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[Merchants National Bank and Trust, 1961](#) (Bass Photo Co. Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

GETTING OUR FINANCES IN ORDER

No matter when an organization's fiscal year begins, it's always a good time to make sure our finances are in order. Here are some resources for nonprofit budgets and tax filing.*

Budgets

A nonprofit **budget** is a [financial planning document](#) used to predict expenses and allocate resources for your organization. It details the costs that your organization will incur and the revenue you expect to receive over a set period of time. (Jitasa)

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

- *Beyond the Numbers: Budgeting for Museum Professionals*
- *The Budget-Building Book for Nonprofits: A Step-by-Step Guide for Managers and Boards*

Learn more about **financial management for nonprofits** in [this article](#) from the National Council of Nonprofits.

501(c)(3) Status and Tax Filing

To learn about the **Federal general requirements** for tax-exempt organizations, visit the [Charities page](#) and the [Stay Exempt site](#) from the IRS.

Indiana nonprofit organizations should also follow any [filing requirements](#) from the **Indiana Department of Revenue**.

***Be sure to consult with your accountant on financial matters for your nonprofit.**

Around Indiana



View at Logansport, Indiana, August 16, 1857, of Balloon Jupiter preparatory to its Air-Mail Trip -- the first in the world. Ascension and flight thwarted by accident until next day, August 17, 1857.

[Balloon Jupiter Preparing for First Air Mail Trip in the World, 1859](#) (Bass Photo Co. Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

NEWS

Hoosier poets everywhere are invited to submit an original poem inspired by the upcoming total eclipse (April 8) in the [2024 Indiana Eclipse Poetry Contest](#). Cash prizes are available.

Submissions are due Feb. 9. (Indiana Humanities)

A project is underway to find a preserve the fight songs of Indiana High Schools that were closed due to consolidation. If you have information to share, please contact Reta Williams at retawms@hotmail.com, (765) 414-4388, or P.O. Box 2, Michigantown, IN 46057. Learn more about the project in [this article](#) from Indy Star.

The Friends of the Town Clock Church in New Albany have [received a grant from the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund](#) to support the endowment growth for the perpetual funding of cyclical maintenance for the historic Town Clock Church. (National Trust for Historic Preservation)

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

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

Feb. 1 – A panel discussion explores the untold story of Indianapolis's Indiana Avenue & the community's activism to resist erasure in the 1970s & '80s. The in-person presentation is sold out, but tickets are still available to attend online via Zoom. (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.

[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)

[Pioneer Land Spinners](#)

Jan. 20, La Porte – Learn how pioneers made their textiles from these knowledgeable women. (La Porte County Historical Society Museum)

[Exhibit: Barns of Monroe County: Our Heritage Built in Wood](#)

Jan. 23-June 29, Bloomington – This exhibit explores traditional building styles and how they changed over time. (Monroe County History Center)

[Indiana Humanities Grants Workshops](#)

Jan. 23, Vincennes; Jan. 25, Shelbyville – Learn about grants and programming stipends offered by Indiana Humanities, as well as tips on how to submit a successful application. (Indiana Humanities)

[PuzzleFest 2024](#)

Jan. 28, Bloomington – Join a jigsaw competition and enjoy puzzle demonstrations, presentations, and other activities. (Monroe County History Center; event at Switchyard Park Pavilion)

[Ancestry 101](#)

Feb. 24, Frankfort – FCPL Genealogy Manager Jill Garrison will talk about the variety of records found on Ancestry.com as well as the different types of subscriptions available. (Frankfort Community Public Library)

Indiana Historical Society Spotlight

NEW EXHIBIT OPENS JAN. 20

[Circus City](#)

The story of the circus in Indiana is one of resilience. This new exhibit explores the circus primarily as a story of people and labor in the 20th century.

FROM THE BLOG

[A Look At 25 Years of “Traces of Indiana and Midwestern History”](#)

Indiana Historical Society Press Senior Editor Ray Boomhower shares his top ten articles that have appeared during his tenure as editor. Read past issues of Traces online [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

[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*.

[National History Day in Indiana Introductory Workshop](#)

Feb. 2 – Join National History Day® and the Indiana Historical Society to learn how to bring inquiry-based learning to your classroom for the 2024/2025 academic year. **Register by Jan. 19.**

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!](#) Stop by the St. Joseph County Public Library **South Bend on Feb. 3** between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to meet the NHD team and learn more about judging for NHD.

What We're Reading This Week



[Air ship waltz: for piano or organ, ca. 1891](#) (Indiana Historical Society)

RESOURCES AND NEWS FROM THE FIELD

The [Latinx Preservation Toolkit](#) introduces the principles and practices of historic preservation, encompassing both community-led preservation and mainstream approaches. (Latinos in Heritage Conservation)

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION

An essay on [Disability History](#) shares information about language, the relevance of disability

history, disability-centered history work, resources, and more. (The Inclusive Historian's Handbook)

AUDIENCE AND COMMUNITY

The power of [podcasting](#): making audio content for nonprofits. (Blackbaud)

FUNDRAISING

How to have a [successful introductory meeting](#) with a funder. (National Council of Nonprofits)

LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

How nonprofit leaders can [delegate successfully](#). (Joan Garry Consulting)

Three steps to more [impactful writing](#). (Nonprofit Learning Lab)

NEED A BREAK?

We may be in an [airship renaissance](#) – Zeppelins and blimps could be poised to make a comeback. (Smithsonian Magazine)

[Ancient technology](#) that was centuries ahead of its time. (Big Think)

Is there a [limit to technological progress](#)? (TEDEd)

Learning Opportunities



[Engineering Discussion, 1983](#) (Indianapolis Recorder Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

FREE WEBINARS & VIRTUAL LEARNING

[Web Archiving](#)

Jan. 22 – Delve into the intriguing world of web archiving and explore its history, current practices, and its relevance for small archival organizations. (Backlog)

[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)

[IMLS National Museum Survey Pilot Summary Findings Webinar](#)

Jan. 23 – Learn about the results of the pilot National Museum Survey and plans for the future. (IMLS)

[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)

[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)

[AIM to Connect: Easy Ways to Jump into Museum Evaluation](#)

Jan. 26 – Museum evaluation can feel daunting. Explore ways to collect basic data from visitors. Free for members; \$5 nonmembers. (Association of Indiana Museums)

[Digitization Projects](#)

Jan. 28 – Learn about the essential aspects of planning, executing, and maximizing the impact of digitization initiatives. (Backlog)

[How to Deaccession](#)

Feb. 1 – Learn about deaccession principles, constructing a policy, and how to gently handle the feelings that can come with the act of disposal. (Relicura)

[How to Build Resilience: Climate Impacts and Cultural Heritage](#)

Feb. 8 – This webinar will share the framework and tools you need to get started on your own climate resilience strategy. (CCAHA)

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)

[Exhibiting Your Collections](#)

Feb. 1 – Learn about selecting collections items for exhibition, space considerations, safe handling, and display methods. \$95. (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)

[Fundraising for Small Nonprofits](#)

Feb. 12-March 3 – Learn about effective fundraising practices for smaller nonprofits. Also offered in-person in Indianapolis March 18-19. \$199. (Lilly Family School of Philanthropy)

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. \$40. (Indiana Landmarks)

Funding Available



[Indiana University. Kirkwood Observatory. interior. telescope. 1904](#) (Bass Photo Co. Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPOTLIGHT

[Community Development Block Grants: Planning Grants](#)

Due Feb. 16 – Grants are available for planning, including Historic Preservation plans and Downtown Revitalization plans. The goal of the program is to encourage communities to plan for long-term holistic community development. (Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs)

[Historic Preservation Education Grants](#)

Due Feb. 29 – Funding is available for 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)

[Incommon Grants](#)

Due Feb. 29 – These grants provide tax-exempt organizations with funds to develop and implement public programs that use the humanities to explore subjects related to race and ethnicity. (Indiana Humanities)

[Center for Collections Care at Beloit College Scholarships](#)

Due March 1 – \$250 scholarships for online collections care courses and \$600 scholarships for in-person courses are available. (Beloit College – Beloit, Wis.)

[Historic Preservation Fund – Semiquincentennial Grant Program](#)

Due March 5 – This grant program supports the physical preservation of a broad variety of cultural resources associated with the founding of America as a nation in commemoration of the country's semiquincentennial. (National Park Service)

UPCOMING DEADLINES

[Wabash River Heritage Corridor Fund](#)

Due Jan. 31 (Indiana DNR-DHPA)

[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)

[African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund](#)

Due Feb. 1 (National Trust for Historic Preservation)

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

Due Feb. 2 (AAM)

[Collections Assessment for Preservation Program](#)

Due Feb. 28 (American Institute for Conservation)

Local & Regional Job Openings



[Indianapolis Water Company Purification Plant Laboratory, 1926](#) (Indiana Historical Society, M1400)

LOCAL

The Indiana Historical Society is hiring!

See open positions [here](#).

REGIONAL

[Executive Director](#)

Waterloo, Iowa – Grout Museum

[Archivist II](#)

Frankfort, Ky. – Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives

[Executive Director](#)

Hickory Corners, Mich. – Gilmore Car Museum

[Museum Administrator](#)

Lancaster, Ohio – Ohio Glass Museum

[Education and Community Program Director](#)

Milwaukee, Wis. – Jewish Museum Milwaukee

PAID INTERNSHIPS

[Summer Internships](#)

Washington, D.C. – Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture

[Archives Intern](#)

Houghton, Mich. – Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections

Orphans Corner

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