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A New Chapter: Libraries are turning pages on the past and using tech to their advantage
Libraries may make you think of hushed tones and whispering librarians, but not anymore. We looked into how they’re beginning a whole new chapter. Read More

Library Receives Grant for Future Southwest Branch Teaching Kitchen
The Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County (CFBMC) awarded the Library a grant for equipment, appliances, and supplies to establish a 600-square foot teaching kitchen as part of the construction of the forthcoming Southwest Branch Library. Scheduled to open in 2022, the library’s kitchen will provide free, hands-on cooking and nutrition programs for all ages, increasing food security and advancing literacy, math, and science. Read More

Library to make Kokomo ‘dementia-friendly’
KHCPL receives $15,000 grant to create a multi-faceted health program to address the growing epidemic with ‘knowledge, tools, compassion’ Read More

New Facade in Place at Knox Co. Public Library
You’ll likely notice something new at the Knox County Public Library. Read More

Girls Take A Crack At Coding, A High-Tech Skill
To the unknowing, recent Wednesday evening activities in the downtown Allen County Public Library’s computer classroom likely don’t carry much significance. Read More

Eckhart Public Library awarded funds to host a ‘The Year We Left Home’ community read
Eckhart Public Library has been awarded a Community Read grant of $750 from Indiana Humanities to participate in a statewide read of Jean Thompson’s “The Year We Left Home.” Read More

Floyd County Library celebrates 50 years of New Albany building
Jan Applegate has a special connection to the Floyd County Library for multiple reasons. Read More

Goshen library board names Rice as director
The Board of Trustees of Goshen Public Library announced Monday the appointment of Ann-Margaret Rice as their new director. Read More

Indiana alum translate music compositions into Braille
When Chris Goodbeer was a graduate student in Indiana University’s Jacobs School of Music, a friend told him to consider also getting a library science degree. Read More

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‘I THOUGHT IT WAS VERY SURREAL…’ SULLIVAN STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT EVA KOR’S STORY THROUGH VIRTUAL REALITY PROGRAM
Eva Kor’s legacy continues to live on. On Monday, freshman students at Sullivan High School got to take part in “Virtual Reality: The Eva Experience.” It’s a program that uses
virtual reality to provide a look into four places in Auschwitz that are pivotal parts of Eva Kor’s story. Students are studying the Holocaust throughout November in their English class. Read More

Indianapolis Public Library unveils LGBTQ+ collection
There is now a new place in Indianapolis to learn about the history of the LGBTQ community, and it’s at the library. Read More

Lake County Public Library brings Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library to school districts
Nearly 700 children have signed up for Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library through the Lake County Public Library since it began Nov. 1. Read More

Libraries lead research in the information age: IU Libraries grant-funded projects remove barriers to research
“Our mission is to efficiently and effectively connect researchers with the materials they need to advance innovation and discovery,” says Jamie Wittenberg, head of Scholarly Communication at IU Libraries. Read More

Library awarded grant, offers new digital program
The Kokomo-Howard County Public Library has been awarded a $10,000 by Duke Energy to help fund the Community Butterfly Garden at the library’s south branch. Read More

Library to digitize histories of longstanding Auburn churches
Eckhart Public Library will examine the deep roots of two early Auburn churches as it embarks on a grant-funded digitization project. Read More

Floyd County Library remodeling children’s department
Regular patrons of the Floyd County Library have probably noticed the variety of changes occurring at the main branch in New Albany. Now, the library’s children’s department is getting a facelift. Read More

Seeds For Planting Now Available At The Monroe County Public Library
A new seeds library is now available at the Monroe County Public Library. Residents may pick out various types of non-invasive, non-GMO food and flower seeds to take home and plant. Read More

Indy Library Branch to Close for $1.5M Renovation
The Wayne Branch of The Indianapolis Public Library will close in December for renovations. The $1.5 million project, which officials say is its first major renovation since the 13,500-square-foot branch opened in 1983, is expected to be completed in May. Read More

Library fines: To charge or not to charge? Libraries from Martinsville to Chicago are doing way with overdue book fees
When Chicago became the nation’s largest city to stop charging fines for overdue library books, Mayor Lori Lightfoot was following a fast-growing trend among library systems around the nation. Read More

Vigo County Public Library Launches 2020 Reduce Waste Campaign
Vigo County Public Library will transition to reusable bags in an effort to reduce waste in the community. On average, the Library provides 14,000 plastic bags to customers each year. Beginning late January, all Vigo County Public Library cardholders will receive one eco-friendly bag at checkout. Customers may purchase additional bags for $1. Read More

Tri-County teacher implements love for reading ‘old-school way’
Luke Lehman picked up a copy of the latest “Diary of a Wimpy Kid” book lying on a nearby table and opened it with anticipation.
Carmel Clay Public Library holds poetry readings on social justice
More than 70 poet laureates were inspired to write poems by the Southern Poverty Law Center’s “Ten Ways to Fight Hate.” Read More

Monroe County Public Library exhibits human book collection
The Monroe County Public Library asks for visitors to care for the books they check out. Mind the pages. Ask for an extension. Return in the same, or better, condition than you found it. Read More

Highlights from Lilly Library Collections on Display One Last Time Ahead of Renovations
Librarians are inviting the Indiana University Bloomington campus and community to enjoy highlights from the collections of IU’s world-class Lilly Library one last time before the building is temporarily closed for renovations later this year. Read More

Evansville library shows off forgotten bookmark collection, hold the bologna
A southern Indiana library is showing off a unique collection of forgotten bookmarks, hold the lunch meat. Read More

Kathy Tretter selected as Indiana Library Federation’s Outstanding Trustee Award recipient
Kathy Tretter has been selected to receive the Indiana Library Federation (ILF) 2019 Outstanding Trustee Award. Read More

Game table offers new opportunities
A new interactive game table awaits visitors at the Butler Public Library. It lights up and offers a variety of learning and recreational challenges for children. Read More

Local librarian wins state award
One of the Johnson County Public Library’s most effective librarians often finds herself away from the Clark-Pleasant branch where she works. Read More

Kurt Vonnegut Museum and Library opens in new location in Indianapolis
A ribbon cutting event was held Saturday for a museum and library in downtown Indianapolis honoring one of the city’s most famous natives. Read More

Greenfield resident chosen to receive statewide library award
JoyAnn Boudreau has been selected to receive the Indiana Library Federation (ILF) 2019 Outstanding New School Librarian Award. Read More

Indiana Humanities awards 13 nonprofits with more than $30,000 in grants
Schools, libraries and other organizations from Gary to Jeffersonville recently received Action Grants from Indiana Humanities for projects ranging from a conference on Native American war chiefs to a book-and-film discussion series about spies. Read More

Admiring Fan Meets Very Cool Author
Although I am years older, and grew up in a significantly different environment, on the three occasions I’ve heard Jason Reynolds speak, I have found myself nodding in agreement as he describes his experiences and values. Read More

Parkview DeKalb Hospital supports library’s food drive for veterans
Veterans representing Parkview DeKalb Hospital delivered food and sundry items to Eckhart Public Library, helping to fill a van for the library’s Veterans Food Drive benefiting the food pantry at the VA of Northern Indiana. Read More
Dyer lawmaker honored for supporting Indiana libraries at the Statehouse
Hoosier librarians have checked out state Rep. Chris Chyung, D-Dyer, and they think he's just fine. Read More

Seeds For Planting Now Available At The Monroe County Public Library
A new seeds library is now available at the Monroe County Public Library. Residents may pick out various types of non-invasive, non-GMO food and flower seeds to take home and plant. Read More

Westfield Launches Westfield Washington Library Foundation
With nearby Westfield High School on one side and Westfield Middle School in close proximity to the other, the Westfield Washington Public Library (WWPL) sits at 333 West Hoover Street. It offers an extensive amount of activities and programs and serves as an anchor to busy, growing Westfield as a community center. In order for the library to keep step in serving the diverse demands of the city, the library board initiated the Westfield Washington Library Foundation. Read More

October 2019

Harmony School students start Spanish radio show
On Thursdays, six Harmony School high school students and their Spanish teacher, Doris Loayza, won’t be found in the classroom. Instead, they can be found recording a Spanish radio show in the video production room at the Monroe County Public Library, gathered around a table in front of a green screen. It’s the first time Harmony students have taken on a Spanish radio show, called Hablemos Harmony, which translates to Let’s Talk Harmony. Read More

‘3D Printing in Medical Libraries’ Offers Great Advice for Librarians & Users Too
In Melanie J. Norton’s recently published book review of 3D Printing in Medical Libraries: A Crash Course in Supporting Innovation in Health Care, by Jennifer Herron, we learn more about the process of opening 3D printing labs, and why they are important to today’s medical libraries as a modern educational and clinical resource. Read More

Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates with live music at the public library
Hearing the echoes of live music at a library is unusual. However, it draws a curious crowd. This Sunday, the Monroe County Public Library celebrated Hispanic Heritage Day with performances by the Mariachi Band Zelaya, El Ballet Folklórico de IU and other dance companies. Read More

Tippecanoe Arts Federation holds 2019 Bravo for the Arts
The Tippecanoe Arts Federation held its annual Bravo for the Arts recently. Bravo for the Arts brings together legislators, business owners and employees, arts administrators, artists, and community volunteers to celebrate all those who create and support the arts. Read More

Gifts of 7K game magazines make IU home to largest collection in Midwest
Two collections containing a combined estimate of 7,000 game magazines have found a new home at IU, creating the largest collection in the Midwest, said Media School professor Raiford Guins. Read More

Robots come to life at library
Yellow miniature robots on wheels steered around the legs of tipped-over chairs and came to rest inside a square outlined on the floor as students saw their coding come to life at the Franklin branch of the Johnson County Public Library. Read More

Grant awarded for programming to explore pivotal 1919-1920
The Wabash Valley community will benefit from a yearlong series of historical talks, forums
and more in 2020, thanks to a near $15,000 grant from the Indiana Humanities. **Read More**

**Crispus Attucks basketball legends speaking at IPL’s Center for Black Literature and Culture**
Nichelle Hayes still holds the significance of the Crispus Attucks boys basketball team’s back-to-back state titles from more than 60 years ago close in her everyday life. **Read More**

**Fifty’s nifty: Community leaders, public make library celebration a golden one**
At an event to mark the year-long, golden anniversary of a famed Modernist structure that late librarian Cleo Rogers made possible, leaders honored her legacy Wednesday before about 75 people at the Bartholomew County building bearing her name. **Read More**

**Baking Isn’t Hard When You’ve Got a Library Card: Libraries across the country include cake pans and other kitchen tools in their collections**
Three years ago Megan Waugh started taking her family to Bristol Public Library in Bristol, Indiana. **Read More**

**US librarian pays visit to city libraries in India**
Amber Sheeley, a librarian from Allen County Public Library, Indiana, USA, visited the District Library, Rani Ka Bagh, and Moti Lal Nehru Library, to interact with staff and readers. **Read More**

**Events to explore importance of agriculture**
Aimed at starting conversations and celebrating the past and future, a string of free community programs focused on exploring change in rural America will soon take place at various Jasper locations. **Read More**

**Librarian helps teens with more than books: Susan Smith not only checks out books for teens at the Bloomfield Public Library; she helps them in numerous other ways.**
She has been the teen librarian since 2017. Bloomfield librarian Austin Stroud, who nominated Smith for the Difference Makers, said she has doubled the library’s annual attendance numbers. **Read More**

**School Librarians’ Wish Lists for Teaching Information Literacy**
SLJ asked librarians to describe the best tools to teach information literacy—and got more than simple answers. **Read More**

**The story of a taco found inside a book at an Indiana library is legend. Now it’s viral.**
A picture is worth 1,000 words, but a book is worth at least one taco. The proof is in the now-viral tweet of former La Porte County librarian Amanda Mae Monson. The contents? A photo of an open book with a flattened, folded soft-shell taco tucked inside. **Read More**

**National Service Archives to open at IUPUI**
Researchers and historians wanting to know more about civic service and volunteerism in America will soon be able to turn to new archives at IUPUI. **Read More**

**Kurt Vonnegut Museum and Library moving into new location**
A giant mural stands of Indianapolis native Kurt Vonnegut stands on the side of a building at 345 Massachusetts Avenue. **Read More**

**Bedford Public Library Mural Under Construction**
The Bedford Public Library and Mitchell Schuring have teamed up to paint a mural at the entrance to the Bedford Public Library. **Read More**
Bringing books to the parks proves popular with Lake Central kids
Lake Central Library Director Elana Arens didn't know what to expect when she was preparing to launch the Uni Project, a modern version of the bookmobile, at the start of summer vacation. Read More

Library receives donation from Altrusa Club of Hamilton County
Westfield Washington Public Library recently received a donation of 600 pre-kindergarten activity calendars for the school year from Altrusa Club of Hamilton County. Read More

ACPL aims to feature Lincoln in upgrades: Looking to make over 2 spaces to show collection
The Allen County Public Library is seeking to make over at least two spaces in the main library to better showcase its large collection of items pertaining to Abraham Lincoln. Read More

Peabody Public Library Receives Two Grants For New Programs
Peabody Public Library was awarded two grants from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Indiana State Library. These grants will provide new and exciting programs for residents in the Whitley County area. Read More

Project features interviews with survivors of 1937 flood
When Jeffersonville librarian Diane Steprom first saw the box of audio recordings, she had no idea what they were. Dust flew in her face when she opened the box, and most of the labels had fallen off the audio cassettes. Read More

Pull up a chair and take home seat
The community is invited to take a seat at the St. John’s Center Saturday night and try their luck at taking home a chair during the second Pull Up a Chair dinner and auction benefiting the Loogootee Library. Read More

Exhibitions explore generational influence of IU faculty
For the past 200 years, faculty members at IU have influenced its community of learners by planting seeds of information that grow roots here and then branch out into the world. Read More

September 2019
You know about eating and shopping local. This big change will encourage you to read local.
The move means that the awards will expand with more categories, a big presence in every library in the state, a "rock star" tour for winning authors, writing workshops and a monthly book review by an Indiana writer. Read More

Warren, Fountain county groups look to encourage reading, community participation
In an effort to create some community unity, Lexxi Haddock, president of the Attica Friends of the Library group, approached the libraries in Warren and Fountain counties about doing a community read-a-thon of sorts. Read More

Crossroads exhibit focuses on small-town Indiana
Peggy Dean of the Aurora Public Library District spent the last week getting the small branch in Dillsboro ready to host a traveling exhibit on small towns in rural America and the changes coming to them. Read More

Programs to explore 'Change in Rural America
As part of a collaboration with the Jasper Public Library and Dubois County Museum, Jasper
Community Arts has been awarded $1,500 by Indiana Humanities to host a local program exploring themes from a traveling Smithsonian-curated exhibit. Read More

North Webster library to grow: $4.5 million project to add meeting space
Books will still have premium space when the North Webster Community Public Library celebrates its expansion in 2020. Read More

Dollar General Literacy Foundation awards nearly $60,000 in grants for youth literacy initiatives in Indiana
Thursday, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation announced the award of nearly $60,000 for youth literacy grants in Indiana. Read More

Library’s Steps Through Time exhibit highlights wealth of memorabilia
“Steps Through Time” at the Bartholomew County Public Library is a great way to have some fun and learn about your community. Read More

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Indianapolis police and fire history goes online: More than 10,000 items digitized
If you enjoy Indianapolis history, this is for you. A collection of materials from the Indianapolis Fire Department and the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department has been digitized and is available online. Read More

You know about eating and shopping local. This big change will encourage you to read local.
Hoosiers have an odd combination of self-pride and humility. Read More

Earl Park librarian hopes to recycle, be charitable with plarn
Earl Park librarian Wendy Davis and her clerk are trying to encourage the community to be both eco-friendly and charitable. Read More

HSE Schools names Teacher of the Year, other honors
The Hamilton Southeastern School District will have a Librarian/Media Specialist as Teacher of the Year for the second consecutive school year. Read More

Dillsboro kicks off tour of national Smithsonian exhibit
Dillsboro, a small town with a splashy history, will kick off a six-stop Indiana tour of the Smithsonian-curated exhibit Crossroads: Change in Rural America as part of Indiana Humanities’ INseparable initiative. Read More

WANTED: Library seeks audience for 'John Dillinger escapes Monticello' talk
One of history’s most notorious gangsters with — albeit slim — ties to Monticello will be the focus of a presentation next week at the Monticello-Union Township Public Library. Read More

'Biggest author’ yet to come to Kokomo library
Delia Owens to speak as ‘Where the Crawdads Sing’ was chosen as Howard County Reads book
Asking a roomful of librarians “What’s your favorite book?” can cause a riot. It’s not an easy task to narrow a long list down to the top 15 and select one of those novels as the Howard County Reads book. Read More

DeMotte Library will host IHS’s Traveling Exhibit
The DeMotte Library will host One Shot: The World War II Photography of John A. Bushemi,
one of the Indiana Historical Society’s (IHS’s) traveling exhibits, currently on display until Sept. 11. Read More

Loogootee Public Library building project moving along
It’s been five years in the making but soon Loogootee will open its new library to the public. Read More

Digital access card latest way to reach library materials
If I were asked to choose a single word that really demonstrates the power and capabilities of libraries, the word “access” would be on the short list. Read More

St. Joseph County Public Library uses technology to make real world connections
Libraries have always been a place to connect with the world through books. But through technology, they offer patrons even more ways to make connections both large and small. Read More

Merom's knowledge oasis - One of America's smallest towns with a Carnegie library sees its hub join National Register of Historic Places
Bonnie Milam would still recognize the place, even 101 years later. She served as the original librarian at Merom-Gill Township Public Library, when it opened Sept. 1, 1918. Read More

Library's Summer Reading Program a success
The Greensburg-Decatur County Public Library is doing its part when it comes to making sure kids are reading more. Read More

Community Book Read features a female trailblazer
Columbus’ Community Book Read will be the true story “The Girl Who Drew Butterflies: How Maria Merian’s Art Changed Science” by Joyce Sidman, aimed at both adults and youngsters. Read More

Tri-County gets grants from Bayer to fund STEM project
Employees from Bayer Crop Science of Remington recommended Tri-County Intermediate School receive a $10,000 grant from the Bayer Fund’s 2019 site grant initiative. Read More

Library conserving mural despite complications
Conserving a 105-year-old painting at Eckhart Public Library will be more complicated and expensive than expected. Read More

Vigo County Public Library Hits Summer Reading Goal with Support from the Community
The Vigo County Public Library announced that it has reached its 2019 Summer Reading Program goal of reading 30,000 hours as a community. Read More

KHCPL announces new OCLC partnership
The Kokomo-Howard County Public Library announced a new partnership with OCLC, a nonprofit library organization that provides shared technologies and services to libraries worldwide. Read More

Organizations Sought to Host Community Read of Novel that Explores the Meaning of Home
Indiana Humanities is seeking organizations across the state to host a Community Read of Jean Thompson’s The Year We Left Home. Read More

July 2019
Changing of the guard
Like many children, Sarah J. Wallace waited at the library every day after school while waiting for her mother, Sheri Wallace, to get off work. Read More

Depression-era voter registration books donated to Crown Point library
The Lake County Board of Elections is giving a historical gift to the Crown Point Community Library — Great Depression-era voter registration records that were discovered accidentally in the basement of a local American Legion post. Read More

Library to host Apollo 11 moon-landing exhibit
Librarians at the Knox County Public Library are preparing something special for the 50th anniversary of the moon landing. Read More

Archivists learn how to preserve audiovisual collections despite time, technology and tragedy
There was no power. Darkness fell early. And it was getting cold. Read More

Dekko Foundation pledges $500,000 to library campaign
The Dekko Foundation has made a $500,000 pledge to Eckhart Public Library’s $12-million For Every Citizen capital campaign, campaign co-chair Vicki James announced Friday. Read More

IndyPL unveils ‘Black History, Indianapolis History’ digital collection
Family photos and memorabilia from generations of Indianapolis families are the latest additions to The Indianapolis Public Library’s growing collection of local historical materials that can be viewed at digitalindy.org Read More

Indiana Humanities Awards Seven Nonprofits with More Than $17,000 in Grants
Schools, libraries and other organizations from South Bend to Bloomington recently received Action Grants from Indiana Humanities for projects ranging from a poetry slam camp for middle-school students to a daylong celebration of Potawatomi culture and traditions. Read More

$3 million challenge grant announced for Main Library renovation project in downtown South Bend
The Judd Leighton Foundation will provide $3 million to match private contributions made to the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County toward the planned major renovation/expansion of the St. Joseph County Public Library’s flagship site in downtown South Bend. Read More

Bloomington library’s homebound service goes beyond books
When Mary Haik had to give up driving, she was afraid she might have to give up trips to the Monroe County Public Library, too. Read More

Library still in recovery
Two years ago today, a vandal tossed a firework into a book return slot, igniting a blaze that devastated Auburn’s historic Eckhart Public Library. Read More

Hoosiers share their memories of Eva Kor: Floyd County Library director met Kor, says her message powerful
The Southern Indiana community and the world at large lost one of its most prominent links to the past with the death Eva Kor on July 4. Read More

WTIU Expands Reach of Literacy Labs Program
Through a grant from the Boston Scientific Foundation, nearly 4,000 children in south-central Indiana gained access to learning applications related to science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), along with reading and vocabulary. Read More
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**Ball State to Archive Websites of Local Groups**
Ball State University Libraries’ Archives and Special Collections has launched an initiative to preserve and make accessible the websites of local organizations and businesses. [Read More]

**Indiana Recovery of Evansville to hold narcan training at Central Library**
The Indiana Recovery Alliance of Evansville is holding a Narcan training event at the library. [Read More]

**CDPL names new director**
Crawfordsville District Public Library has found its next leader and she’s no stranger to the Hoosier state. [Read More]

**Indy Library to Open New Branch**
The new 20,000-square-foot Eagle Branch of The Indianapolis Public Library, which replaces the smaller Eagle Branch on Lowry Road, will host a grand opening ceremony on Saturday. The event will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony and tours of the $7.4 million project. [Read More]

**Vigo library announces staff promotion, recent hiring**
Vigo County Public Library has named Elizabeth Scamihorn as strategic engagement manager, a new position within the administrative team, and has hired Garrett Brown as its new communications manager. [Read More]

**A PASS TO OPPORTUNITIES: Kids can earn free admission to museums**
It's a pretty good time to be a kid in Clark, Floyd or Harrison counties. For just signing up for one of the summer reading programs being offered at libraries in the three counties, children and young adults up to age 21 will receive a Cultural Pass which will give them free access to 59 arts and cultural institutions and museums in Southern Indiana and Louisville. [Read More]

**Indiana agency seeks public input on historic preservation**
The Indiana Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology is conducting an online survey to gather public input regarding upcoming projects and initiatives. [Read More]

**Take a look back in digital time with this collection at University Archives**
Maybe the visitor tracker at the bottom of the website disappears. [Read More]

**Eckhart Library to host INseparable speaker**
More than 20 organizations across the state — including Eckhart Public Library of Auburn — have received funding to bring scholars to their cities and towns to help Hoosiers understand and talk about urban, suburban and rural differences and connections. [Read More]

**High-budget Kurt Vonnegut short film being shot in Indy to help upcoming museum**
A new Kurt Vonnegut short film is being shot in the Circle City. The movie will benefit the new Kurt Vonnegut Library Museum that's being built. [Read More]

**Late book? No problem. Harrison County Public Library eliminates fines**
Late returning your library book? That's fine. Well, actually there's no fine at some Indiana libraries. [Read More]
Undaunted by internet, Indianapolis Public Library adds branches, boosts visits
The Indianapolis Public Library system is on a physical growth spurt, even in an increasingly
digital age where a growing portion of its collection exists only online. Read More

Public Library Now Offers Summer Running Program
Bloomington’s running culture is getting a boost from a place most people associate with
more cerebral activities. On May 1, the Monroe County Public Library (MCPL) began a free
16-week running program for ages 18 and older called Booking It. Read More

May 2019

IMLS Announces New Deputy Director of Library Services
The Institute of Museum and Library Services has appointed Cynthia Landrum as the
agency’s new Deputy Director of the Office of Library Services. Landrum, a leader in the
field with two decades of experience in public libraries, comes to IMLS from Evansville
Vanderburgh Public Library, where she served as CEO-Director. Read More

Voyageurs travel through time to DeMotte Library
Dressed in period clothing, French Voyageurs came to the DeMotte Library to show samples
of their wares, and the furs they traded to receive. When few white men and women came
to the Great Lakes area, including northwest Indiana, the French voyageurs traded with the
local native Americans. Read More

Reading Program Celebrates a Century
The Indianapolis Public Library is celebrating 100 years of its Summer Reading
Program. Read More

IU Libraries hosts first international audiovisual preservation training in North America
Indiana University Bloomington is hosting the first two-week comprehensive summer school
in North America focused on educating professional archivists in audiovisual
preservation. Read More

Valpo library planning outdoor learning plaza
A new outdoor space next to the Valparaiso branch of the Porter County Public Library
system is in the works. Read More

Dillsboro Photo Contest Could Put Your Entries In A Traveling Smithsonian Exhibit
A traveling exhibit from the Smithsonian museum about rural America is coming to
Dillsboro, but the local library wants to give it a hometown spin with photographers’
help. Read More

Danville library celebrates May with local photographer
Kyle McInness of Avon has traveled the country this year photographing Indy Car races
leading up to the Indy 500 racing event. Read More

Summer reading adventures await all ages with game truck
“A Universe of Stories” is the theme for Newton County Public Library’s 2019 summer
reading program – we’re excited to offer new formats, new prizes, and new experiences to
our patrons of all ages! Read More
Indiana Catholic saint Mother Theodore Guerin’s letters and journals to be digitized
Indiana State University says it has received $15,000 to help provide online access to St. Mother Theodore Guerin’s letters and journals. Read More

Late Architect I.M. Pei’s Columbus Library Turns 50 This Year
One of architect I.M. Pei’s earliest solo works, the Cleo Rogers Memorial Library in Columbus, Ind., will turn 50 this year. Read More

Greg Weaver: The promise of poetry to boost Indiana’s creativity
Think outside the box. Push the envelope. Be cutting-edge. Read More

Duke Energy awards grants
Any teacher can tell you about the warm glow of satisfaction when a student, after much struggle, finally “gets it.” It’s an almost magical moment that is not soon forgotten. Read More

Merom Public Library added to the National Register of Historic Places
The Merom branch of the Sullivan County Public library was recently added to the National Register of Historic Places. Read More

In foreign continent, library language lessons offer sense of stability
Kamila Fortes left her hometown of Sao Paulo, Brazil a year and a half ago. Her husband, a financial manager, got a job at Faurecia in Columbus, about 5,000 miles away. Read More

Indiana Humanities awards 18 nonprofits with nearly $45,000 in grants
A total of 18 libraries, schools, museums and other nonprofit organizations from Gary to Osgood have received grants from Indiana Humanities this spring. Read More

Honey Creek Middle School wins Battle of the Books
"Some of the best books I ever read were Young Hoosier books,” Honey Creek Middle School student Mason Schafer said. He served as a member of the HCMS team competing in the Vigo County School Corporation Battle of the Books which took place April 18 at Ivy Tech Community College. Read More

New Report Underscores The Evolving Role Of Law Librarians
These days, law librarians are often considered their organizations’ technology gatekeepers. Read More

These Indianapolis schools are overhauling their libraries to encourage reading
When it comes to encouraging children to read, it sometimes helps to judge a book by its cover. Read More

Earl Park Library puts new spin on reading program
The Earl Park will offer a new version of the reading program this year while also making other improvements to the library. Read More

Blast off into Summer Reading with astronaut Leland Melvin: From the football field to the International Space Station, Melvin’s story is sure to inspire
Leland Melvin is more than an astronaut and former football player. This year’s summer reading kickoff speaker is a scientist, a photographer, an explorer, and an educator. He will tell his story on May 15 from the Lerner Theatre stage to more than 3,000 upper elementary students. Read More

The Studio MakerSpace opens at the Greenwood Public Library
They’re popping up everywhere these days, and now the Greenwood Library has one. Read More

April 2019

History programs feature unique stories
An exciting lineup of programs is scheduled for the Franklin County Public Library District’s Hooked on History series, which begins this month. Read More

Honda gives library $12,000
Honda Manufacturing of Indiana (HMIN) recently awarded a $12,000 grant to the Greensburg-Decatur County Public Library for their 2019 Summer Reading Program. Read More

Library raises $36,751 in one-day fundraiser
Eckhart Public Library joined a coalition of libraries to raise funds Wednesday through the International Library Giving Day campaign, and the local library succeeded well past its goal. Read More

Library hosts 'Talk to a Lawyer' event May 1
In honor of National Law Day, the Wabash Valley Volunteer Attorneys will be conducting a “Talk to a Lawyer Today” program from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 1 at the Monticello-Union Township Public Library. Read More

KHCPL bookmobile celebrating 60 years of service: Library has two bookmobiles catering to schools and public
Twelve U.S. presidents have served in office during that span, and Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling wasn’t even born yet when the Kokomo-Howard County Public Library bookmobile began rolling out its services to the community in 1959. Read More

New Southside Lafayette Library Breaks Ground
The Tippecanoe County Public Library broke ground on its newest location Tuesday. The southside Lafayette branch is now the third neighborhood library a part of TCPL. Read More

Digital Scholarship team gives blind students unique senior portraits
Dressed in their emerald green graduation gowns and mortarboards, the 19 graduating seniors from the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired lined up for their class pictures. Read More

Alexandria library gives out trees for Earth Day
An area library celebrated Earth Day early by handing out two tree saplings to all interested over the weekend. Read More

Art Spaces, Vigo County library announce sculpture inspired by work of Terre Haute native Dreiser
Art Spaces, Inc. and the Vigo County Public Library have announced a new public sculpture inspired by the work of Terre Haute native Theodore Dreiser. Read More

**The case for the public humanities**
Two weeks ago, Lilly Endowment Inc. gifted a $10.9 million grant through the IU Foundation to support renovations to Lilly Library. Read More

**Kristi Palmer named dean of University Library at IUPUI**
Kristi Palmer has been named the founding Herbert Simon Family Dean of University Library at IUPUI, subject to formal approval by the IU Board of Trustees. Read More

**Oxford puppet touring Indiana libraries**
A puppet from the Oxford Public Library has embarked on a trip to hopefully visit all the libraries in Indiana. Oxford Public Library Director Brittany Hays spoke about what led to the puppet’s state-wide travel plans. Read More

**Keller Albums still on display at Nappanee library through April 30**
Just before the turn of the nineteenth century, John Keller began the task of photographing Nappanee. Read More

**Girls have fun with information and technology at KHCPL: Library hosts Girls in ICT Day with robots and virtual reality**
They posed for pictures in Paris and Hollywood, made melodies with musical keyboards and computers and navigated through a virtual world. Read More

**IU receives $10.9 million grant from Lilly Endowment to renovate world-renowned Lilly Library**
Lilly Endowment Inc. has awarded the Indiana University Foundation a $10.9 million grant to support renovation of the university's internationally renowned Lilly Library, IU President Michael A. McRobbie has announced. Read More

**Union City Public Library awarded grant**
The Union City Public Library is pleased to announce that it was awarded one of the twenty-five Indiana Humanities Council’s “Indiana Authors Award” grants for 2018-2019, to participate in the “Novel Conversations Speakers Program.” Read More

**Otterbein Public Library receives scanner, holding local history swap meet**
The Otterbein Public Library has received a new scanner and laptop by the Indiana Genealogical society. Read More

**MCPL Sensory-Friendly Films Mean No ‘Shushing’ Allowed**
With the lights up and the volume down, the Monroe County Public Library (MCPL) Autism & Sensory-Friendly Movie program flips all expectations of what it means to go to the movies. In this theater, talking and movement are not only allowed, they’re expected. Read More

**Bachelor of Science in applied data and information science**
IUPUI will offer an undergraduate degree in applied data and information science for students to learn about data curation, management, analysis and dissemination. Read More

**Libraries' collaborations knit community closer**
Today starts National Libraries Week. And this year's theme is Libraries = Strong Communities. At the Allen County Public Library, we play an important role in the life of our community. Read More

**Literacy Center Launches New Partner Program**
The Literacy Center has launched a new program to support adults who struggle with literacy. Read More

**Inside the World's Only Public Collection of Mechanical Puzzles**
Calling all problem-solvers and puzzle masters: A library in Bloomington, Indiana, is home to the world's only public display of mechanical puzzles. Read More

**Veedersburg library gets ready for summer reading program**
The Veedersburg Public Library is gearing up for summer with its annual summer reading program. Read More

**IU Day gift helps Herman B Wells tell his whole story**
Indiana University Press was founded by Herman B Wells in 1950. Since that time, the Press has become the largest publisher in the state of Indiana and showcases internationally acclaimed scholarly and popular books. Read More

**March 2019**

**Library to offer 3-D printing, Digital Den for teens, adults**
The Kokomo-Howard County Public Library will begin offering 3D printing for patrons. Read More

**Author Visits with Brownsburg students**
Brownsburg sixth-grade students were treated to an author visit and were recently able to spend time with bestselling writer Rob Buyea who spent two days in their classrooms. Read More

**Loogootee Breaks Ground On New Library**
The small city of Loogootee broke ground Thursday on a new library that will be three times the current facility’s size. Read More

**Indiana Schools Excel in STEM, Thanks to State Support**
The modern classroom looks a lot different today than it did even five or 10 years ago. Read More

**Rural America in spotlight at Marshall Library: Traveling Smithsonian exhibit to include local component**
A traveling Smithsonian Institution exhibit about a century of change in rural America will feature a local component on a health care initiative having an impact halfway around the world. Read More

**PRESERVING PAINTINGS: Library's Hoosier Art Collection dates back to 1905, valued at nearly $700,000**
In addition to housing an extensive book collection, the Kokomo-Howard County Public Library also is the home to an extensive art collection that’s valued at nearly $700,000. Read More
Family Literacy – A Holistic Approach to Lifelong Learning and Student Success
It can be tough to plan programs that engage the whole family. Finding a format that can appeal to both children and adults isn’t easy. Read More

Jasper County Library gets IPEP safety grant
The Jasper County Public Library had received its 2019 safety grant award, according to Indiana Public Employers’ Plan Inc. officials. Read More

University Library’s Pop Shop offers tabletop games
Noting the popularity of the Gen Con event and other gaming, University Library has introduced tabletop games into its collection. Now you can check out games like you would a book from the Pop Shop on the second floor. Read More

TURNING 100: Greentown Library celebrating anniversary with facility makeover: Director says library is the only one like it in the state
When the Greentown Public Library was first established in 1919, it was housed in a small area inside the town hall. Read More

Community Library Offers All Kinds Of "Things"
The Pendleton Community Library had been looking to create a library of things since their reference librarian Chris Bellesis saw the library of tools in Berkeley, California. Read More

Pioneer Grant to Reduce Library Barriers for Domestic Violence Survivors
After years of working in west coast bookstores and developing a specialty in rare books, Shannon Bowman-Sarkisian is now studying to be a librarian at Indiana University and working as an Information Assistant at the Library. Read More

Seed library added at BMPL
The grand opening of The Library of Seeds at Batesville Memorial Public Library was celebrated Jan. 31 with a presentation by Michigan farmer Ben Cohen. Read More

The Library is Sparking Imaginations This Spring and Summer
The Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library (HMMPL) is all about sparking the imaginations of not just children but adults these spring and summer seasons. HMMPL is adding more services and programs to its already expansive menu after an incredibly successful 2018, a record-breaking year in fact. Read More

Carmel Clay Public Library is So Much More Than Books
Modern-day libraries are so much more than books, digital files and databases. They are also active community centers that offer an array of services, programs and events for people of all ages. The Carmel Clay Public Library (CCPL) is always looking for ways to connect the library to the Carmel community. Read More

Mike Lunsford: 'The Big Smoke' lives on in 'The Big Read'
Indiana’s poet laureate, Adrian Matejka, told an enthusiastic audience at the annual “Big Read” kick-off party and keynote at the Vigo County Library 10 days ago that he had boxed a bit when he was younger, but added, “Something about being hit in the face didn’t appeal to me.” Read More

The Studio provides a maker-space at Greenwood library
Being creative has never been so easy. Inside the Greenwood Public Library, people will be able to create fabric art on a loom, use pastel chalks or craft an architectural masterpiece using Keva wooden planks.  

**Library prepares for first Women's Expo**
March is Women’s History Month and a taste of spring in the air. Those two things sparked the idea for Monticello-Union Township Adult Services Librarian Candace Wells to give a women's expo a try in Monticello.  

**The Untapped Potential of Public Libraries to Help Close the Justice Gap**
There are more than 16,000 public libraries in the United States, offering free public access to computers, the internet, and to trained staff equipped to help library patrons access information.  

**$1.25 million earmarked for broadband, library, park**
One day, youngsters in the farthest, most remote corners of Indiana County will log onto the internet from their own homes and, at the same lightning-fast speeds already enjoyed for years by internet users in Indiana, do their research on state Sen. Don White’s service to the 41st District.  

**February 2019**

**Morrison plans Brady Gang, Minneman talk at library**
The Monticello-Union Township Public Library will host retired Indiana State Police Trooper, historian and author David Morrison as part of its Genealogy 101 programming series.  

**Earliest records of fruit fly genetics research donated to Indiana University**
As the site of three world-renowned resources on fruit fly genetics, Indiana University Bloomington has been called the "mecca" of fruit fly genetics.  

**Longtime WWPL Children’s Services manager to retire**
Longtime Westfield Washington Public Library Children’s Services Manager Vicki Parker will retire after 35 years with the library.  

**University Library to launch Books on Demand**
Just like you would your own Spotify playlist, you will soon be able to contribute to building the book collection at University Library for yourself and the IUPUI community.  

**Unusual Indianapolis museum will house $6+ million of treasures from 'Fahrenheit 451' author**
Marrying science fiction, space exploration, intellectual freedom and the human heart is no simple feat. But 30,000 pounds of letters, photos, manuscripts, books and paraphernalia at the Center for Ray Bradbury Studies offer insight into how the "Fahrenheit 451" author accomplished it.  

**Library offers sensory friendly films**
The Centers for Disease Control estimates that 16 percent of American children are on the autism spectrum. As these numbers continue to grow, many businesses and organizations are working to find ways to create safe and accepting environments for children and their families. One idea the Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library is sponsoring is sensory friendly films.
Dramatic Valentine's Day reading to bring love letters to life at IU's Lilly Library
A few of the several thousand letters held in the collections of Indiana University's Lilly Library will come to life this Valentine's Day at an event hosted in partnership with IU's Department of Theatre, Drama and Contemporary Dance. Read More

Spacious new Sugar Creek library now open
For Jeanette Sherfield, the new building is both library and lighthouse. Sherfield, the manager of the Sugar Creek Branch of the Hancock County Public Library, noted the way the new 15,000-square-foot facility shines like a beacon, built the way it is to take advantage of natural light, and with lots of lights illuminating the shelves of books, magazines, public computers and seating spaces. Read More

Libraries Lead with Digital Skills
ALA and Grow with Google launched a national tour of public libraries this week as part of a new partnership to expand resources and services promoting economic opportunity in cities and towns across the country. Read More

American Library Association Announces Caldecott And Newbery Medal Winners
At its annual conference in Seattle, the American Library Association gave out its prizes for children's and young adult literature. Its awards include the prestigious Caldecott and Newbery medals. Read More

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Greenwood library drops late fees
Greenwood book lovers who have stayed away from the library because of fear of late fees now have a reprieve. Read More

In Fishers, the public library has a free space for artists decked with an A/V studio
The college art project required a big measuring board, glue gun and good lighting. Read More

Aurora Public Library District To Host Smithsonian Exhibit In Dillsboro
The Aurora Public Library District has been selected by Indiana Humanities to host a Smithsonian-curated traveling exhibit called “Crossroads: Change in Rural America” as part of the Museum on Main Street program, which brings exhibitions and programs to rural communities. Read More

Library Raises $127,000 For New Facility
In August the Loogootee public library was full of chairs. The multi-colored seats were scattered throughout the building to help raise funds. Read More

Kokomo-Howard County Public Library to Host Space Exhibit
The Kokomo-Howard County Public Library is hosting the second international tour of Discover Space: A Cosmic Journey, from January 14 through March 29. The Kokomo Tribune reports that KHCPL is one of nine libraries in the nation to be selected to facilitate the event. Read More

Merida returns as New Albany-Floyd County Library director
Melissa Merida’s car was packed. She was heading north on Interstate 65, ready to begin a new journey. Read More