



## Program Resource Guide

### Civic Spotlight: What's Happening with the U.S. Postal Service?

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#### Indian Trails Library Materials

**Note:** Items listed as available at CCS member libraries can be placed on hold by ITPLD members for pickup at ITPLD (some exceptions may apply due to COVID-19).

#### Books - Adult

- “How the Post Office Created America: A History” by Winifred Gallagher
  - Available [in print](#) at ITPLD
  - Available on CloudLibrary as a [digital audiobook](#)
  - Available on Hoopla as a [digital audiobook](#)
- “Neither Snow Nor Rain: A History of the United States Postal Service” by Devin Leonard
  - Available [in print](#) at ITPLD
  - Available on Freading as an [ebook](#)
- “Post Office jobs: Postal exam study guide and job finder” by Dennis V. Damp
  - Available [in print](#) at CCS member libraries
- “There's Always Work at the Post Office: African American Postal Workers and the Fight for Jobs, Justice, and Equality” by Philip F. Rubio
  - Available on Hoopla as an [ebook](#)

#### News Articles & Podcasts

- [Postmaster General DeJoy says he will stop USPS changes until after November election](#) (8/18/20, USA Today)
- [Postmaster general to testify before Senate committee on Friday](#) (8/18/20, Politico)
- [Trump admits he's blocking postal cash to stop mail-in votes](#) (8/13/20, Associated Press)
- PODCAST: [What's Changing At The Postal Service, And What It Could Mean For 2020](#) (8/11/20, Consider This from NPR)
- PODCAST: [How Are Postmaster General Louis DeJoy's Changes Affecting Workers?](#) (8/11/20, NPR Morning Edition)
- [Organizational changes at Postal Service come amid slowdown concerns](#) (8/8/20, NBC News)



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#### Online Resources to Support USPS

- Heroes Delivering: [www.heroesdelivering.com](http://www.heroesdelivering.com)
- Save Our Postal Service: [www.facebook.com/Save-Our-Postal-Service-115020400206130/](https://www.facebook.com/Save-Our-Postal-Service-115020400206130/)
- Save the Post Office Saturday 8/22: [www.savethepostoffice.net](http://www.savethepostoffice.net)
- US Mail: Not For Sale: [www.usmailnotforsale.org](http://www.usmailnotforsale.org)

#### Organizations

**American Postal Workers Union:** Labor union representing U.S. Postal Service workers in Clerk, Maintenance, Motor Vehicle, and Support Services divisions and some private-sector mail workers. Founded in 1971.

- Main website: [www.apwu.org](http://www.apwu.org)
- Advocacy page: [www.apwu.org/savepostoffice](http://www.apwu.org/savepostoffice)

**National Association of Letter Carriers:** Labor union representing city and suburban delivery letter carriers employed by the U.S. Postal Service. Founded in 1889.

- Website: [www.nalc.org](http://www.nalc.org)

**National Postal Mail Handlers Union:** Labor union representing employees of the U.S. Postal Service who load, unload, prepare, sort, and containerize mail. Founded in 1912.

- Website: [www.npmhu.org](http://www.npmhu.org)

**National Rural Letter Carriers' Association:** Labor union representing rural delivery letter carriers employed by the U.S. Postal Service. Founded in 1903.

- Website: [www.nrlca.org](http://www.nrlca.org)

**United States Postal Services:** An independent agency of the executive branch of the U.S. federal government responsible for providing postal service in the United States. Benjamin Franklin was appointed the first Postmaster General in 1775. As of 2019, USPS has over 630,000 employees.

- Website: [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com)