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Updates from Local History Services

School Buses from 1915 in the Educational Parade during the 1934 Indiana State Fair (Indiana Historical Society, P0490)
JOIN US FOR A MEETING IN VINCENNES!
Aug. 11, Vincennes – Join colleagues from history organizations at an In Your Neighborhood meeting to network and learn how the Knox County Public Library has worked with digitization and rehousing projects for collections. You are welcome to bring your lunch; Drinks and desserts will be provided. (hosted by the Knox County Public Library)

Free to attend – Please RSVP to localhistoryservices@indianahistory.org.

Around Indiana

Crowd at the Indiana State Fair, 1950 (Indiana Historical Society, P0569)

NEWS
Honor Flight Northeast Indiana will transport 102 Purple Heart recipient Veterans to Washington D.C. on Aug. 7 to reflect and pay tribute at the memorials built in their honor. The public is invited to see the sendoff and join the welcome home event in Fort Wayne. (HFNEI)

A public dedication ceremony for an Indiana State Historical Marker commemorating labor organizer James R. “Jimmy” Hoffa will be held on Aug. 8 in Clay County. (The Brazil Times)

The Evers family of Wolcottville in Noble County has received the 2023 John Arnold Award for Rural Preservation from Indiana Landmarks and Indiana Farm Bureau. The award honors the efforts of seven generations of the family to maintain and operate the historic farmstead. (Indiana Landmarks)
IN-PERSON EVENTS AND EXHIBITS
PLEASE NOTE: For in-person programs, please check with the hosting organization regarding any COVID-19 restrictions and/or requirements.

**Summer Fun Exhibit**
**Now-Aug. 30, La Porte** – See vintage swimwear, fishing gear, beach toys and so much more. (La Porte County Historical Society Museum)

**Miami Indian Heritage Days: Miami Beadwork**
**Aug. 5, Fort Wayne** – Katrina Mitten will offer a demonstration on Miami Beadwork. $7 adults; $5 students and seniors. (Chief Richardville House, or akima pinšiwa awiiki)

**Don’t Put All Your Trees in One Basket**
**Aug. 5, Frankfort** – Learn about options for online trees and databases that will assure that your data is safe and still easily accessible. $2; registration required. (Frankfort Community Public Library)

**Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow Gala**
**Aug. 5, Seymour** – The Gala Grand Opening of the Seymour Museum Center will feature tours of the Museum, food and entertainment. $100 per individual; $175 per couple. (Seymour Museum Center)

**Meet the Author: Madam C.J. Walker's Gospel of Giving by Tyrone McKinley Freeman**
**Aug. 6, Chesterton** – Join Dr. Tyrone McKinley Freeman for a discussion of his richly detailed biography, *Madam C.J. Walker's Gospel of Giving: Black Women's Philanthropy During Jim Crow*. (Baugher Center, Westchester Public Library)

**Ice Cream Social**
**Aug. 6, Elkhart** – Enjoy free tours, barbershop quartet music, and, of course, delicious ice cream. (Ruthmere Museum)

**Historic Trades Classes**
**Various dates through October, Delphi** – Learn from skilled artisans in a historic village setting. Topics include basket making, hearth cooking, weaving, paper making, wool felting, and more. Cost varies. (Wabash and Erie Canal Center)

**TRAVELING EXHIBITS**
Indiana organizations can borrow professional-quality traveling exhibits from the Indiana Historical Society. You can visit exhibits at the sites below. Please check with the hosting organization regarding any on-site COVID-19 restrictions.

**Groundbreaking Black Hoosiers**
Through Aug. 30, Merrillville (Merrillville-Ross Township Historical Society)

**Hoosiers and Their Hooch: Perspectives on Prohibition**
Through Aug. 30, Cedar Lake (The Museum at Lassen’s Resort)

**Steamboat A Comin': The Legacy of the New Orleans**
Through Aug. 30, Avon (Avon-Washington Township Public Library)

**Be Heard: Latino Experiences in Indiana**
Through Sept. 13, La Porte (La Porte County Historical Society Museum)

**Auto Indiana**
Through Sept. 12, Hope (Yellow Trail Museum)
Securing the Vote: Women's Suffrage in Indiana
Through Aug. 31, Anderson (Anderson Public Library)

Indiana Historical Society Spotlight

SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!
Visit the Indiana History Train at the Indiana State Fair
Now-Aug. 20 – All aboard! While you’re at the Indiana State Fair, visit the Indiana History Train to check out an exhibit celebrating the heart of basketball in the United States.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Crossing the Banks Interactive Game
Aug. 19 – Join us for a special interactive adventure game that allows you to travel the Old Northwest Territory as an explorer, trapper and trader.

Author Talk and Signing – Thomas Taggart: Public Servant, Political Boss 1856-1929

2023 Indiana Living Legends Gala
Aug. 24 – This year’s class of Living Legends: Sonny Beck, Dennis Bland, Ben Lytle, Tomas Morales and Melissa Proffitt, will be honored at the annual black-tie gala.

What We're Reading This Week

Indiana State Fair Midway, 2000 (Banayote Photo Inc., Indiana Historical Society)
RESOURCES AND NEWS FROM THE FIELD
This summer, the Institute of Museum and Library Services is piloting a National Museum Survey that, if successful, will lead to an annual collection aimed at gathering and sharing the great work happening in the museum world. (IMLS)

How to design an exhibition: These five tips should be your mantra. (MuseumNext)

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION
Nine examples of unconscious bias for managers to watch for. (Indeed)

FUNDRAISING
Seven fundraising misconceptions holding your organization back. (Gail Perry Group)

What is crowdfunding and how does it work? (Classy)

LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT
Stop pecking me to death! Improving your team’s internal communication skills. (Joan Garry Consulting)

Twenty ways nonprofit professionals can rekindle joy in their work. (Forbes)

The best ways to recruit board members for nonprofit organizations. (Nonprofit Learning Lab)

NEED A BREAK?
See the interesting origins of 15 classic carnival rides. (Mental Floss)

The 2023 Indiana State Fair is all about basketball. Here’s how Indiana fell in love with the sport. (Indiana State Fair; Indy Star)

The 2023 foods to try (or not) at the fair. (WTHR)
FREE WEBINARS & VIRTUAL LEARNING

**Safeguarding Cultural Heritage in the Era of Climate Change**
*Aug. 7* – Learn about strategies and best practices for mitigating the impact of climate change on archives and museums. (Backlog Archivists and Historians)

**How to Manage Volunteers in Collections**
*Aug. 9* – Learn how to create a volunteer program or align an existing program with best practices in collections. (Connecting to Collections Care)

**Strategic Planning for Organizational Success: Integrating Lessons from the Past**
*Aug. 9* – Learn about how organizations can better navigate the present by understanding their past and strategizing for the future. (Nonprofit Hub)

**Introduction to Project Budgets**
*Aug. 15* – Learn the basic elements of how to draft a project budget with confidence. (Candid)

VIRTUAL TRAINING

**Preventing And Responding to Mold in Book and Paper Collections**
*Aug. 8* – Learn how to identify mold, safely clean moldy materials, and prevent future mold outbreaks through proactive preservation measures. $45. (NEDCC)

**Writing a Long-Range Preservation Plan**
*Aug. 23-Sept. 13* – Learn about the essential components of a LRPP, key preventive conservation concepts, risk assessment and the prioritization of preservation needs. $99 early bird by Aug. 9. (Connecting to Collections Care)
Funding Available

Boy with Squash, Indiana State Fair, 1952 (Indiana Historical Society, P0569)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPOTLIGHT
Historic Preservation Education Grants
Due Sept. 30 – Grants of up to $3,000 are available to fund public programs that educate Indiana citizens about historic places and properties – and particularly about the need to preserve and protect them. (Indiana Humanities and Indiana Landmarks)

UPCOMING DEADLINES
Public Humanities Projects Grants
Due Aug. 9 (NEH)

Climate Smart Humanities Organizations Grants
Due Aug. 9 (optional draft) (NEH)
Community Development Block Grants: Planning Grants
Due Aug. 18 (Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs)

Community Collections Grants
Due Aug. 18 (Library of Congress)

INcommon Grants
Due Aug. 31 (Indiana Humanities)

Connecting Communities Digital Initiative Grant
Due Sept. 7 (Library of Congress)

Local & Regional Job Openings

First Prize Guernsey Calf Club at the 1929 Indiana State Fair (Indiana Historical Society, P0490)

LOCAL
The Indiana Historical Society is hiring!
See open positions here.

Support Staff (part-time)
Elkhart – Ruthmere Museum

Associate Director of Communications
Muncie – Minnetrista Museum & Gardens

Experience Coordinator
New Harmony – Historic New Harmony, University of Southern Indiana
Assistant Director
Noblesville – Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad

REGIONAL
Director of Facilities & Operations
Dearborn, Mich. – Henry Ford Estate

Historic Properties Project Manager
St. Paul, Minn. – Minnesota Historical Society

Heritage Home Program Assistant
Cleveland, Ohio – Cleveland Restoration Society

Museum Education and Tour Manager
Oberlin, Ohio – Oberlin Heritage Center

HBCU Radio Preservation Project Assistant Director
Remote/Ohio – WYSO Archives, Miami Valley Public Media

HBCU Radio Preservation Project Oral Historian
Remote/Ohio – WYSO Archives, Miami Valley Public Media

PAID INTERNSHIPS
Survey and National Register Intern
Waterford, N.Y. – Peebles Island State Park, New York Division for Historic Preservation

Orphans Corner
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