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[Ice Skaters. n.d.](#) (Indianapolis Recorder Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

## WINTER AT THE MUSEUM

What do we do to keep our museums and collections safe and secure in the winter months? Here are some tips from our Collections Advisors, Lending Resource Center, and beyond.

### Collections Advisors

[Winter at Conner Prairie](#) shares some of the tasks undertaken by the collections department during the winter months.

[Housing Photographic Collections](#) details the best year-round environmental and storage conditions for storing historical photographs.

### Books from our [Lending Resource Center](#)

- *The Manual of Housekeeping: The Care of Collections in Historic Houses Open to the Public*
- *Preventive Conservation for Historic House Museums*

### Additional Resources

[A technical bulletin on Winterizing Historic Buildings](#) offers an overview of various topics that need to be considered when preparing for historic building winter closure in a well-organized manner. (CCAHA)

Learn about the best strategies for the [museum collections environment](#) in Chapter 4 of the Museum Handbook. (National Park Service)

## Around Indiana



[Ice on the Ohio River, 1905](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0061)

## NEWS

The National Park Service has announced a [Request for Expressions of Interest for the adaptive re-use of the Bailly Homestead](#) at Indiana Dunes National Park. (National Park Service)

The Athenaeum in Indianapolis has launched a new [Then and Now Virtual Tour](#).

## 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.*

### [Gallery Wall: Local Sights](#)

**Now Open, La Porte** – See the work of artists who depicted scenes from around the county. (La Porte County Historical Society Museum)

### [Amazing Indiana Music Stories Exhibit and Reception](#)

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

### [What Really Happened on Indiana Avenue? A Story Untold](#)

**Feb. 1, Indianapolis** – A panel discussion explores the untold story of Indianapolis's Indiana Avenue & the community's activism to resist erasure in the 1970s & '80s. (Indiana Landmarks)

### [Center Township History](#)

**Feb. 1, Muncie** – Learn about the history of Center Township's settled communities, cemeteries, and schoolhouses. (Delaware County Historical Society; event at the Beech Grove Cemetery Administration Building)

## 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.*

### **Lost Landmarks of Indianapolis**

Through Feb. 6, Greensburg ([Historical Society of Decatur County](#))

## 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!](#)

**Interested in learning more about judging for National History Day in Indiana?** Stop by the St. Joseph County Public Library (Classroom A) in **South Bend on Feb. 3** anytime between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to meet the NHDI team and learn more about this volunteer opportunity. No registration is required. Email Claire Anderson at [canderson@indianahistory.org](mailto:canderson@indianahistory.org) with questions.

### **FROM THE BLOG**

#### [Kids in Coats Out in the Cold](#)

See some of the ways Hoosiers have dressed up their cute kids to fight against the cold.

#### [Revisiting Old Questions: Independent Order of Good Templars, 1974](#)

Delve into a 1974 question sent to the Indiana Historical Society by a man in Mitchell, Indiana.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### [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.

[Eva Kor Education Day](#)

**Jan. 27** – Join us as we continue to recognize Eva Education Day through hands-on activities for the entire family, a documentary screening of “Eva: A-7063,” storytelling, and time to explore *Eva Kor from Auschwitz to Indiana* and USC Shoah Foundation’s *Dimensions in Testimony*.

## What We're Reading This Week



[Maria del Refugio Ramirez de Godinez, ca. 1920](#) (Sandra Valdes, Indiana Historical Society)

### RESOURCES AND NEWS FROM THE FIELD

[Museums and Historic Sites \(Taylor's Version\)](#): Embracing eras as an interpretive tool to expand our stories, reach, and relevance. (AASLH)

## **DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION**

Historic shouldn't mean inaccessible: [Preservation and the ADA](#). (Accessibility.com)

## **AUDIENCE AND COMMUNITY**

Finding [new audiences](#) for museums in small markets. (AAM)

## **FUNDRAISING**

Why January is the [most important time](#) for donor retention. (Classy)

## **LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**

[Three habits](#) the most successful communicators share (and how you can easily get them). (Fast Company)

## **NEED A BREAK?**

[19 old cold weather words](#) to get you through winter. (Mental Floss)

[8 majestic spots in Indiana](#) that will make you feel like you're in a winter wonderland. (Only in Your State)

Remember that time 20 years ago when we had [snow rollers across Indiana](#)? And just what are [snow rollers](#), anyway? (CBS News; Atlas Obscura)

# Learning Opportunities



[Ice Harvest on Cedar Lake in Indiana, 1936](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0401)

## FREE WEBINARS & VIRTUAL LEARNING

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

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

### [Civic Season Info Session](#)

**Jan. 18** – Learn about Made By Us and Civic Season and find out how to involve your organization in Civic Season efforts. (Civic Season)

### [Introduction to the AASLH Awards Program](#)

**Jan. 18** – Learn about the Leadership in History Awards program, which is now accepting nominations until March 1. (AASLH)

### [National NAGPRA Program Webinar Series](#)

**Jan. 19-Oct. 18** – The National Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Program will host a series of 10 webinars on the new regulations on the third Friday of every month. (National Park Service)

### [AASLH History Hour: New Year Goals](#)

**Jan. 23** – Join this session to share your goals with others and gain inspiration, advice, and insight from your colleagues. (AASLH)

### [60 Ideas in 60 Minutes: Museum Philanthropy and Membership after a Pandemic](#)

**Jan. 24** – In this webinar, a panel of national museum development leaders will share insights about fundraising and membership programs that ensure their institutions' futures. (AAM)

## VIRTUAL TRAINING

### [Caring for Paper-Based Collections](#)

**Jan. 25** – Learn about the preservation of books, documents, photographs, and works of art on paper. \$95. (NEDCC)

## 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)

### [Museums Advocacy Day](#)

**Feb. 26-27, Washington, D.C.** – Unite with museum colleagues and supporters from across the country as one voice to reaffirm our essential value, collective contributions, and aspirations while making the critical case for museums directly to Congress. \$145; \$75 AAM or AASLH members; Register by Jan. 19. (AAM)

### [Project Management for History Professionals](#)

**Feb. 29-March 1, Overland Park, Kan.** – Learn how to implement internationally recognized project management principles in a history context. \$475; \$350 members. (AASLH)

## 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



[\*Big Four Railroad Bridge Reconstruction, 1900\*](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0333)

### FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPOTLIGHT

#### [Wabash River Heritage Corridor Fund](#)

**Due Jan. 31** – Grants are available to government and nonprofit organizations within the 19-county Wabash River heritage corridor. Eligible projects include rehabilitation of certain historic properties, archaeological survey and site evaluation, acquisition of land to protect sensitive or threatened archaeological sites, and development of educational exhibits about the corridor's cultural resources. (Indiana DNR-DHPA)

#### [African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund](#)

**Due Feb. 1** – Grants from this fund are designed to advance place-based cultural heritage preservation projects for historic places representing African American cultural heritage. (National Trust for Historic Preservation)

#### [2024 AAM Annual Meeting & MuseumExpo Scholarships](#)

**Due Feb. 2** – This professional development opportunity provides financial support for museum professionals and US-based students to attend the American Alliance of Museums Annual Meeting & MuseumExpo who are first-time attendees of the in-person annual meeting. (AAM)

#### [Collections Assessment for Preservation Program](#)

**Due Feb. 28** – The CAP program provides small and mid-sized museums with partial funding toward a general conservation assessment. The assessment is a study of all the institution's

collections, buildings, and building systems, as well as its policies and procedures relating to collections care. A free [information session](#) will be held via Zoom on Jan. 17.

## UPCOMING DEADLINES

[2024 AASLH Workshop Scholarships](#)

**Due Jan. 15** (AASLH)

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

**Due Jan. 31** (The Indianapolis Foundation)

[Japanese American Community Foundation Grants](#)

**LOI due Jan. 31** (JA Community Foundation)

## Local & Regional Job Openings



[Railroad Freight Yard, 1940](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0569)

### LOCAL

***The Indiana Historical Society is hiring!***

See open positions [here](#).

[Curator of Education](#)

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



[Grants Manager & Data Specialist](#)

**Muncie** – Minnetrista Museum & Gardens

## REGIONAL

[Manager, Kentucky Museum Collections](#)

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

[Historian – Archives](#)

**Lansing, Mich.** – State of Michigan

[Program Supervisor, Historic Forestville](#)

**Preston, Minn.** – Minnesota Historical Society

[Museum Director](#)

**Slayton, Minn.** – Murray County

[Acquisitions Registrar](#)

**Madison, Wis.** – Wisconsin Historical Society

[Public Records Accessioner](#)

**Madison, Wis.** – Wisconsin Historical Society

## PAID INTERNSHIPS

[Kristen Fuhs Wells Communications Internship](#)

**Indianapolis** – Indiana Humanities

[Video Production Internship](#)

**Indianapolis** – Indiana Humanities

[Internship in Museums Studies, Public History, and Anthropology](#)

**Castine, Maine** – Wilson Museum

## Orphans Corner

*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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