



# Library of Virginia's Local Author Resources

In Your Library, For Your Community



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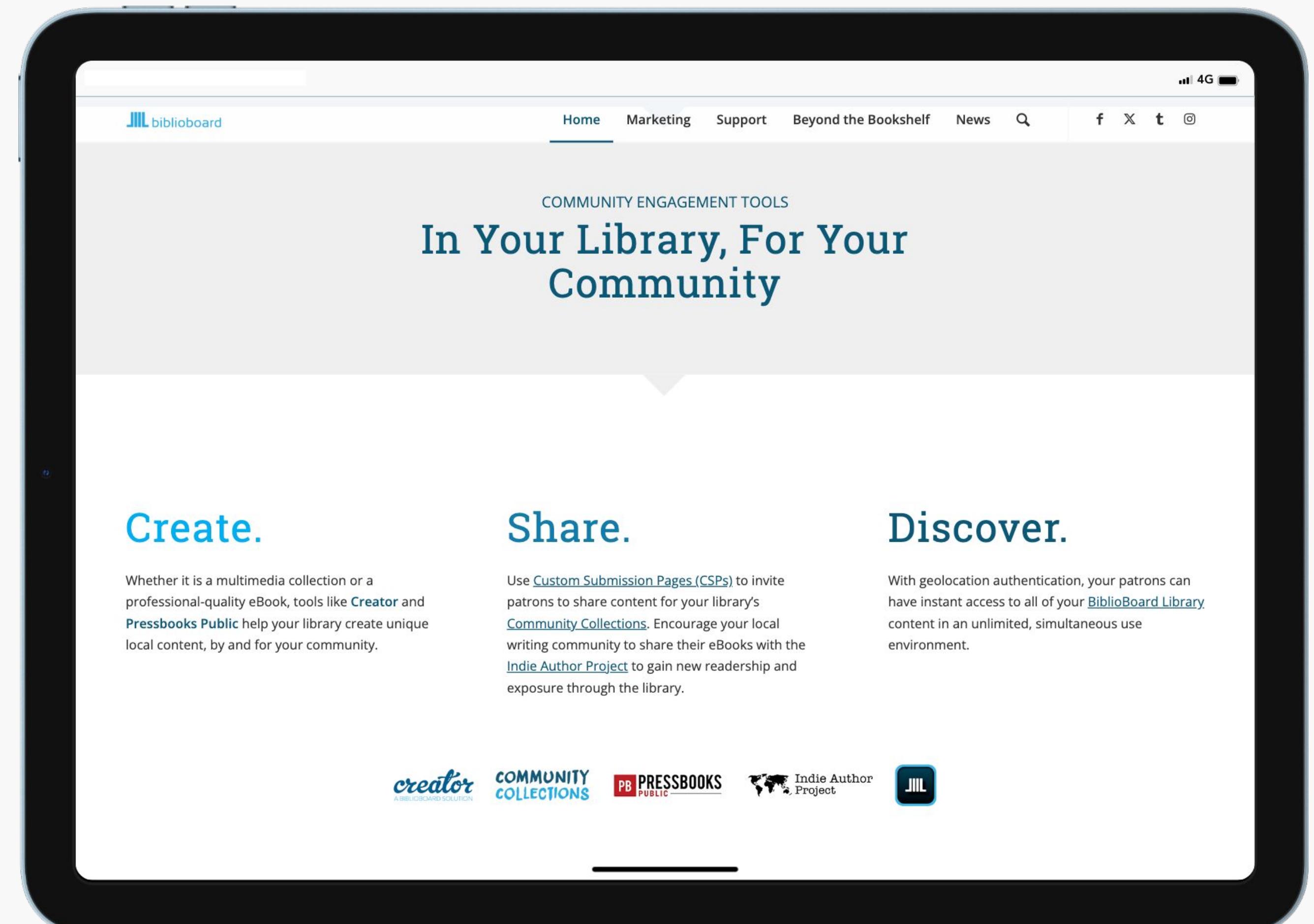
professional-quality ebook and print-ready book files for free with no design or tech experience necessary using **Pressbooks Public**.

## 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**.



The screenshot shows the JIL biblioboard website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Marketing, Support, Beyond the Bookshelf, News, and social media icons for Facebook, X, and LinkedIn. Below the navigation, a banner reads "COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TOOLS" and "In Your Library, For Your Community". The page is divided into three main sections: "Create.", "Share.", and "Discover.". The "Create." section features text about using Pressbooks Public to create unique local content. The "Share." section discusses using Custom Submission Pages (CSPs) to invite patrons to share content for Community Collections. The "Discover." section explains how geolocation authentication provides instant access to BiblioBoard Library content. At the bottom of the page, there are logos for creator, COMMUNITY COLLECTIONS, PRESSBOOKS PUBLIC, Indie Author Project, and JIL.

## 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.

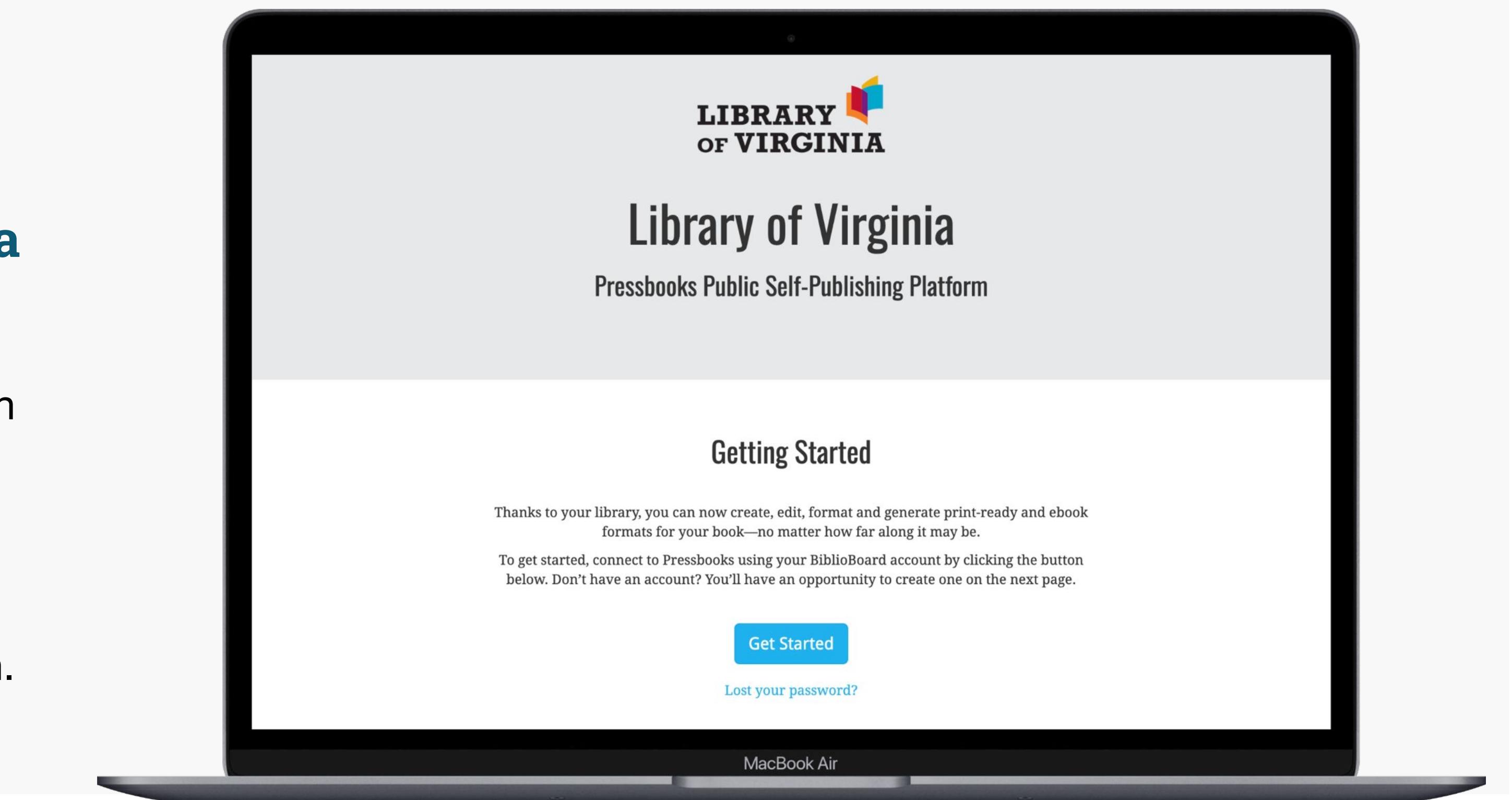
## Is there a limit to how many book files a user can make?

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



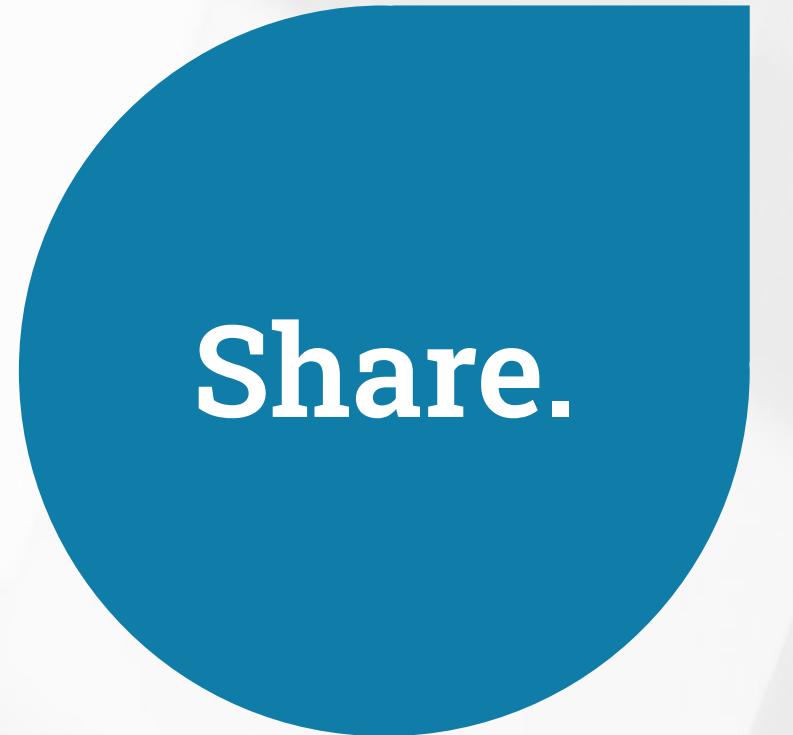
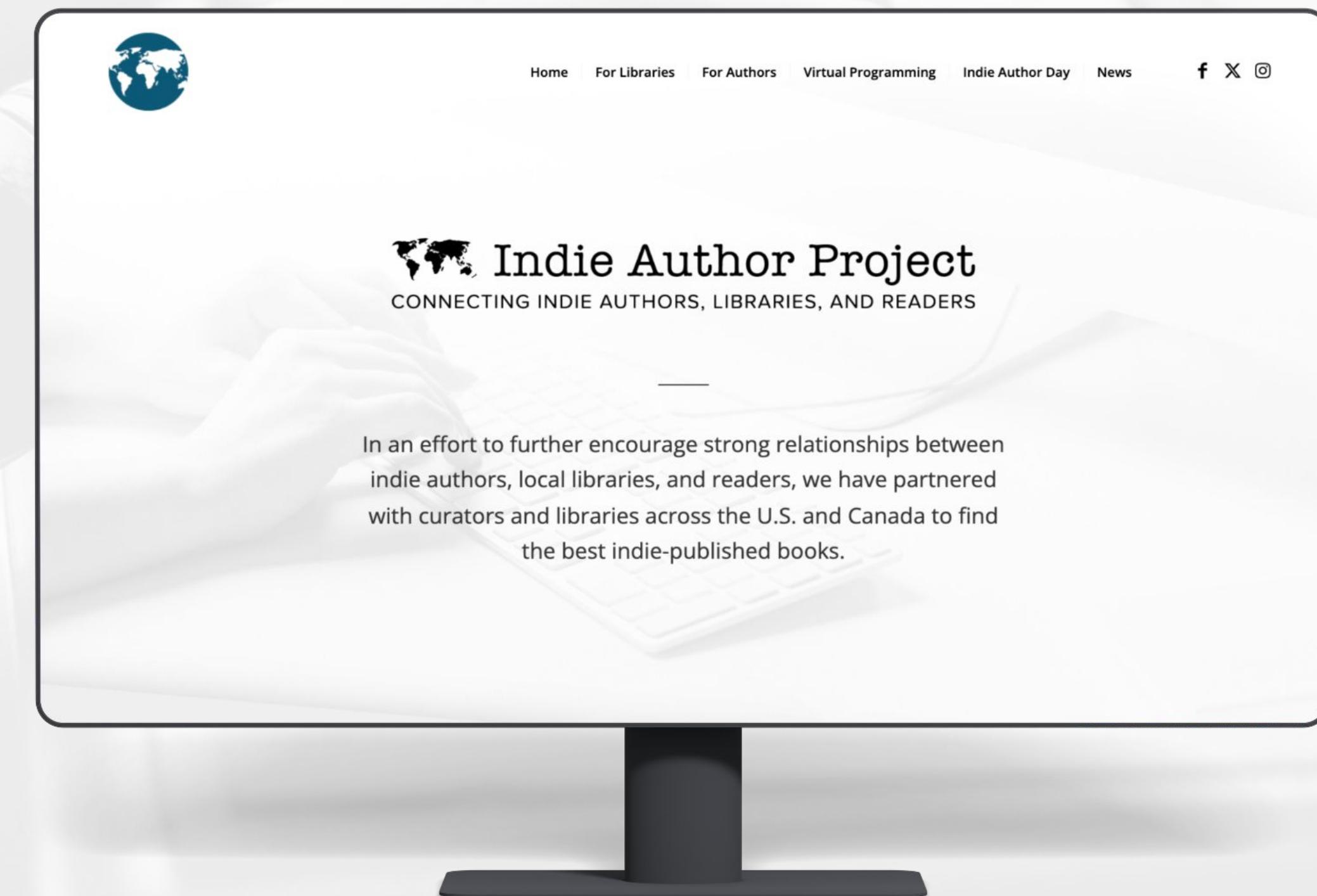
# Getting the Most Out of Pressbooks Public

- 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?

- [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.

Share.

## Connect

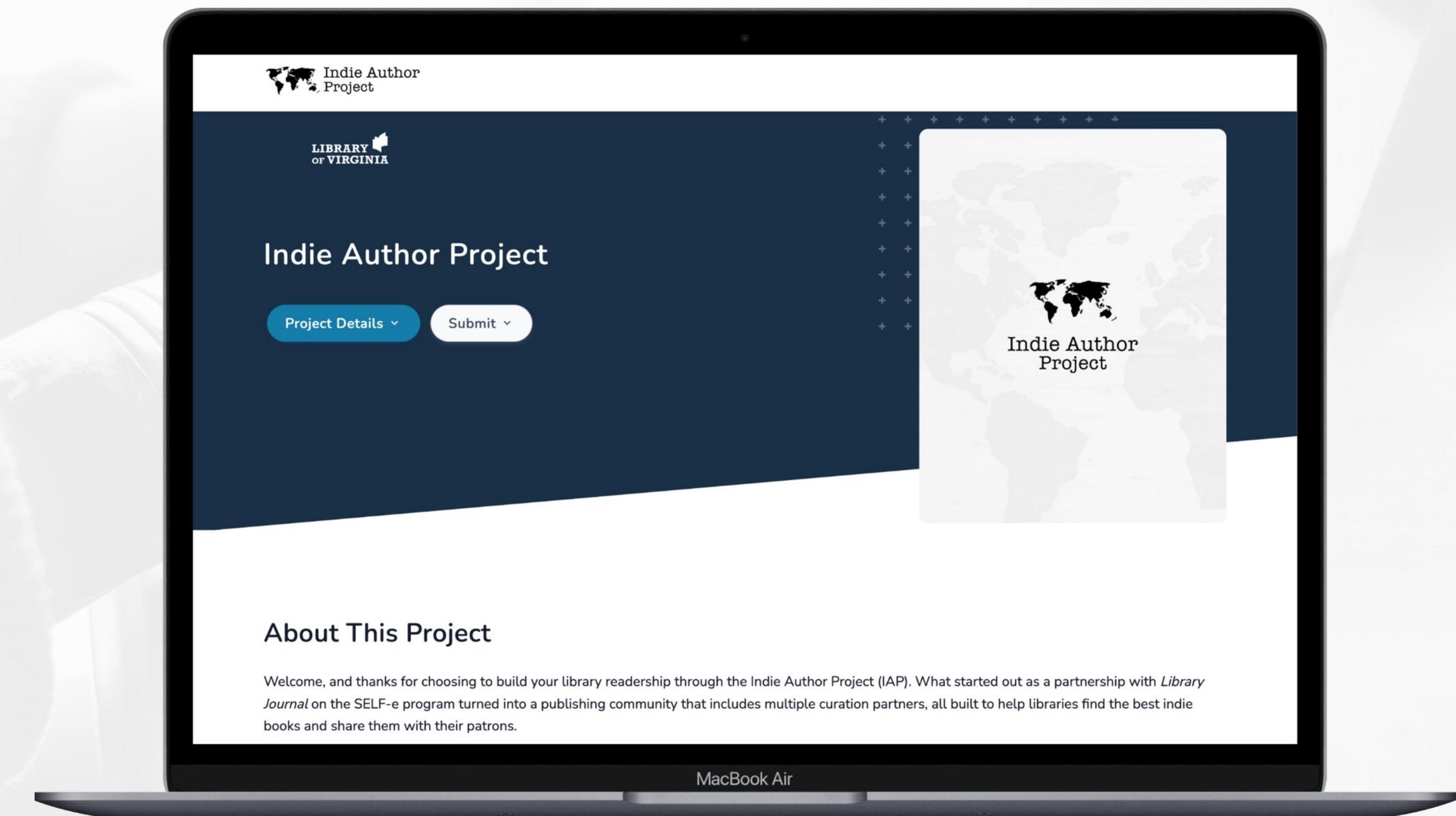
libraries and local writing communities with the Indie Author Project collections, contests, and virtual programs.

## Support

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

## Expand

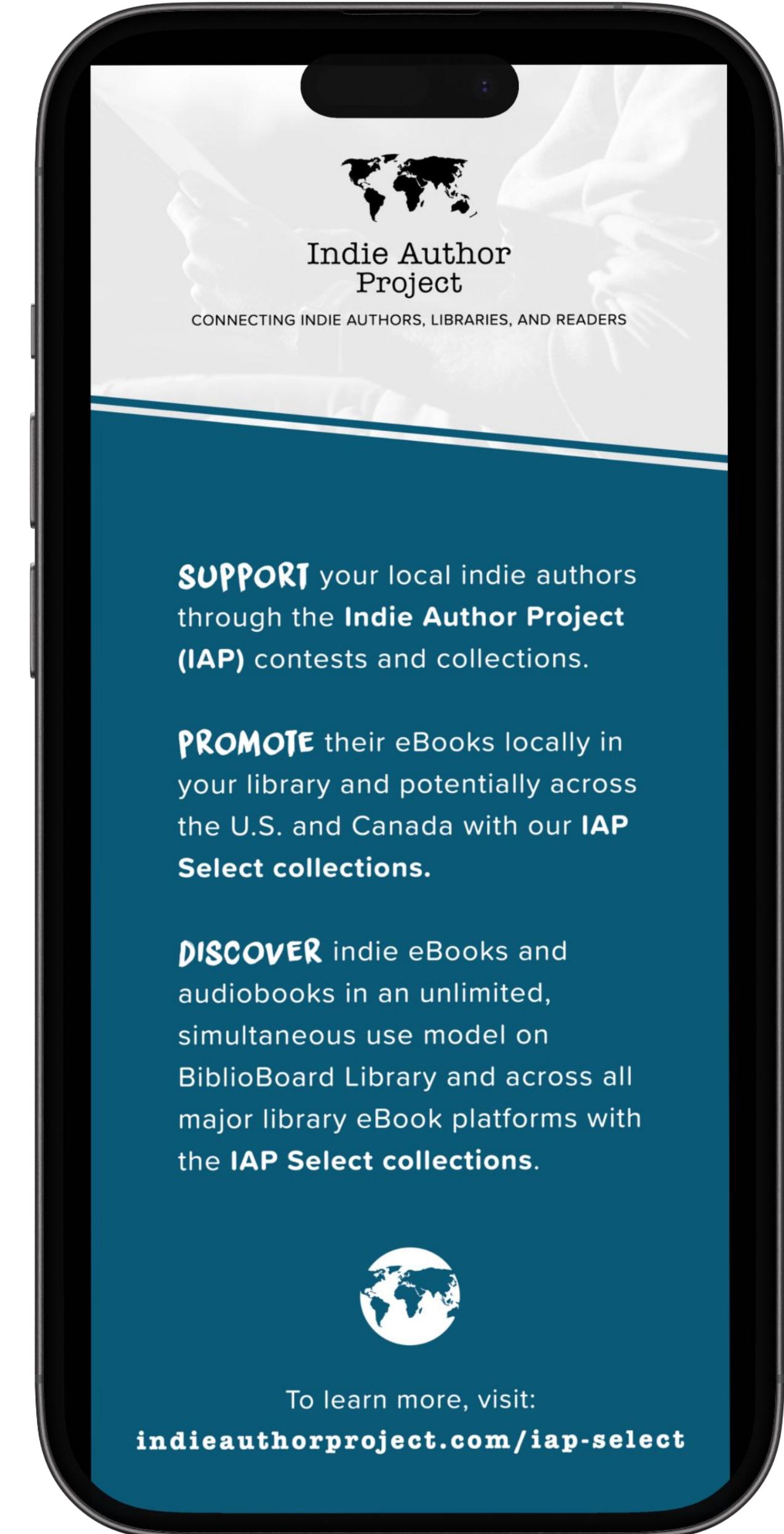
the library's digital catalog with local indie ebook collections and the curated IAP Select ebook and audiobook collections.





## 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.



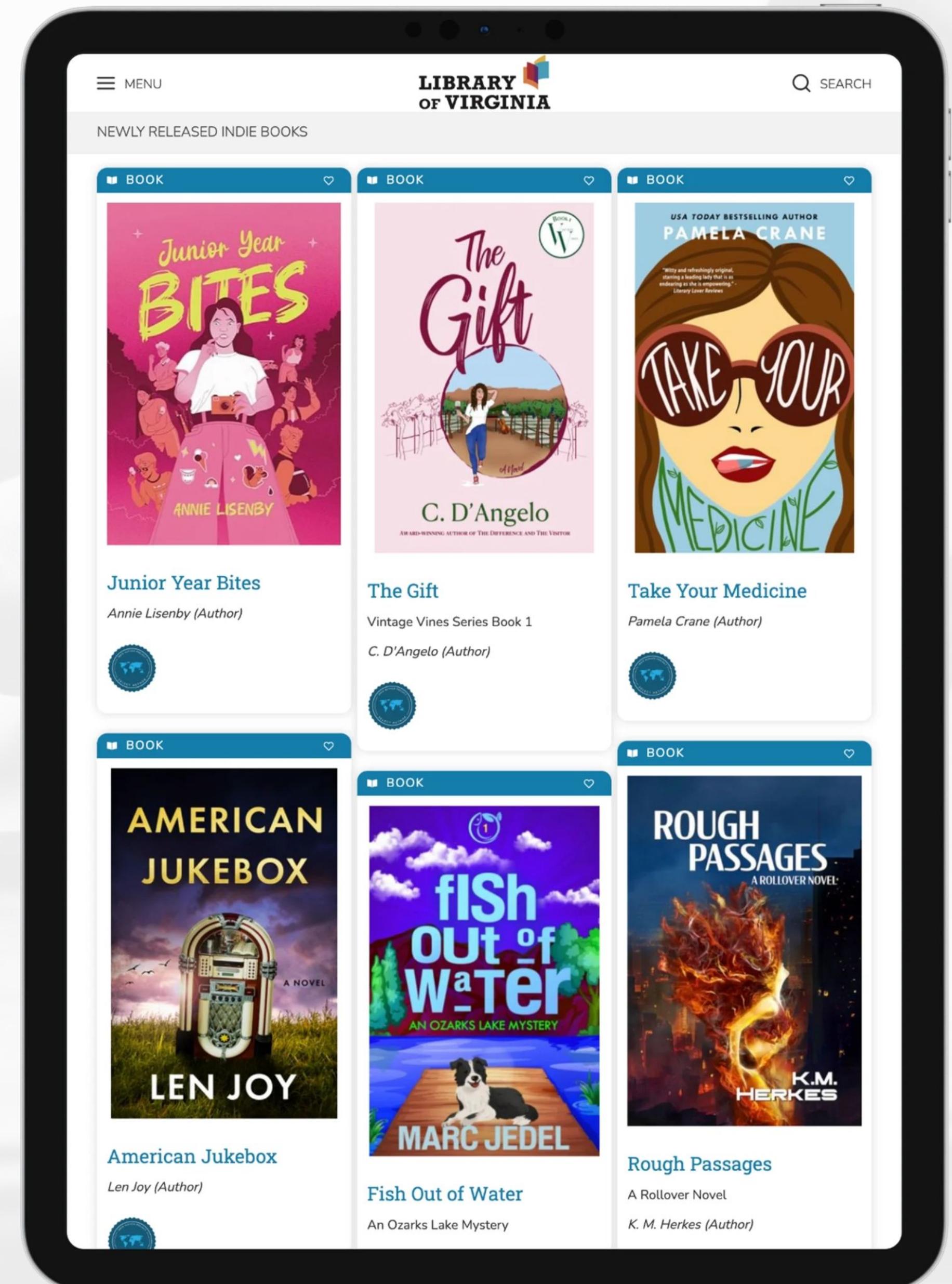
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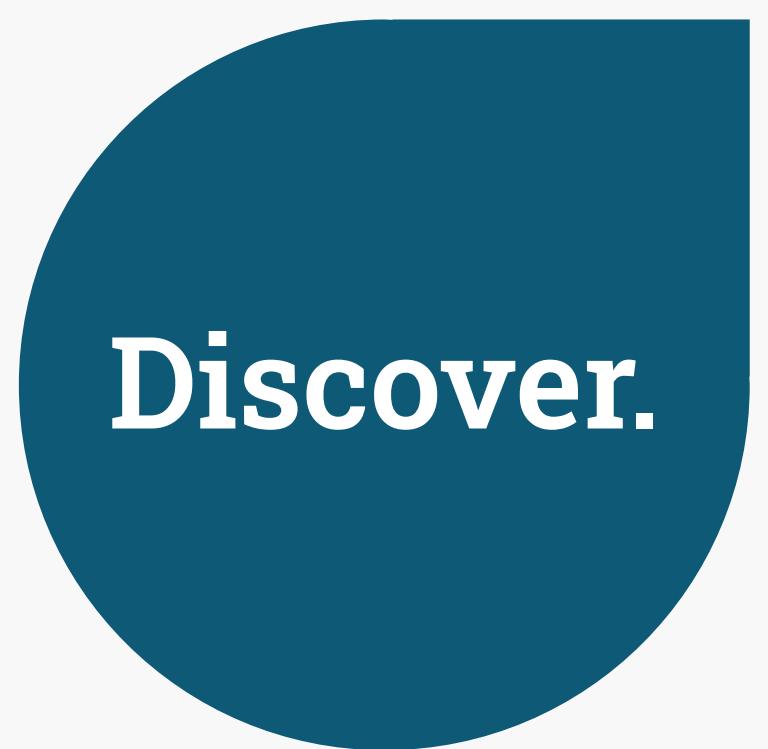
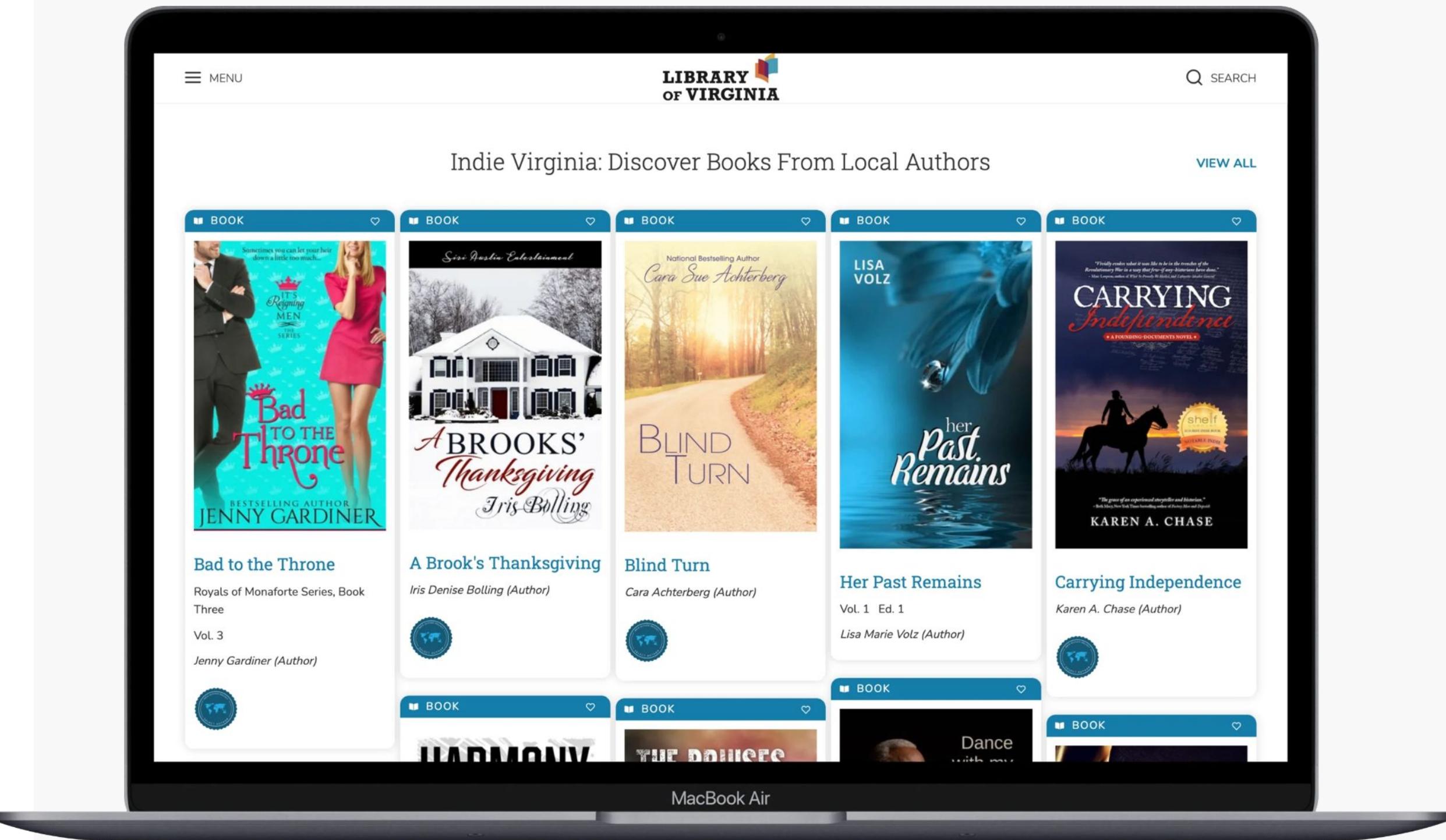
- Authors submit their eBooks for inclusion in the [Indie Virginia](#) collection and potential selection for *IAP Select*. This turnkey system for libraries requires no additional vetting or curation.
- [IAP Select](#) – All submissions are vetted, and the best titles are chosen for the *IAP Select* 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



Discover.

## BiblioBoard Library

- Unlimited, SIM-use access at all times
- No waits, holds, or checkouts
- Geolocation authentication
- Available on the web at [lva.biblioboard.com](http://lva.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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