



5 EASY WAYS TO PROGRAM WITH THE NEXT INDIANA BOOKSHELF

- 1) **Create a central display of Next Indiana Bookshelf selections.**

Also be sure to include other information about Bicentennial-related programs taking place locally and statewide. Or, feature one book per month and display with other titles that are thematically related to each selection.
- 2) **Program a year-long Next Indiana book club.**

Read one book per month throughout 2016. At each discussion, be sure to connect to the overarching questions:

 - Who are Hoosiers today?
 - How do we envision the Next Indiana?
 - As Indiana changes in the future, what do we want to hold on to?
 - As we prepare for the future, what are we willing to let go of?

You can borrow sets of books from the Bookshelf through Indiana Humanities' Novel Conversations program: <http://indianahumanities.org/programs/novel-conversations/>
- 3) **Coordinate with your local elementary schools to deliver a public reading of The Indiana Chant.**

The original chant, composed by South Bend children's author April Pulley Sayre, is lots of fun to read aloud and sure to get kids and parents excited about Indiana! Consider doing the public chant as part of your county's Bicentennial Torch Relay celebrations next fall or hosting a reading on the courthouse or city hall steps on Statehood Day, December 11, 2016.
- 4) **Create a Hoosier books festival celebrating classic and contemporary works by Indiana authors.**

Display books, host readings and invite authors to speak. Coordinate with local schools to incorporate books by Indiana authors as part of teachers' 2016 curriculum. The 1816-2016 Literary Map of Indiana, created by the Indiana Center for the Book, can help you get started: http://www.in.gov/library/files/1816-2016_Literary_Map_of_Indiana.pdf. If needed, apply for a grant from Indiana Humanities to support your festival. <http://indianahumanities.org/about-grants/>
- 5) **Get your Bicentennial programs officially endorsed!**

It's easy to apply to be an officially endorsed project of the Indiana Bicentennial Commission. Visit the Commission's website to apply: <http://www.in.gov/ibc/2351.htm>.

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