

# Library of Virginia's Local Author Resources

In Your Library, For Your Community



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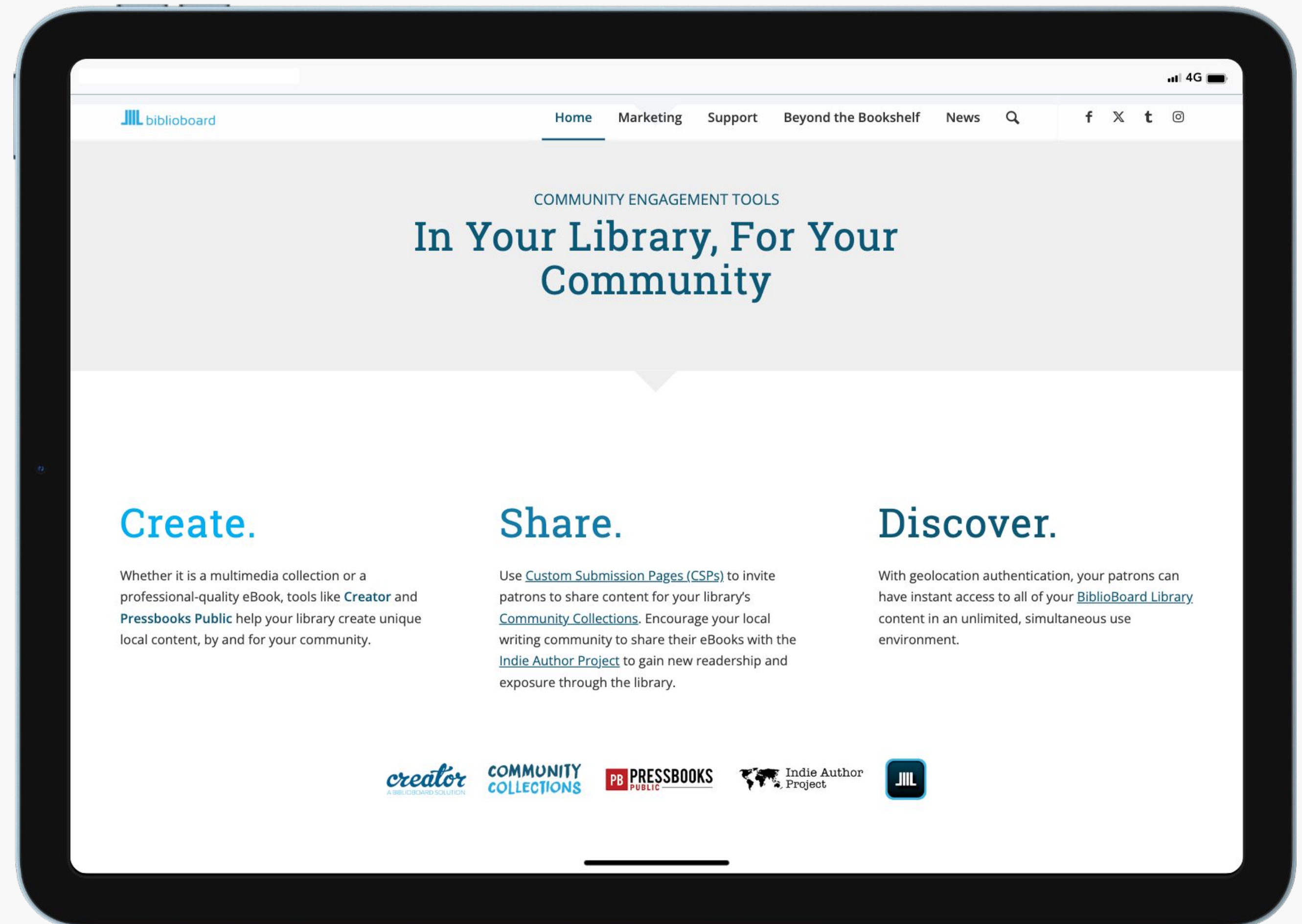
professional-quality ebook and print-ready book files for free with no design or tech experience necessary using **Pressbooks Public**.

## Share

indie ebook(s) with new readers through libraries statewide and potentially all across the U.S. and Canada with the **Indie Author Project**.

## Discover

new and diverse ebooks from local and best-selling indie authors with no holds, checkouts, or waitlists on **BiblioBoard Library**.



## What is Pressbooks Public?

An easy-to-use digital self-publishing tool that allows local writers to create professional-quality ebook and print-ready book files.

## Who can use Pressbooks Public?

Any Virginia public library patron or staff member.

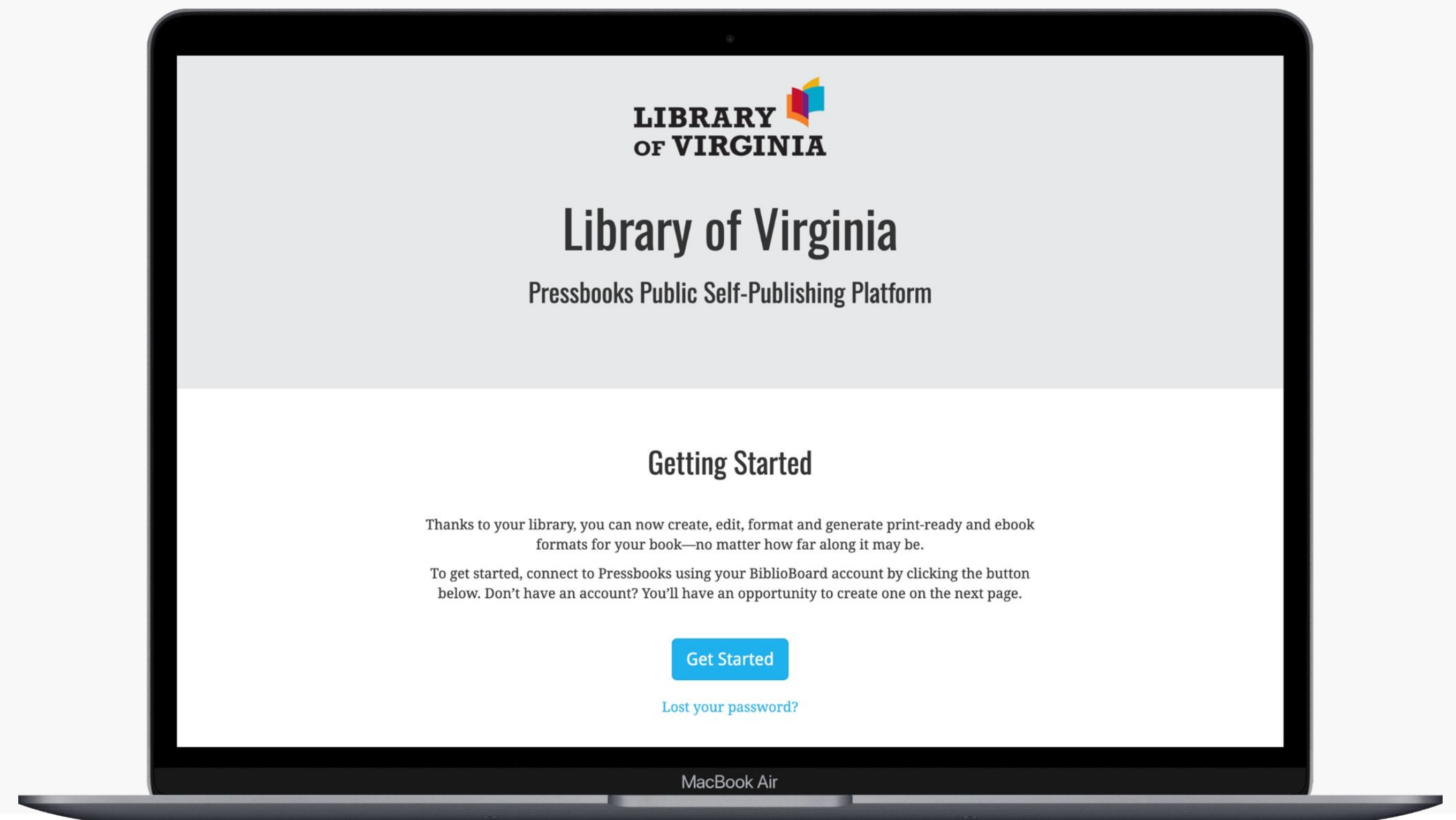
## Is there a limit to how many book files a user can make?

Each user can create and export as many books in as many different formats as they wish.

## Does it cost patrons anything?

No! It is free to patrons through LVA's subscription.

Create.





## Getting Started

### 1. Create a Pressbooks account

- a. Geolocation authentication
- b. Provide a username, password, and email address

### 2. Create a new book

- a. Provide basic details like a title and contributor name

### 3. Add & organize content

- a. Copy & paste, import an entire external document, or type directly into Pressbooks

### 4. Apply a theme template

- a. Design the entire manuscript by selecting from a variety of pre-made templates

### 5. Export book files

- a. Choose the file format(s) and download





## Getting the Most Out of Pressbooks Public

- Promotional [materials](#)
- Reach out to writers groups
- Host an author workshop
  - BiblioBoard is happy to present!
- Create collaborative, library-published works
  - Short story anthologies
  - Poetry collections
  - Community cookbooks
  - Memory projects

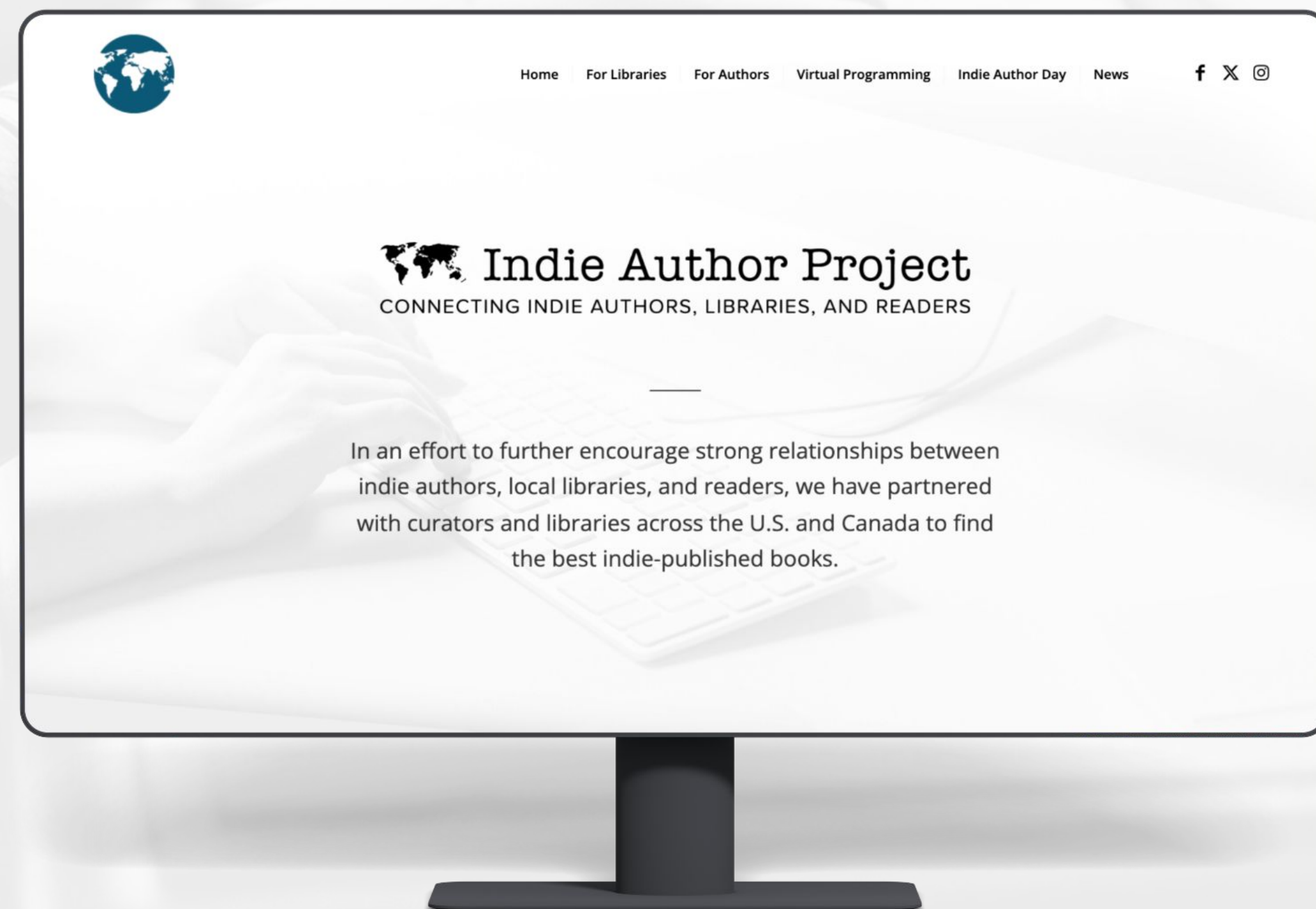




# What is The Indie Author Project?

Share.

- [IAP](#) is a year-round, discovery program where local, indie authors can make their ebooks available through the library.
- BiblioBoard and the IAP team handle all quality control, content vetting, collection development, and author communication.
- Program Highlights & FAQs
  - 150+ North American library systems participate, including statewide year-round programs.
  - Over 20,000 submissions to date, with 3,000+ *IAP Select* titles.
  - 1,200 eBooks recognized by curation partners (*Library Journal*, *Publishers Weekly*, and library editorial boards) have been added to The Palace Project, OverDrive, CloudLibrary, and more.



## Connect

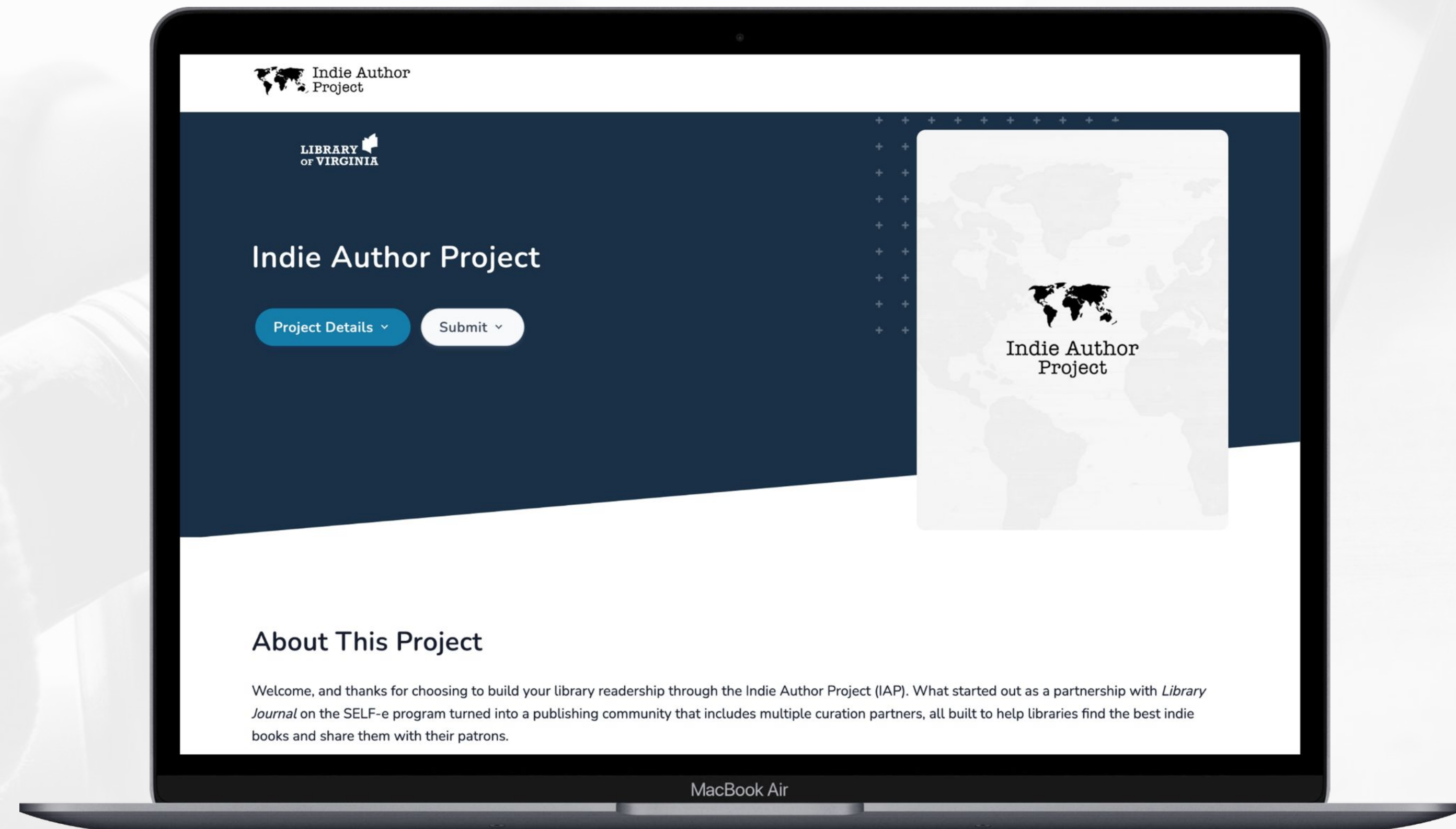
libraries and local writing communities with the Indie Author Project collections, contests, and virtual programs.

## Support

diverse and emerging indie voices with library-generated readership and author royalties.

## Expand

the library's digital catalog with local indie ebook collections and the curated IAP Select ebook and audiobook collections.







## Statewide Local Indie Author Archive

Indie Virginia features all of the submissions to the Indie Author Project from local Virginia authors, and is available to participating libraries across the state.



## Curated Top Indie Ebooks

Indie Author Project Select features the best submissions to the program and is available to participating libraries across the U.S. and Canada.





## Indie Author Project Select

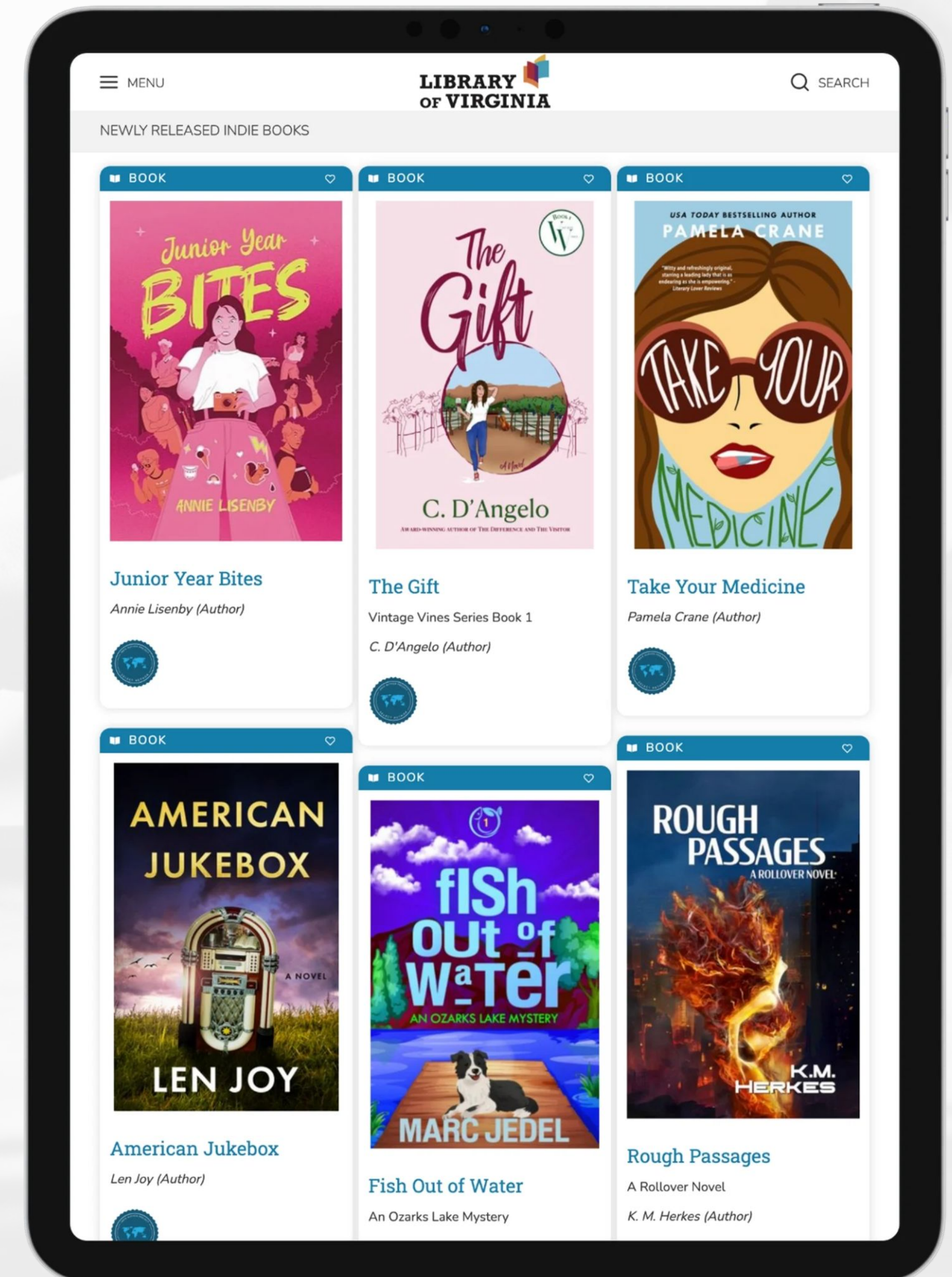
- Authors submit their eBooks for inclusion in the [Indie Virginia](#) collection and potential selection for *IAP Select*. This turnkey system for libraries requires no additional vetting or curation.
- [IAP Select](#) – All submissions are vetted, and the best titles are chosen for the *IAP Select* collection, available to participating libraries across the U.S. and Canada. This collection includes *New York Times* and *USA Today* best-selling authors, award winners, and talented emerging voices. IAP Select authors can opt in to our [commercial collections](#), giving them the opportunity to earn royalties.
- [IAP Annual Contest \(April 1–May 31\)](#) – Awards \$2,500 to the first-place winner and \$500 each to two runner-ups per genre. Winners are honored at the Indie Author Day Reception at ALA Annual and featured in a full-page *Library Journal* print spread. All contest winners are also IAP Select authors.



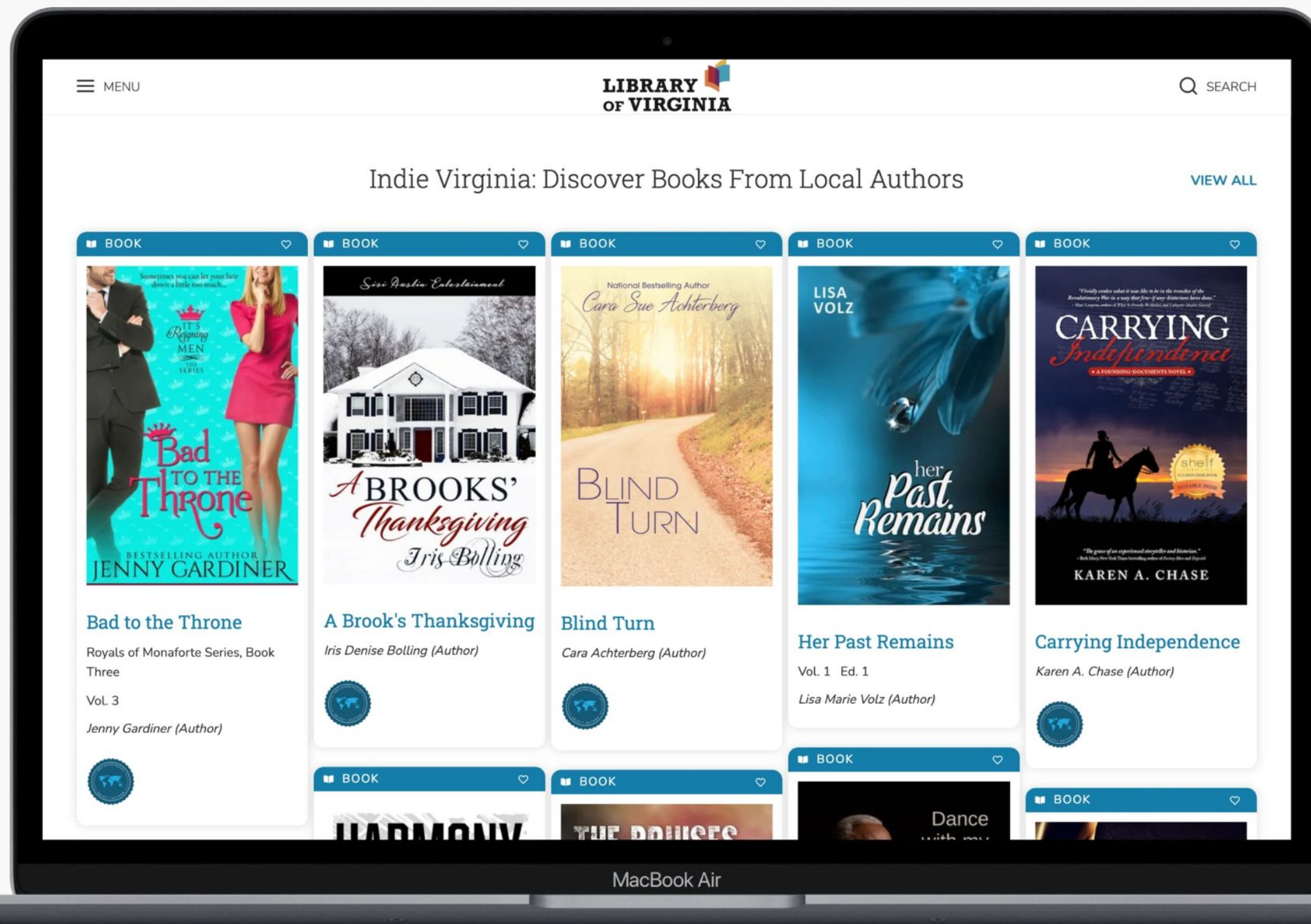


## Indie Author Project FAQs

- Non-exclusive
  - Authors maintain complete ownership of their works and can opt to have their ebooks removed at any time
- [IAP Select](#) authors earn royalties from their ebooks in the IAP Select Collections
- BiblioBoard and the IAP team handle all collection development and author communication







## BiblioBoard Library

- Unlimited, SIM-use access at all times
- No waits, holds, or checkouts
- Geolocation authentication
- Available on the web at [va.biblioboard.com](http://va.biblioboard.com) or through the free BiblioBoard Library mobile app



# Library of Virginia's BiblioBoard Links + Resources

- Virginia Writes Homepage:
  - <https://www.lva.virginia.gov/services/public-libraries/virginia-writes>
  - Short link: <https://bit.ly/va-writes>
  - **Add this link to your library's website and share in patron outreach**
- Pressbooks Public: <https://lva.pressbooks.pub/>
- Indie Author Project submission page:  
<https://indieauthorproject.librariesshare.com/indieauthor/org/lva>
- BiblioBoard Library Collections:
  - [Indie Virginia](#)
  - [Indie Author Project Select](#)
- Marketing Resources: <https://createsharediscover.com/marketing/resources/>
- Training & Support: <https://createsharediscover.com/support/training-resources/>

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