More

**Indy Pride, Inc. and Indianapolis Public Library working to create LGBTQ+ exhibit**
Indianapolis will be home to one of the largest collections of LGBTQ+ archives in the United States for a public library. Read More

**Faces of IUPUI: James Kendrick**
James Kendrick has been on staff at University Library for more than 30 years, during which he earned his bachelor’s degree from the School of Science and is now pursuing a master’s degree from SPEA. Read More

**Community Leader**
Fremont, Indiana is Middle America, quaint, historic. patriotic. The very definition of small town life but with some big town amenities. Read More

**Long-time New Albany educator left mark on peers, library**
Those who knew Gary Hutton all say the same thing about him: he loved to read. Read More

**Putnam County Public Library moving to improve engagement**
During what was a meeting highlighted with positive collaboration, trustees of the Putnam County Public Library voiced support for efforts to improve community engagement Wednesday evening. Read More
IU Lilly Library celebrates 80th anniversary of 'The War of the Worlds' broadcast
Indiana University Libraries' Lilly Library is celebrating the 80th anniversary of the 1938 "The War of the Worlds" broadcast by openly streaming its recent digitization of the infamous radio event taken directly from Orson Welles' personal lacquer disc recordings. Read More

Library Takes Historic House High-Tech
A ribbon-cutting and grand opening in early September marked a new beginning for both the Floyd County Library and a historic house in the heart of the small community of Galena. Read More

Plainfield library receives national grant
The Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library (PGTPL) will take part in National Radiologic Technology Week, an annual event that recognizes the vital work of the nation’s medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals. Read More

Library Photo Exhibit Shares Stories Of African American Males
This past spring, photographer Jerry Taliaferro shot portraits for an exhibit commissioned by the Center for Black Literature and Culture. Taliaferro is based in North Carolina, and this is the second photography project he’s worked on for the CBLC. Read More

IU Libraries receives $1.2 million grant to develop ability to search digitized audiovisual files
Current access to text-based data and knowledge is unprecedented in human history. Read More

October 2018
Awards can help steer book selection
Several years ago, I read a piece from NPR by Linda Holmes entitled “The Sad Beautiful Fact that We’re Going to Miss Almost Everything.” Read More

More than just fun and games at HAK Club
Jennifer Taylor is using fantasy games to help students in Hagerstown level up in real life. Read More

2018 Indiana Authors Award celebrates four outstanding authors: 10th anniversary program benefits Indiana libraries and authors
Four authors with Indiana ties were honored recently at the 2018 Eugene & Marilyn Glick Indiana Authors Award Dinner at Central Library in Indianapolis. Read More

HIRE ED program helps students prepare for interviews
When preparing for a big interview, applicants may spend hours perfecting their resumes and cover letters or practicing their elevator pitches, but sometimes they forget to do their research on a company or position. Read More

IU will lead $2 million partnership to expand access to research data: IU Libraries and IU Network Science Institute are leading a public-private partnership to create the Shared BigData Gateway for Research Libraries
Students, faculty and researchers across the Midwest and beyond will gain critical access to new research data through a cloud-based platform whose construction has been made possible under a large-scale partnership led by the IU Libraries and IU Network Science Institute. Read More

KCPL to host 'Making a Monster' series for children, teens
The Knox County Public Library, 502 N. Seventh St., is embracing this Halloween season by offering special programs aimed at helping young people discover all the spooky aspects of science. Read More

Indiana schools finding success with eLearning
Nathan Mock stayed home from school Sept. 19, but it wasn’t a Ferris Bueller kind of day off. Read More

Human Library event allows visitors to ‘rent’ people
One of the ways to step into another person’s shoes is to listen to them tell stories about their lives. The Human Library at The Monroe County Public Library is an event that allowed attendees to learn about other people and what discrimination or struggles they might face in their day-to-day lives. Read More

Library hosting local author fair
A local author fair will be hosted from 1 to 3 p.m. Nov. 3 at the Avon-Washington Township Public Library. Read More

Instilling a love of reading: Librarians engage kids, make impact during storytime
Jennifer McKinney holds up two of her fingers the way she always does at the beginning of a storytime at the Tecumseh branch of the Allen County Public Library. The fingers hug, she says. “Friend is ‘hug, hug.’” Read More

Looking to future, Sullivan library exploring expansion of its main branch
With times changing — and the last substantial change occurring 25 years ago — the Sullivan County Public Library is seeking improved space utilization at its main branch in Sullivan. Read More

IU librarian to discuss Frankenstein at Trine event
The head of public services for Indiana University’s Lilly Library will discuss the story of Frankenstein’s publication and the history of its readership over the past two centuries in a talk at Trine University on Saturday. Read More

MCLS hosting Harwood Public Innovators Lab in Indiana in 2019
MCLS is sponsoring a Harwood Public Innovators Lab in Indianapolis, IN March 5-7, 2019. The Lab will be held at Indiana Wesleyan University – Indianapolis North campus. MCLS will fully fund tuition for the training, as well as lodging and some meals during the training, for up to 50 staff from Indiana libraries. Participation in the lab will also include follow-up coaching calls to further support the cohort of attendees post-training. Read More

Monroe County Public Library First to Earn Level 2 ‘Dementia-Friendly’ Status
It’s easier than ever to get content from your local library. Apart from the general free-ness of the service, many resources let people stream and download content electronically. Read More

County celebrates famous spooky novel
October has arrived, and the Johnson County Public Library is participating in a statewide initiative to celebrate the anniversary of a classic spooky. Read More

**Library offers early literacy program**
The Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library this month launched a new literacy program for children. Read More

**Stitched and Bound - One State, One Story, one Frankenstein**
The Frankenstein monster will come back to life this month through a series of programs for all ages offered at the Washington Carnegie Public Library as part of Indiana’s One State/One Story initiative brought to life by Indiana Humanities. Read More

**Month devoted to monster: Get your fill of ‘Frankenstein’ in October**
The Bartholomew County Public Library has been awarded a Community Read grant of $1,000 from Indiana Humanities to participate in a statewide reading program now underway of the classic novel “Frankenstein” by Mary Shelley. Read More

**Author Inspires the Imagination**

**September 2018**

**Library has most successful summer program yet**
The Barton Rees Pogue Memorial Library in Upland requested a budget increase of 5 percent for the 2019 year in hopes of funding prized programming, library resources, and a larger building down the road. Read More

**National Voter Registration Day set at libraries**
The Jackson County Public Library and Jackson County Clerk Amanda Lowery are partnering for National Voter Registration Day. Read More

**Puzzled out at the Lilly Library**
Students sat around a rectangular table situated in the Slocum Puzzle Room at the Lilly Library, toying with intricate mechanical puzzle pieces to better understand not just the solutions, but the puzzle itself. Read More

**A new library in Bloomington will help the community**
Within the next three years, the Monroe County Public Library plans to add a third branch to the southwest side of Bloomington. Architects have been hired, and the library is now asking for community feedback and holding public conversations about the addition. Read More

**Muncie Public Library and Muncie Community Schools Featured in National Publication**
A collaboration between Muncie Public Library (MPL) and Muncie Community Schools (MCS) was featured in the September 1, 2018 issue of Library Journal magazine. Read More
Floyd County Library to participate in Community Read: Program celebrates 200-year-old 'Frankenstein'
The Floyd County Library in New Albany has been awarded a Community Read grant of $1,000 from Indiana Humanities to participate in a statewide read of the classic novel "Frankenstein." Read More

Swapping books for digital files
The role of libraries in local communities has been forced to change. Libraries now must invest in computers, librarian training on topics such as technology, and databases of scholarly articles. Read More

Indianapolis Library commissions letterpress work by UINDY art & design students
Two graduate students in the University of Indianapolis art & design program recently produced a commissioned letterpress work for the Indianapolis Public Library. Read More

Elkhart schools transform libraries into spaces for innovation
Elkhart schools are turning their libraries into centers for growth and innovation -- they're renovating and adding resources. Read More

Overdose antidote training set for 4 Indianapolis libraries
An Indiana University-led partnership is bringing training sessions to Indianapolis this week on how to administer a medication that can reverse potentially fatal overdoses from opioid painkillers and heroin. Read More

Frame-by-Frame: Stop-motion animation workshop at Wells Library
On Monday afternoon, people on campus were invited to create their own movies frame by frame. Read More

Indiana University programs highly ranked in annual Academic Ranking of World Universities
Indiana University Bloomington programs in library and information science, communication, public administration and business finance ranked among the top 10 in the world, according to the 2018 Academic Ranking of World Universities. Read More

Carmel Clay Public Library events to promote smart decisions in the digital world
The Carmel Clay Public Library will hold four events this month in conjunction with Indiana Digital Citizenship Week. Read More

Brookville Library annex grand opening is Sept. 16
"For the second time in its 116-year history, Brookville’s Carnegie Library has doubled in size," notes Franklin County Public Library District director Susan Knight. Read More

United Way program offering early childhood literacy grants
United Way of the Wabash Valley’s Success By 6 initiative is offering early childhood literacy project grants to local educators and organizations. Read More

“I Didn’t Expect to See That at the Library” – Fun Palace Engages Community
On October 7, 2017, the Huntington City-Township Public Library became the first public library in the United States to host a Fun Palace. Read More

Cunningham Memorial Library changes exceed student needs
Starting in the Fall 2018 semester, there will be a variety of changes made to the Cunningham Memorial Library. Read More

Experts hold cyber-safety forum
Helping parents and educators keep kids safe online was the topic of a workshop in Newburgh Monday night.

The Indiana youth institute, Warrick County Cares, and the Warrick county school corporation hosted the event at Newburgh Chandler Public Library. Read More

Schools don't have 'libraries' anymore. Here's what Fishers students have instead.
The library at Sand Creek Intermediate in Fishers gets loud, but no one shushes students. Read More

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State Budget Committee OKs new Lowell state police post, IUN library improvements
The State Budget Committee on Wednesday approved spending for a new state police facility at Lowell and mechanical system improvements at the Anderson Library and Conference Center on the Indiana University Northwest campus in Gary. Read More

Gov. Holcomb names Lighty as new Executive Director of the Indiana Archives and Records Administration
Gov. Eric J. Holcomb announced that he has selected S. Chandler Lighty to be the new executive director of the Indiana Archives and Records Administration. Read More

Suicide prevention talk this month at public library
Those interested in learning how to recognize warning signs and techniques to prevent suicide can attend a talk from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28, at the Monroe County Public Library. Read More

IU library professionals create a warm and welcoming space at The Rise
When Indiana University's Bloomington Librarian Professional Council was looking for a way to give back last year, the partner organization that rose to the top of its list was Bloomington staple The Rise -- Middle Way House's transitional housing program for domestic violence survivors. Read More

South Bend Launches 'Digital Inclusion' Center
The city of South Bend has launched an effort aimed at growing "digital inclusion." Read More

Wilma Moore's memory honored with scholarship
An Indiana University alumna and an Indianapolis leader in education, libraries and history, Wilma Moore's impact was felt in several institutions -- IUPUI, the Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center at Indiana University, the Indiana Historical Society and Indianapolis public libraries, just to name a few. Read More

Vincennes University Granted Funding For Renovations
Vincennes University could soon start making some big changes to their campus, after state lawmakers award them with a generous grant. Read More
Managed Health Services (MHS) Partners with Indy Reads, Circulation and Lyft to Promote Literacy for Members
Managed Health Services (MHS) is partnering with Indy Reads, a nonprofit that offers literacy training and education, Circulation and Lyft to support members with low literacy and encourage them to take literacy classroom training. Read More

Diving deep: New after-school program at library aims to improve STEM skills
Can you get to the bottom of the ocean using science, technology, engineering and math skills?
Instead of just watching cartoons or playing video games after school, the Kokomo-Howard County Public Library has started a program where kids in third- through seventh-grade can actually learn while still having fun. Read More

Homecoming dress event planned
Local teens can pick the perfect homecoming dance attire at an event this weekend. The Johnson County Public Library is hosting a homecoming dress event. Read More

The Public Library: Where Latino Kids Can Learn Spanish
Every Saturday, a room on the second floor of the Monroe County Public Library (MCPL) becomes an international classroom and community known as La Escuelita Para Todos, the Little School for All. About 40 children attend with their parents, most of whom were born in Mexico. Read More

PALNI Awards Two Library Innovation Grants for 2018
Two proposals received PALNI Library Innovation grants in 2018, one from Franklin College focusing on wellness and one from Butler University focusing on Augmented Reality (AR). Read More

Crowd turns out for Dino Day event
The Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library recently held a library-wide Dino Day event for more than 250 people.

“We love hosting large-scale events at the library, bringing together children of all ages and families. Our life-size Jurassic Park game filling our second-floor Art Gallery has been a huge success”, said Laura Appleby, the library's gallery manager. Read More

Library launches online classes: Free lifelong learning program begins
The Bartholomew County Public Library will begin offering six-week free online courses in August. It’s the first time the library has offered this type of content, provided through Gale Courses, library director Jason Hatton said. Read More

Library eyes telephone building for expansion
La Porte’s old telephone exchange building may become a learning exchange. Director Fonda Owens requested the La Porte County Council consider approval for the La Porte County Public Library to spend $1,212,500 in excess of the current year’s budget. Read More

One Story/One State: Frankenstein starts now
Frankenstein is alive and well in Ripley County. During the months of September and October the Batesville Memorial Public Library, Osgood Public Library, Tyson Library and the Ripley County Tourism
Bureau will partner to celebrate Mary Shelley’s remarkable novel "Frankenstein," which turned 200 in 2018. Read More

KHCPL to launch Aptiv Digital Divers
Thanks to a grant from Aptiv, the Kokomo-Howard County Public Library will launch Digital Divers, an afterschool program to help improve students’ science, technology, engineering, and math skills, on Aug. 3 during First Friday. Read More

Monroe County’s Carnegie Library Celebrates 100 Years Since Dedication
Monroe County’s Carnegie Library is celebrating its centennial anniversary. Read More

A NEW VISION: Floyd County's Digital Library preparing to open
A trip to the local library used to mean trying to find a book among thousands stacked on shelves. The routine was simple — walk in, find the book, and check it out. Read More

Library reading program all shook up with Elvis finale
Elvis was in the house recently at the Hammond Public Library. In fact, two versions of the famous singer appeared. Read More

West Clay branch would be Carmel library's first
Carmel Clay Library plans to expand into the Village of West Clay, where it will open the library’s first branch. Read More

Library hosting disaster preparedness event
Staff members at the Greensburg-Decatur County Public Library are echoing those words this month as they’ll be hosting a free disaster preparedness event at 6 p.m. Aug. 28 at their 1110 E. Main Street location. Read More

Virtual reality program for seniors planned at library
Older adults can experience virtual reality at 2 p.m. Aug. 19 in the Computer Classroom at the Jackson County Public Library at 303 W. Second St. in Seymour. Read More

CDPL is expanding Spanish-language collection
Ivette de Assis-Wilson eyes the shelves at the Crawfordsville District Public Library, pulling out a book about the Spanish civil war. Read More

Library transformed into French countryside
C’est magnifique!
The meeting room of the Carnegie Public Library was transformed on July 27 into the French countryside as the ninth Adult Summer Reading Program held its closing party and tea. Read More

Loogootee Native Offers To Match Donations To Library Up To $20,000
The Loogootee Library will get some help funding its new building thanks to a former resident. Read More

Library Receives Grant for Technology Disaster Planning
Eckhart Public Library is making its data safer, with the help of a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant. Read More
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Library preps for final chapter of $2M renovation
In less than two weeks, many months of work and planning at the Shelby County Public Library will come to a close. Read More

Jasper-Dubois County Public Library and the Dubois County Museum partner to provide more access to museum
The Jasper-Dubois County Public Library and the Dubois County Museum have created a program in which all four libraries (Jasper, Ferdinand, Dubois, and Birdseye) will be circulating museum passes that allow up to four people free access into the museum. Read More

Campus garden, Guatemalan nursing practicum, library, receive grants
A campus garden, a practicum in Central America for nurse practitioner students, and an information literacy education program share in more than $150,000 distributed throughout the Indiana University system, in grants from the IU Women’s Philanthropy Leadership Council (WPLC). Read More

Hoosier Desk Building demolition paves the way for new library, arts center
Monday marked another step forward in revitalizing the downtown area in Jasper with the demolition of the old Hoosier Desk Building. Read More

Ligonier’s Library Reaches Readers At Laundromats
Employees at Ligonier’s public library got creative when brainstorming how to promote reading during the summer. Read More

Books and ‘Blue’: Indiana foster children meet Colts’ mascot, take home books of their own
They came for the books, but they got a little something extra. Read More

Clarksville’s public library getting renovation and $75,000 tech upgrade
A southern Indiana library is getting some help to update its technology. Read More

The launch of a new open access journal at Indiana State University
In contributing to the development and delivery of scholarly communications programs and resources that impact the changing scholarly publishing landscape the Indiana State University (ISU) Library has played an important part in the launch of a new double-blind peer reviewed, open access journal called, Clinical Practice in Athletic Training: A Journal of Practice-based, Outcomes, and Action Research (Clin AT). Read More

Cultural Pass available to Southern Indiana families this year
Zoo, Falls of the Ohio, Louisville Science Center and Bernheim Arboretum and Forest. According to Lori Morgan, manager of Youth Services for the Jeffersonville Township Public Library, there have been numerous requests for the pass from local families throughout the years, but there never was a sponsor for the program. Read More

Freedom to Read Foundation Announces 2018 Roll of Honor Awards
The Freedom to Read Foundation Roll of Honor Committee is excited to announce Doug Archer and Barbara Jones as the recipients of the 2018 Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) Roll of Honor Award. Read More

Indian State Library Awarded NHPRC Grant To Digitize Papers Of Will H. Hays
The Indiana State Library recently received a $74,880 grant to support the digitization of Will H. Hays' papers ranging from 1914-54. Read More

Libraries Rock benefit for adult literacy to be held July 13
Libraries Rock is a blast of a benefit to support Putnam Adult Literacy Services (PALS). On Friday, July 13, from 6-10 p.m. the library is getting out of the stacks and under the stars in the Putnam County Public Library’s parking lot. Read More

Foundation created for Eckhart Library
A new Eckhart Library Foundation has been formed to raise money for restoring and rebuilding the fire-damaged library and supporting its future operation. Read More

Students celebrate literature and art
Recovering the Classics is a movement to inspire and create beautiful new covers for history’s greatest works of literature, reports Anne Amrhein, Batesville Community School Corp. media and instructional technology specialist. Read More

IUPUI instructor talking superheroes, comic books in summer library lecture series
A T-shirt with The Flash’s logo sets the tone pretty well for a lecturer about to deliver a brief history of comic books. Read More

Ball State librarian wins over $80,000 on Jeopardy!
Scott McFadden helped put Muncie in the national spotlight during his time on Jeopardy! Read More

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Lilly Library adding 700 EAD finding aids to Archives Online
Years ago, when the IU Bloomington Libraries first started using Encoded Archival Description (EAD) to describe archival and manuscript collections, staff at the Lilly Library began to encode newly acquired collections in EAD. Other collections got EAD finding aids as time allowed. Read More

Library opens section for families with special needs kids
Families who have a child with autism or Down syndrome, teachers of special needs kids, and others now have a new resource for help. Read More

Indianapolis Foundation Awards Over $1M in Grants
Library initiatives are among the recipients of 21 recently-approved grants by the Indianapolis Foundation. Read More

Bloomfield Library wins IGS award for contributing to genealogy, records preservation
Bloomfield-Eastern Greene County Public Library was awarded $500 for its contributions to the Indiana Genealogical Society’s (IGS) website and preservation of records for Indiana. Read More
Local authors tell diverse tales at Hammond Library
Not everyone visiting the Hammond Public Library on a recent Saturday morning came to borrow or return books. Read More

2018 Indiana Pacers Summer Reading Tour presented by The RoomPlace
The Indiana Pacers will begin their highly-successful Pacers Summer Reading Tour at select Indianapolis Public Library branches in mid-June. Read More

Library to participate in Summer Food Service Program
The La Porte County Public Library has announced plans to participate in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Read More

John Hochstetler has been named Hamilton Southeastern Schools - District Teacher of the Year !!!

Library prepares to go fine-free
The Bartholomew County Public Library is relaxing its overdue fines policy for most borrowers while keeping penalties for major offenders. Read More

Delta Kappa Gamma grants Penn Township Public Library scholarship
Brenda Cash, Director of Pennville Public Library, thanked DKG for awarding this scholarship to her library. Read More

Converse Library to celebrate 100 years
In celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Converse Jackson Township Public Library, the library will have a Picnic on the Lawn on June 24 from 1-3 p.m. Read More

'Go solar' sessions available locally
Homeowners and businesses in southeast Indiana will have an opportunity to install solar panels in the fall of 2018 at a reduced price. Read More

Library festival focuses on pioneer days
History lovers can enter a pie baking contest, hear stories about frontier living and listen to bluegrass and folk music in a local festival focused on pioneer days. Read More

Library hosts fire dog program
Kasey and Kali, female black Labrador Retrievers, showed off their fire and life safety know-how to dozens of kids on June 12 at the Logansport-Cass County Public Library. Read More

New project archives IUPUI memories
Retired from University Library since 2001, Jim Lockwood had to begin his May 21 visit back to the IUPUI landmark with popping in on former colleagues in the cataloging department. Read More

May 2018

Campus bus becomes 'cash cab' to celebrate IU Libraries, IU Day
The red flags, flashing lights and cardboard cutout of the late former Indiana University President Herman B Wells startled Nicole Karlin when she stepped on the bus. Read More
Library celebrates 200 years in Jefferson County, Indiana
The Jefferson County Public Library was founded 200 years ago -- on April 18, 1818 -- by a group of 25 men in a tavern blocks away from where the library currently sits. Read More

Lilly Library features new Frankenstein exhibit
In 1818, one of the most famous literary monsters was introduced in the anonymously published “Frankenstein; Or, the Modern Prometheus.” Read More

Local college, library receive grants
A poet will come to Franklin College and a festival based on beloved children’s books at the Johnson County Public Library was helped by a statewide grant. Read More

Creating a better world for everyone
Tucked away on the third floor of the Indiana University Southeast Library, a little-known multicultural treasure chest overflowing with artifacts and countless learning opportunities is available for the community to enjoy. Read More

VITAL Quiz Bowl gets underway
The area’s annual team trivia competition got underway Monday night at the Monroe County Public Library. Read More

Participants call IUPUI’s Human Library educational, thought-provoking
The Human Library at IUPUI, a campus-funded Welcoming Campus Initiative, was designed to provide a safe place for conversations around difficult subjects and help advance understanding among a community of diverse people. Read More

Honey Creek Middle School wins Vigo’s Battle of the Books
The Vigo County School Corporation Middle School Battle of the Books was held at Ivy Tech Community College on April 13. Read More

Library holds sixth annual Starlight Gala
The sixth annual Starlight Reception took place Friday evening at the Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library, featuring the work of printmaker Becky Heimann. Read More

Hendricks County Senior Services celebrates "Frankenstein"
Hendricks County Senior Services is participating in the statewide One State / One Story: Frankenstein program. Read More

Flash mob takes over Indy library to raise awareness, funds for Alzheimer’s Association
American Senior Communities put on a flash mob on Thursday to raise awareness for Alzheimer’s disease. Read More

Indiana library becomes latest to end overdue book fees
A southern Indiana library has become one of the latest in the state to stop charging late fees for overdue books. Read More

Stationary reading bike comes to NCPL on trail run
Noble County Public Library will try a new stationary reading bike at each of its branches, Library Director Sandy Petrie announced at the May 10 board meeting. Read More

April 2018

CANDLES Holocaust Museum outing Apr. 28
Chartered day trip to Terre Haute will be offered by Greentown Library The name of Eva Mozes Kor is one that not many know. Read More

Life Behind the Numbers
In November 2017, a few months after she became Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library’s (EVPL) civic data scientist—one of the few in the country at a public library—Jerica Copeny volunteered at the inaugural conference of Data for Black Lives at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Media Lab. Read More

Comic strip characters, artist histories on exhibit at Nappanee library
From Pencils to Pixels explores the adventures of comic strip characters such as Garfield, Brown County savant Abe Martin, and “Chic” Jackson’s “Roger Bean.” Read More

A New Partnership: Miami County and Peru Public Library Announce Pilot Program
Following the approval of the Peru Public Library Board, the Miami County Commissioners, and the Miami County Council a new pilot program will provide up to $75,000 of funding from Miami County CEDIT Funds to the Peru Library for county residents living outside of the Peru Library Taxing District to obtain individual non-resident library cards on a first come first serve basis. Read More

Allen County Public Library, Northeast Indiana Innovation Center to partner to help aspiring Fort Wayne-area entrepreneurs
Beginning in early April, the Allen County Public Library and Northeast Indiana Innovation Center (NIIC) will collaborate to help northeast Indiana entrepreneurs turn ideas into successful businesses, products or services, the two organizations announced early this week. Read More

Business advice at library
Partnerships are helping the Northeast Indiana Innovation Center expand its footprint, which could help birth more businesses. The business incubation center along Stellhorn Road in northeast Fort Wayne last week announced it would establish regular office hours at the downtown branch of the Allen County Public Library. Read More

Startup, library work on new app
An Indiana-based startup whose founders worked out of a Columbus co-working space are testing a new library app locally that lets patrons explore library offerings through their voice. Read More

Eckhart Public Library Restoration Plans Revealed
We are very excited to release preliminary plans that will be the next phase in our fire recovery of our Historic Main Library. Read More

Dance of Hope seeks to educate, inspire
From a Ugandan orphanage to the Monroe County Public Library, Ugandan children will present Dance of Hope at 7 p.m. March 29 in the Monroe County Public Library. Read More
Indiana University announces festival dedicated to author Kurt Vonnegut, feat. Thee Oh Sees, Father John Misty, Shabazz Palaces, and more

The world undoubtedly needs more author-themed music festivals — and since a festival dedicated to George Orwell would necessarily involve the booked artists violating our personal liberties, we should all be more than enamored/supportive of the following Granfalloon-come-true: A Kurt Vonnegut Convergence, a new hybrid “conference and festival” which the Indiana University Arts & Humanities Council are hosting this May 10-12. Read More

Cunningham Memorial Library purchases glasses to aid colorblind

Brian Bunnett stared intently at a piece of artwork hanging in the Indiana State University Art Gallery, trying to distinguish the colors that made up “The Hermit.” Read More

Centerville Library and Centerville Public Schools teamed up to recognize Vietnam War Veterans

March 29 was National Vietnam War Veterans Day and the Centerville Library teamed up with Centerville Public Schools to recognize the brave men and women who risked their lives. Read More

An All-Digital Branch of the Floyd County Public Library Coming Soon

The historic structure...will become a digital library which will allow residents in the county access to all the online resources and services that are available to patrons at the New Albany-Floyd County Public Library’s main branch. Read More

Indianapolis Public Library Introduces Immigrant Welcome Center Mobile Branches

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Nature Play is newest feature at HC Library

Natural playgrounds have been popping up all across the country, providing children opportunities for exploration, discovery, learning and, of course, playtime! Read More

Lilly Library Opens Frankenstein Exhibit Featuring First Edition

The Indiana University Lilly Library is celebrating the 200th anniversary of Mary Shelley’s Frankenstein with an exhibit full of surprises. Read More

History of Great Women at ISU on display in Cunningham Memorial Library

“The History of Great Women at ISU” is a display inspired by the progress women have made at Indiana State University in the Cunningham Memorial Library. Read More
Jefferson County Public Library marks 200th anniversary in Indiana
"Google gives you lots and lots of answers to your questions. But the librarian can help you find the right one," said Judi Terpening, the interim director at the oldest public library in Jefferson County, Indiana. Read More

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Hometown Heroes: Books...and more
Lynn Hobbs and her staff have transformed the Pendleton Community Library into a food pantry, an after-school club, a community garden, and even a fitness center. Read More

BEGCPL invites Frankenstein fans to fun event
The classic novel ‘Frankenstein’ turns 200 in 2018, and the Bloomfield-Eastern Greene County Public Library (BEGCPL) will celebrate the event this Saturday at 2 p.m. with a book discussion moderated by WFIU’s George Walker. Read More

Hancock County Library releases 120 years of history
The Hancock County Public Library has put together an illustrated volume of its 120-year history (cover pictured), co-written by county historian Joe Skvarenina and librarian Paul McNeil and researched by librarian Cindi Faunce. Read More

Warsaw teen qualifies for Poetry Out Loud nationals
Warsaw Community High School student Joshua Fisher has been named the 2018 Poetry Out Loud Indiana State champion. Fisher made it through the final rounds of a statewide competition Saturday. Read More

‘Friends of the Library’ has deep roots in community
Are you a bibliophile? If you love books, then the Clay County Friends of the Library is looking for you. Read More

Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology salvaging endangered data
Archaeologists spend days, months, even years at digs sifting through mud and dirt searching for artifacts that will lead to an understanding of another time and place. Read More

Muncie Public Library featured in national magazine
Muncie Public Library is featured in the January/February edition of Computers in Libraries, a publication of Information Today, Inc. Read More

STEM Learning grants to benefit local programs
A $25,000 grant to the Greene County Foundation through Regional Opportunity Initiatives, Inc. (ROI) will support five local STEM educational programs in Greene County. Read More

Cordell Collection acquires its oldest word book
The newest addition in the Cordell Collection at Cunningham Memorial Library is also its oldest. Read More

Computer science class is a hit at St. Joseph County library
Inside downtown's main branch of the St. Joseph County Public Library last week, 10-year-old Aiden Johnson dragged and dropped a few color-coded blocks on his computer screen into a command prompt. Read More
**Mosaic project aims to bring Geneva community together with art**
City officials, library personnel and environmental experts are hoping to bring kids and adults together through the magic of art. [Read More]

**Foellinger Foundation announces $1M grant to Allen County Public Library for Summer Learning Program**
The Foellinger Foundation on Tuesday announced a $1 million grant to provide three-year support to the Summer Learning Program. [Read More]

**New hanging sculpture in University Library's atrium**
For 15 years, usually in the fall, the atrium in IUPUI University Library gets adorned with a newly created sculpture. [Read More]

**Stress relief event in Herman B Wells Library features dogs, snacks**
Students going to study at Herman B Wells Library Wednesday night encountered a de-stress event sponsored by IU Libraries and the IU Health Center. [Read More]

**Library's valuable, says official**
The Fayette County Public Library figures that it added more than $3.5 million in value to the community last year. [Read More]

**Library holds last Crackerbarrel before Indiana Session ends**
Dozens of concerned citizens came to the Vigo County Public Library one last time to discuss important topics with their lawmakers. [Read More]

**Time Travelers focus on local women**
In honor of International Women’s Day, Eckhart Public Library held an event Wednesday afternoon at the Teen Library featuring well-known women in DeKalb County and around the world. [Read More]

**Notre Dame receives Mellon Foundation grant to develop software platform to help universities access library and museum holdings**
The University of Notre Dame has been awarded a $455,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to create a Unified Preservation and Exhibition Platform — a software solution that will enable universities to access museum and library holdings through a single online portal. [Read More]

**Featuring Literary Carousel by April Givens**
Middlebury Library and Middlebury’s Then and Now Committee have partnered to bring a new exciting and fun event to the town of Middlebury. [Read More]

**Indiana University announces festival dedicated to author Kurt Vonnegut, feat**
The world undoubtedly needs more author-themed music festivals — and since a festival dedicated to George Orwell would necessarily involve the booked artists violating our personal liberties, we should all be more than enamored/supportive of the following Granfalloon-come-true: A Kurt Vonnegut Convergence, a new hybrid “conference and festival” which the Indiana University Arts & Humanities Council are hosting this May 10-12. [Read More]

**Cunningham Memorial Library purchases glasses to aid colorblind**
Brian Bunnett stared intently at a piece of artwork hanging in the Indiana State University Art Gallery, trying to distinguish the colors that made up "The Hermit." [Read More]

**Centerville Library and Centerville Public Schools teamed up to recognize Vietnam War Veterans**
March 29 was National Vietnam War Veterans Day and the Centerville Library teamed up with Centerville Public Schools to recognize the brave men and women who risked their lives. Children designed cards and wrote heartfelt messages to surviving Vietnam veterans that were delivered along with an invitation to the veteran’s parade on May 19. The Centerville Library put together a display recognizing those veterans who have called Centerville their home. Together they have given Vietnam veterans the love and support they rightfully deserve!

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These free sessions allow immigrants to interact with Natural Helpers from the Immigrant Welcome Center who can help them connect with local resources, including those of the Library. Attendees can drop in anytime during the sessions to speak with Natural Helpers in such languages as Arabic, English, French, Karen, Kiswahili and Spanish.

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Milford Public Library offers Virtual Story Time
The Milford Public Library started Virtual Story Time sessions this past fall and post one every week after a Story Time sessions.

Staff started these virtual sessions as a way to reach children who don’t attend Story Time and to encourage children and families to attend. During these videos, staff introduce themselves, talk about what they will do at Story Time that week, read, and invite the children to come.

Additionally, they have started doing a passive program in their children’s department each week they do Story Time. For instance, when they had a "Pirates" Story Time, they set up a treasure chest and allowed kids to dig for buried treasure to increase their fine motor skills. They’ve also done matching games, Alphabet games, etc.

The videos have done well on their Facebook page and both activities seem to be popular with the kids. Staff hopes that the passive play and virtual videos will allow their Story Time sessions to grow.
Take a look at their videos!

**Artist's books at the Lilly Library revel in nuance**
Rebecca Baumann, assistant librarian at the Lilly Library, unzipped a red zipper on a white book sleeve that read “Lay text.” Inside was a garment bag with two soggy, drooping latex gloves. Baumann raised up the book inside, a collection of six leaves of wax paper suspended on a hook. [Read More]

**Greenwood Public Library integrates multisensory techniques into their programming**
The [Yale Center for Dyslexia and Creativity](https://yalecoppernick.com) states dyslexia affects as many as 1 in 5 people and represents 80-90% of all learning disabilities. Early screening is vital as children need appropriate intervention for phonologic deficiencies before 3rd grade.

Greenwood Public Library has staff trained in the Orton Gillingham approach which is a multisensory, language-based, structured, sequential, cumulative system which has proven effective for dyslexic students. GPL also hosts an annual dyslexia conference partnering with the [Indiana Branch of the International Dyslexia Association](https://www.intdys.org), Decoding Dyslexia Indiana, the Dyslexia Institute of Indiana, and the Rooney Foundation each fall. The GPL preschool story time classes have integrated multisensory techniques into their program and librarians have lobbied the Indiana state legislature for early screening. Newly introduced bill: [SB217](https://legistar.michigan.gov/Legislation/Legislation.cfm?Chamber=H&Bill=217&DocTypeID=3) provides for all students to be screened for dyslexia and will also train teachers in multisensory, systematic, and explicit phonetic interventions.

**Tina Baich appointed director of faculty mentoring**
Senior Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Margie Ferguson has announced the appointment of Tina Baich as director of faculty mentoring, which became effective Jan. 1. [Read More]

**Historic Vincennes mural moves to Knox County Public Library**
A 160-year-old mural of the Wabash River front of historic Vincennes has moved to a new home in the Knox County Public Library. [Read More]

**Goshen Public Library gives students space to create**
Once a month, students come to the Goshen Public Library to try their hand at arts and crafts. Teen Services Coordinator Emily Stuckey Weber runs the maker space in the basement of the library every Monday. [Read More]

**Bartholomew County Public Library to roll out voice activated app.**
LIBRO, a voice activated app, will be rolled out in mid-February. This exciting technology allows library users to access library account information with voice commands. This includes searching for items, placing holds and renewing items. App will be available for Android and Apple in their app stores.

**IU’s Lilly Library home to famous authors’ hair**
Although the antiquated tradition of people sending locks of hair to their loved ones died out in the 20th century, the Lilly Library has acquired notable locks of hair since the library's establishment in 1960. [Read More]

**Indiana University Libraries expands potential of 3D and VR technologies in grant-funded, multi-university partnership**
March 2018 kicks off the first of three national, grant-funded forums focused on pioneering new ways of interacting with digital content, thanks to an Institute of Museum and Library Services National
Leadership grant awarded to a multi-university partnership in support of three-dimensional visualization and virtual reality technologies. Read More

Goal of VR plan is to let students explore careers
The Bedford Public Library received an $8,000 grant from Hoosier Uplands Economic Development Corporation to use for virtual reality equipment to add to the various technology opportunities the library already supplies to its community. Read More

IUPUI Library opens Virtual and Augmented Reality Lab
The IUPUI University Library recently opened a Guided Virtual and Augmented Reality Lab. It offers the experience of VR with a guide to walk you through this exciting new technology. Read More

Former IU journalism professor receives Lifetime Achievement Award
James Alexander Thom, a former IU School of Journalism professor and lecturer, received the 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Indianapolis Library Foundation, according to a January press release. Read More

Adams Public Library System Celebrates 10 Years
Rural Adams County lies south of Allen County with a population just over 34,000. Until 2008, three public libraries served the people of Decatur (pop. 9405), Berne (3999) and Geneva (1293) – the Decatur Public Library, the Berne Public Library and the Geneva Public Library. On February 22, 2008 after several years of planning, Geneva and Decatur Public Libraries merged to form the Adams Public Library System.

Support for the consolidation initially came from community-wide discussions forged through the local United Way-sponsored 4Community Project in 2005 and 2006. In this project, the United Way undertook a community-wide assessment of strengths and needs in the county, and then set in motion local forums to discuss these needs and develop a strategic plan. Access to resources – including library service – was identified as one of the broad categories of concern. Comments concerning library service indicated a desire for a countywide library district, and at the very least, countywide service through multiple libraries.

Although the discussions started in 2005 with the local assessment of needs project, several other factors influenced the move toward consolidation. Statewide discussions on library structure and minimum district population figured prominently in 2006 and 2007 with the Taskforce on Unserved Areas, the Kernan-Shepard Commission and the Library Coalition. In addition, financial difficulties of the Geneva Public Library were a factor for Geneva.

Immediate positive results of the merger included the sharing of collections enjoyed by patrons from both locations; budget stability and an increased book and non-print materials budget for Geneva; and savings in database subscriptions, various contracts, and supplies purchasing. In addition, staff members in Geneva who were devoted to accounting and cataloging were able to devote that time to patron services directly enhancing patron services. Circulation and programming increased significantly across the library system. Finally, full-time staff members from Geneva also received benefits for the first time.
Intangible results of the merger include a feeling of cooperation across the communities in Adams County and, for the patrons, expansive ownership: “I now have two libraries I can call my own!” Overall, the merger has been very positive for the libraries and for the communities.

For more information or discussion about the formation of the Adams Public Library System, contact Director Kelly Ehinger at 260-724-2605 or ehinger@apls.lib.in.us.

**Robotics teach the future**

By RACHAEL ROSFELD, *The Post & Mail*

Excitement, activity and, most importantly, learning was what the students at Coesse Elementary School experienced Wednesday afternoon.

The students were visited by Beth Gaff, technology trainer at Peabody Public Library. She brought with her several activities for a robotics program at the school.

Gaff said that she had been visiting several of the Whitley County Consolidated Schools to give students a chance to learn hands-on, but also get a peak at the robotics classes taught at the library.

“The goal is to gain experience,” said Gaff. “So we take our robots out to the schools and in the library.”

On Wednesday, Gaff set up six stations, each with different robots that allow students to practice different skills. She noted that technology continues to expand and grow, particularly in the robotics field.

“We are trying to prepare these kids for the future,” she said. “The more we introduce these items, the better opportunities they will have in the future, and they might find a whole subject they want to pursue as a career.”

One of the missions of WCCS is to prepare students for life after graduation, and school leaders are continually searching for new ways to put these lessons into practice and partner with the community. The robotics program provides one such opportunity.

“It’s a great way for our students to get 21st century skills,” said Laura Schmidt, media assistant at Coesse.

Gaff said that the program so far has garnered positive feedback from the staff and students. Some of the most popular robots are “Cosmo” and “BB-8,” a robot children recognize from the popular “Star Wars” movie franchise.

The robotics program at the library takes place at 6 p.m. every third Tuesday and 1:30 p.m. the last Saturday of the month.

These are open to students of all ages, and each month they work with a new robot and subject. This month’s topic will focus on optical illusions.

“Sometimes we build a robot that they can control with their Iphone, and other times we do a make it and take it where they can take their robot home,” said Gaff.

Gaff said she hopes to continue to take these robots to the classes as a fun way for students to learn.
David W. Lewis Named 2018 ACRL Academic/Research Librarian of the Year

David W. Lewis, dean of the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) University Library, is the 2018 Association of College and Research Libraries’ (ACRL) Academic/Research Librarian of the Year. Read More

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Library renovation wins award
The interior renovation of the La Porte County Public Library’s main location at 904 Indiana Ave. has won designer MKM architecture + design a Merit Award from the American Institute of Architect’s Fort Wayne branch. Read More

Vincennes library to digitize records
An Indiana library has received a state grant to digitize county records dating to the early 1800s. The Vincennes Sun-Commercial reports the Knox County Public Library has been awarded a state Heritage Support Grant for the second straight year. Read More

Indiana University Libraries Moving Image Archive New Home for Decades of Award-Winning TV Commercials, Dozens Now Streamable Online
Thanks to the recent acquisition of a complete and well-documented archive, the Indiana University Libraries Moving Image Archive is the new home for tens of thousands of television commercials competing for the former Clio Awards in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s. Read More

Free Legal Aid Clinic to be held at library
The first Free Legal Aid Clinic in Decatur County will be held on Monday, Jan. 15, 2018 at the Decatur County Public Library. The clinic, which is offered to low-income residents, will be held from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m.

The Legal Aid Clinic and Pro Bono Program utilizes local volunteer attorneys, offering free legal consultations to low-income individuals for the provision of legal advice and assistance in furtherance of equal access to justice within our community whom might not otherwise be able to afford the counsel of an attorney. Read More