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Updates from Local History Services
A BACK-TO-SCHOOL READING LIST FOR MUSEUMS
Schools are starting back up for fall, and it’s a great time to read up on engaging audiences of all ages at our museums! Indiana history organizations can borrow these and other books at no charge from our Lending Resource Center, and we’ll even ship them to you! Email us at localhistoryservices@indianahistory.org to borrow a book.

- Adult Museum Programs: Designing Meaningful Experiences
- Connecting Kids to History with Museum Exhibitions
- The Field Trip Book: Study Travel Experiences in Social Studies
- In Principle, In Practice: Museums as Learning Institutions
- The Museum Educator's Manual: Educators Share Successful Techniques
- Telling Children About the Past: An Interdisciplinary Perspective

HERITAGE SUPPORT MINI GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE SEPT. 5
Mini Grants of up to $4,999 are available for Indiana’s local history organizations to meet high-priority needs in areas of Collections Stewardship, Diversity, Equity, Access and Inclusion, Sustainability, and Planning. Heritage Support Grants are provided by the Indiana Historical Society and made possible by Lilly Endowment Inc.

Learn more and apply by Sept. 5.
NEWS
Applications are due Aug. 18 for Indiana nonprofit organizations to host a speaker from the Advancing Racial Equity Speakers Bureau. Indiana Humanities will pay the speakers’ fees directly, while the host site is responsible for travel costs. (Indiana Humanities)

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Destination Development Corporation have launched The Basketball Experience IN Indiana microsite to tell Indiana's basketball story and why it is more than just a sport in the Hoosier State. (IDDC)

Churubusco recently unveiled a new statue memorializing life and impact of Little Turtle. (Fort Wayne Business Weekly)

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.

Breaking the News: Family Day at the History Center
Aug. 12, Bloomington – See the exhibit Breaking the News: The Past and Uncertain Future of Local Print Journalism and learn about the history of journalism in our community. (Monroe County History Center)

Fiesta Fort Wayne 2023
Aug. 12, Fort Wayne – This year’s event celebrates the achievements and contributions of Hispanics and Latino Americans residing in Northeast Indiana. (Fiesta Fort Wayne)

Author Talk: Cold Case Muncie
Aug. 16, Muncie – Journalists and award-winning true crime authors Douglas Walker and Keith Roysdon will talk about their latest book, *Cold Case Muncie*. (E.B. and Bertha C. Ball Center; the event will also be held on Aug. 18 at the Kennedy Library in Eaton)

**Hall of Legends**

Aug. 17, Kokomo – This event will inaugurate a new class of inductees who have improved life for others in Howard County, the state of Indiana, and nationwide. $60. (Howard County Historical Society; event held at the Venue at Brookstone)

46th Annual Maumee Valley Antique Steam & Gas Engine Show

Aug. 17-20, New Haven – The event features tractors and gas engines, a car show, demonstrations, tractor pulls, food, music and more. (Maumee Valley Antique Steam and Gas Association)

Genealogy Presentation: Hoosier State Chronicles and Newspaper Digitization

Aug. 22, Frankfort – Justin Clark will share how researchers, genealogists, and the broader public can use digitized newspapers. (Clinton County Genealogical Society; Frankfort Community Public Library)

Indiana Authors Awards Tour Featuring Kekla Magoon

Aug. 30, South Bend – Join the Indiana Authors Awards and the Civil Rights Heritage Center for a conversation between Kekla Magoon and Kathy Burnette. (IU South Bend)

**Indiana Historical Society Spotlight**

VIRTUAL EXHIBITS
Get closer to history and take a virtual step back in time! Now, you can explore some of our “You Are There” and “Be Heard” exhibits from your computer or mobile device.

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**
RESOURCES AND NEWS FROM THE FIELD
Libraries can apply to host the *Americans and the Holocaust exhibit* that will travel in a second round from 2024 to 2026. The exhibit is currently at the Kokomo-Howard County Public Library through Aug. 17. (United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and the American Library Association)

America250 has launched *America’s Invitation*, where you can share your story about your history and your hopes and dreams for the future of our country.

A recent YouGov survey asked Americans about their *knowledge, beliefs, and opinions of the American Civil War*. (YouGov)

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION
New *Standards for Museums with Native American Collections* are now available. The document calls for equitable partnership between museums and Native communities (AAM)

*The Museum Test is a new tool for museums* to determine how effectively a display handles topics of colonialism, empire, slavery, the transatlantic slave trade and representation. (The Changemakers; Museums Galleries Scotland)

FUNDRAISING
Why I’m no longer donating to your no-good, very bad nonprofit: *how to improve relationships with donors*. (Nonprofit AF)

Your guide to *year-end fundraising best practices*. (Nonprofit Tech for Good)
LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT
Let's talk about employee mental health. (Nonprofit Risk Management Center)

Four necessary culture shifts to help you navigate change management. (Bloomerang)

NEED A BREAK?

20 retro school supplies every '80s and '90s kid loved; plus the history of one of the most beloved of school supplies: the Trapper Keeper. (We Are Teachers; Mental Floss)

Why is the letter ‘X’ such a big deal? A historian of mathematics gets to the root of it. (Atlas Obscura)

Learning Opportunities

FREE WEBINARS & VIRTUAL LEARNING
Interpretive Planning for Historic Sites
Aug. 15 – Learn the key elements of an interpretive plan, how to express your site’s mission, what background information to include, and more. (Texas Historical Commission)
Introduction to Project Budgets
Aug. 15 – Learn the basic elements of how to draft a project budget with confidence. (Candid)

Practical Preservation: Applied Approaches to Collections Care
Aug. 22 – Learn about ways to implement preservation practices that are feasible and sustainable. (Texas Historical Commission)

Centering Historic Preservation in Community
Aug. 25 – Learn about one site's journey to address a building's needs with limited resources. (Museum Association of New York)

Arsenic in Collections
Sept. 6 – Learn about methods for detection, personal protective equipment, and how to work with these collections safely and effectively. (Connecting to Collections Care)

VIRTUAL TRAINING
Discussion of the Unfinished Revolution: Place, Environment, and Social Justice in the 250th
Aug. 23 – Hear ideas about how the history of climate and the environment can inform research and development of public programming related to the U.S. 250th. $15; free for members. (AASLH)

IN-PERSON TRAINING
Masonry Repair Workshop
Sept. 6, South Bend – Learn the basics of historic masonry, repair techniques, and signs that you might have a masonry problem. $10; $5 members. (Indiana Landmarks, South Bend Tradeworks, and the South Bend Historic Preservation Commission)

2023 National Humanities Conference
Oct. 25-29, Indianapolis – The conference brings together humanities scholars, professionals and practitioners to collaborate on inclusive ways to boost public engagement with the humanities. Cost varies; funding available. (Federation of State Humanities Councils; Indiana Humanities)
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPOTLIGHT

NHC 2023: Humanities for All Hoosiers Stipend
Due Aug. 25 – Indiana Humanities is offering stipends of $500 and $1,000 to offset conference costs for Indiana residents interested in attending the National Humanities Conference Oct. 25-29 in Indianapolis.

Hometown Grants
Rolling quarterly deadlines (upcoming deadline Sept. 30) – Grants of up to $50,000 are provided for projects to build, rebuild, or refresh community spaces that help foster local connections in small towns. Eligible projects can include adaptive uses of older and historic buildings into community gathering spaces, improvements to outdoor parks or trails, and more. (T-Mobile)

2024 NCPH Awards Cycle Open for Nominations
Deadlines in November and December vary by award – Over $8,000 in award money is available to recognize excellence in the multitude of ways public historians apply their skills to the world around us. (National Council on Public History)

UPCOMING DEADLINES
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)

Climate Smart Humanities Organizations Grants  
Due Sept. 14 (NEH)

Historic Preservation Education Grants  
Due Sept. 30 (Indiana Humanities and Indiana Landmarks)

Local & Regional Job Openings

1002 West 25th Street, ca. 1990s (City of Indianapolis, Department of Metropolitan Development, Indiana Historical Society)

LOCAL

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

Experience Coordinator  
Evansville – Historic New Harmony, University of Southern Indiana

Archivist  
Indianapolis – Butler University Libraries

Sacred Places Indiana Grants Administrator  
Indianapolis – Indiana Landmarks

Executive Director
Shelbyville – Grover Center: Museum and Historical Society of Shelby County

REGIONAL
Farm Museum Programs Supervisor
Bensenville, Ill. – Fischer Farm

Digital Archivist
Naperville, Ill. – Naperville Heritage Society at Naper Settlement

Museum Technician II
Springfield, Ill. – Illinois State Museum

Senior Museum Educator
Louisville, Ky. – American Printing House for the Blind

Research and Asset Coordinator
Louisville, Ky. – Solid Light, Inc.

Curator
Hickory Corners, Mich. – Gilmore Car Museum

Acquisitions Registrar
St. Paul, Minn. – Minnesota Historical Society

Exhibitions & Loans Registrar
St. Paul, Minn. – Minnesota Historical Society

Orphans Corner – Display Case
Front and side view of display case.

A display case with shelves and storage is available for donation to an Indiana nonprofit. The unit has glass on top and storage on the bottom. No rollers. It is 72.5 inches tall, 32 inches deep at the deepest part, and 55 inches wide. The item is located at the Marshall County Historical Society, 123 N. Michigan in Plymouth, Indiana.

Items are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. For questions or to claim this item, email karinrettinger@mchistoricalsociety.org.

Do you have an item you would like to donate to an Indiana museum or nonprofit? We'll list it here! Email us at col@indianahistory.org and we'll list it for you!

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