

LIBRARY NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

by State Library staff



SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

Summer reading programs have concluded across the State. An unbelievable amount of work and imagination made the programs a success. Below is a sampling of the type of programs that occurred this past summer. The **New Albany-Floyd County Public Library** held a “Battle of the Books” competition. The event involved teams of children participating in a trivia contest covering 12 books. **Tipton County Public Library** kicked off their summer reading program with a “Touch-A-Truck” event. Children got an up close look at a dozen large vehicles including fire trucks, tractors, and a police car. The event was a perfect fit for their summer reading theme of “CAUTION: Readers at Work!” A total of 58,007 children and their family members participated in the **Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library’s** (IMCPL) 2006 Summer Reading Program, “Lost in a Book,” a tropical island reading adventure in which participants earned points they could exchange for a variety of prizes as a reward for their reading activity. The program culminated in a celebration at Library Night at Victory Field on August 1st.

The Collaborative Summer Library Program (<http://www.cslpreads.org/index.html>) is a multi-state partnership that allows public libraries access to low-cost, high-quality materials to support a Summer Reading Program. Last year’s program was “Paws, Claws, Scales, and Tales.” For 2007, the theme is “Get a Clue @ Your Library.” The Indiana State Library has joined as a partner for the 2007 program. As a state member, all of the public libraries will have access to the same materials to launch a Summer Reading Program. The program includes a manual with ideas for programs, media announcements, publicity, reporting, and much more! Each public library system will receive one manual. Every manual comes with a CD. Additionally, the Collaborative Summer Library Program negotiates for low-cost prizes and promotional materials. Every main library and branch will receive one of the incentive brochures.

STATE WIDE DIGITAL INITIATIVES

The Indiana State Library is pleased to announce Phase II of the establishment of the state wide digital

initiative, the Indiana Digital Library. Initiated in December 2003, the Indiana Digital Library Project is a collaborative development among Indiana libraries, museums, archives, historical organizations, and related groups to encourage the development of digitized historical resources and to provide increased public access for the citizens of Indiana and the world of their various, and often, hidden treasures. This collaborative venture will serve as a cornerstone for the future development of digitization projects, encouraging smaller institutions to use the resources of larger facilities and ensuring that projects created will adhere to national best practices and thus be available long-term.

The Indiana State Library is pleased to announce the formation of the governance board for state-wide digital initiatives. The committee will provide periodic policy guidance and expert advice to State Library staff related to the Indiana Digital Library Project. The members represent institutions of cultural heritage and education and include:

- Academic Libraries of Indiana
- Association of Indiana Museums
- Department of Education
- Governor’s Office
- Indiana Historical Society
- Indiana Library Federation
- Indiana State Archives
- Indiana State Library

The Indiana State Library will continue to offer grants to a variety of Indiana libraries and archives to digitize unique historical and cultural materials of interest to people throughout Indiana. Materials will be digitized using accepted national best practices and will serve as the foundation of the Indiana Digital Library. Digital materials will be managed using CONTENTdm, digital collection management software. This software will be provided to libraries in the state at no cost through a program funded by the State Library. Materials digitized as part of the project will be accessed through the State Library’s portal at www.statelib.lib.in.us and will be hosted by the Library, its partners, and vendors.

The newly formed governance board will be an invaluable resource and the State Library thanks the representative member groups for their participation.

NEW LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION

The South Whitley-Cleveland Township Public Library has broken ground for an expansion and renovation project. It is a project that has been in the works for years and now money has been raised, along with a \$500,000 grant that has been awarded. The expansion will increase the library by 50 percent. The **Scott County Public Library** opened a new building in **Lexington** this summer. Built like a scaled-down version of the original Scott County Court House, the Lexington Library is a full-service facility covering 3,000 square feet. The **Muncie Public Library** will renovate and expand the Kennedy Branch in 2007. Approximately 3,000 square feet will be added to the northside library. **The Lake County Public Library Board** has approved plans to construct a new branch building in Lake Station. The new building will have four times more space than Lake Station's existing library. The **Elkhart Public Library Board** has approved the concept of constructing two new buildings to replace the Pierre Moran and Osolo branches. Drawings of the proposed buildings have been released but are still in the planning phase. Work has begun on building a new structure for the **Sheridan Public Library**. The 14,000 square foot building will be completed by next summer and is being funded by a bond and a \$450,000 Community Development Block Grant. A 12,097 square foot expansion is in progress at the **Fulton County Library**

OTHER NOTABLE NEWS

Jazz vocalist Brenda Williams recently performed at the **Hancock County Public Library**. Williams lives in Indianapolis. She has opened for Ray Charles, the Beach Boys, Lee Greenwood, and Chuck Mangione, and has performed the national anthem for the President.