

# INDIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY COMMUNIQUE ONLINE

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[Bridge, Shanty Boat and Waterworks, 1903](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0468)

***Happy New Year! We look forward to working with you this year.***

## **LET'S GET ORGANIZED!**

The new year is a great time to get everything in order for the coming year. Get ready for 2024 with these tips from [Collections Advisor](#) for planning, cleaning and organizing in the museum.

[New Year's Resolutions for the Museum](#)

[Organization is Key in Our Collection Work Areas](#)

[Collections Minivisor: Create a Walk-through Checklist](#)

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## **Around Indiana**



[James Robinson and Family Playing in the Snow. 1968](#) (Indianapolis Recorder Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

## NEWS

Nominations are open for the [2024 Indiana Authors Awards](#). The awards are given biennially to authors who self-nominate or have been nominated by other people or organizations. Books published between Jan. 1, 2022 and Dec. 31, 2023 are eligible. **The nomination deadline is Jan. 12.**

## 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.*

[Exhibit: Westville History Pop-Up](#)

**Through Jan. 31, La Porte** – The first of the “Towns of La Porte County Pop-Up” series of exhibits this year highlights the Westville local business, clubs, and high school. (La Porte County Historical Society Museum)

[The Lincoln Roadshow](#)

**Jan. 6, Michigan City** – Learn about the lasting legacy of Abraham Lincoln and his Gettysburg Address, as well as the Lincoln Funeral Train that passed through Indiana in 1865. (Michigan City Public Library)

[Electric Works: A Powerful Story](#)

**Jan. 7, Fort Wayne** – Carol Young Lindquist will share the history of the site and the complex and contentious efforts required to launch Electric Works. (The History Center)

[Exhibit: Bloomington Total Solar Eclipses – 1869 & 2024](#)

**Jan. 9-April 13, Bloomington** – On April 8, Monroe County will be in the path of totality of a solar eclipse for the first time since 1869. In this exhibit, compare the scientific, social, and pop cultural response to this cosmic event 155 years apart. (Monroe County History Center)

[Amazing Indiana Music Stories Exhibit Reception](#)

**Jan. 13, Indianapolis** – Come see the Indiana Entertainment Foundation’s new exhibit featuring several Indiana music places, genres, and artists. (at the Indiana State Library)

[Pioneer Land Spinners](#)

**Jan. 13, La Porte** – Learn how pioneers made their textiles from these knowledgeable women. (La Porte County Historical Society Museum)

[Tristra Newyear Presents \*Starfall\*](#)

**Jan. 20, Bloomington** – Join local author Tristra Newyear for an exploration of her newest novel, *Starfall*, a sweeping tale set in the utopian town of New Harmony. (Monroe County History Center)

## Indiana Historical Society Spotlight

### VOLUNTEER FOR NATIONAL HISTORY DAY IN INDIANA

The 2024 National History Day in Indiana contests begin around the state in February, and we are seeking volunteer judges. [Learn more and sign up today!](#)

### FROM THE BLOG

[Are We Related?: Stanfield](#)

For more than 40 years IHS has had a collection of materials related to Louise Carpenter Stanfield. Our library does some digging to find out if this family is related to one of our staff members.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

[Library Show-and-Tell](#)

**Jan. 6** – Join the librarians of the William H. Smith Memorial Library for an informal conversation about unique objects in the Indiana Historical Society Collections.

[Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Free Admission](#)

**Jan. 15** – Be uplifted and encouraged by storytelling and music, and add your own commitment to “Be the Change” to a growing mural. Bring new, in-package socks or underwear of all kids’ sizes or contribute with a financial donation directly to Charity Cares.

## What We're Reading This Week



*[Coffee Pot Filling Station, near Scottsburg, Indiana, ca. 1940](#) (Indiana Historical Society, M0888)*

### RESOURCES AND NEWS FROM THE FIELD

AASLH is now accepting nominations for the [2024 Leadership in History Awards](#) that recognize excellence and innovative achievements in projects, programs, exhibits, publications, and people in state and local history. **The nomination deadline is March 1.** [A free informational webinar](#) will be held on Jan. 18.

A sampling of stories highlighting [twelve museum innovations](#) in 2023. (AAM)

Mickey Mouse and many other beloved creations, including Peter Pan and 'Mack the Knife,' are [now in the public domain](#). (Smithsonian Magazine)

### DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION

Creating an ADA-compliant exhibit space: [Exhibit signage & labels](#). (Gaylord Archival)

### AUDIENCE AND COMMUNITY

[Social media marketing](#) for nonprofits: Tips for success. (Firespring)

[2024 cause awareness & giving day calendar](#) for nonprofits. (Nonprofit Tech for Good)

### FUNDRAISING

[2024 nonprofit fundraising trends](#): Buckle up! (Gail Perry Group)

The donor retention [checklist](#). (Classy)

## LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Five science-backed tips to [beat the post-holiday slump](#) at work. (Fast Company)

How to [avoid the 6 types of 501c3 violations](#) in your nonprofit. (Wild Apricot)

No more [boring board meetings!](#) (Joan Garry Consulting)

## NEED A BREAK?

[117 fascinating artifact finds](#) revealed in 2023, including a stolen Vincent van Gogh painting and a hidden medieval crypt. (Smithsonian Magazine)

Gastro Obscura's [favorite historical recipes](#) of 2023. (Atlas Obscura)

Four classic toys were recently inducted into [the National Toy Hall of Fame](#). (The Strong National Museum of Play)

## Learning Opportunities



[Family Sleigh Ride in the Snow, ca. 1900](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0159)

## FREE WEBINARS & VIRTUAL LEARNING

[Public History Hangout: Early Career Panel](#)

**Jan. 9** – Join the NCPH New Professional and Student Committee for a panel and discussion on early career paths for public historians. (NCPH)

[Modern Tips to Boost Donor Acquisition](#)

**Jan. 10** – Learn how to manage data, communications, fundraising, and other tasks to improve your donor acquisition. (Bloomerang)

[Fundraising for Introverts: Harnessing Our Power](#)

**Jan. 11** – Learn about the powerful attributes introverts bring to fundraising. (Bloomerang)

[Gearing Up Your Grant Strategies for 2024](#)

**Jan. 16** – Learn about current giving trends and how you can maximize your grant strategies. (GrantStation)

[Rock On! Storing Your Geological Materials](#)

**Jan. 24** – Learn about geological materials often encountered in collections, typical risks associated with them, and storage solutions. (Connecting to Collections Care)

[Recording: The Writing on the Wall: Visitor-Centered Labels in Art Museums](#)

**On-Demand** – See a virtual convening that considers the production of museum labels through the lenses of collaboration, inclusive language, and centering the visitor experience. (Smithsonian American Art Museum on YouTube)

## VIRTUAL TRAINING

[Creating Preservation-quality Oral Histories](#)

**Jan. 9** – Learn about the technical considerations that go into making an oral history recording preservation-quality. \$45. (NEDCC)

[Doing History in Polarized Times – Virtual Summit](#)

**Feb. 8-9** – This virtual summit will explore recent research, emerging strategies, and case studies to help history practitioners work more effectively in today’s fractious discourse. \$75. (AASLH)

## IN-PERSON TRAINING

[Indiana Tour Guide Symposium](#)

**Jan. 20, Indianapolis** – This day-long symposium offers those who give tours an opportunity to hone their skills and gain new insights. \$30 early-bird by Dec. 15. (Indiana Landmarks)

[Small Museum Association Annual Conference](#)

**Feb. 19-21, Richmond, Va.** – Attend sessions on topics ranging from collections and education to staffing and board issues. \$265 early-bird by Jan. 1. (SMA)

## REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

The Association of Midwest Museums is accepting [Session Proposals](#) for the 2024 Conference to be held July 31-Aug. 3 in Columbus, Ohio. The 2024 theme is “The Way Forward.” **Proposals are due Jan. 19.**

**Funding Available**



*[The Pier in Winter, n.d.](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0411)*

## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPOTLIGHT**

### [Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions](#)

**Due Jan. 11** – Grants are available for foundational activities in preservation and management of collections, such as assessments, development of plans and policies, consultations with scholars and source communities, emergency preparedness, environmental monitoring, rehousing, format surveys and inventories, and training. (NEH)

### [2024 AASLH Workshop Scholarships](#)

**Due Jan. 15** – There are two Diversity Workshop Scholarships and two New Professional Workshop Scholarships available. Each scholarship includes registration for an onsite workshop and a one-year individual membership in AASLH. (AASLH)

### [General Operating Support Grants for Marion County Nonprofits](#)

**Due Jan. 31** – Grants of up to \$50,000 for general operating support are available to organizations that are in Marion County and serve Marion County residents. (The Indianapolis Foundation)

### [Japanese American Community Foundation Grants](#)

**LOI due Jan. 31** – This program offers funding for programs and projects in the Japanese American Community that focus on senior health and services, history, arts and culture, and youth. (JA Community Foundation)

## **UPCOMING DEADLINES**

### [National Digital Newspaper Program](#)

**Due Jan. 12** (NEH)

### [Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections Grants](#)

**Due Jan. 12** (NEH)



[Wabash River Heritage Corridor Fund](#)

**Due Jan. 31** (Indiana DNR-DHPA)

## Local & Regional Job Openings



[Snow Plow in Action, ca. 1910](#) (Indiana Historical Society, M0225)

### LOCAL

**The Indiana Historical Society is hiring!**

See open positions [here](#).

[Curator of Education](#)

**Bristol** – Elkhart County Historical Museum, Elkhart County Parks & Recreation Department

[Executive Director](#)

**Indianapolis** – Storytelling Arts of Indiana

[Grants Manager & Data Specialist](#)

**Muncie** – Minnetrista Museum & Gardens

### REGIONAL

[Administrator](#)

**Des Moines, Iowa** – State Historical Society of Iowa

[Manager, Kentucky Museum Collections](#)

**Bowling Green, Ky.** – Western Kentucky University

[Capital Planning Manager](#)

**St. Paul, Minn.** – Minnesota Historical Society

[Program Supervisor, Historic Fort Snelling](#)

**St. Paul, Minn.** – Minnesota Historical Society

[Site Supervisor, Historic Fort Snelling](#)

**St. Paul, Minn.** – Minnesota Historical Society

[Oral History Program Assistant](#)

**St. Paul, Minn.** – Minnesota Historical Society

[Vice President](#)

**St. Paul, Minn.** – Ramsey County Historical Society

[Full Curator](#)

**Kansas City, Mo.** – National WWI Museum and Memorial

[Exhibits Department Manager](#)

**Columbus, Ohio** – Ohio History Connection

[Membership and Office Coordinator](#)

**Nashville, Tenn.** – American Association for State and Local History

[Development & Corporate Giving Officer](#)

**Madison, Wis.** – Wisconsin Historical Foundation, Inc.

## Orphans Corner – Loom Available



*Historic Madison, Inc., three views of the loom.*

Historic Madison, Inc. is offering a loom and many supplies (thread, spools, etc.) to an Indiana nonprofit organization. The loom does not have any provenance but was used by a now-defunct weaver's guild for more than 40 years.

For more information or to claim this item, contact [programs@historicmadisoninc.com](mailto:programs@historicmadisoninc.com). Items are offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

*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](mailto:col@indianahistory.org) and we'll list it for you!*

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