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Updates from Local History Services

Black History Observance, 1984 (Indianapolis Recorder Collection, Indiana Historical Society)
U.S. 250 MEETING SERIES
The Indiana Historical Society’s Local History Services Department and Indiana Humanities have teamed up to bring you a series of FREE virtual and in-person meetings throughout this year as we begin to prepare for the U.S. Semiquincentennial.

Each virtual brown bag meeting will feature an in-depth discussion on a topic related to the U.S. 250th commemoration, and the in-person regional meetings will include news about planning at the state and national level and the chance to brainstorm local ideas (more details coming soon). Join us in February as we kick off the series!

VIRTUAL BROWN BAG
The U.S. 250th: Doing History
Feb. 22, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. (Eastern) – Join us on Zoom for a moderated panel discussion on the topic of how we do history – what history is, the many ways it is done, and why it matters. The discussion will last approximately one hour, with an additional half hour for audience Q&A. RSVP here.

Around Indiana

300 Block of Indiana Avenue Looking Northwest, ca. 1950s-60s (City of Indianapolis, Department of Metropolitan Development, Indiana Historical Society)

NEWS
Submissions are due Feb. 9 for the 2024 Indiana Eclipse Poetry Contest. Cash prizes are
Promising Progress – in 2023, encouraging progress signaled a safer future for formerly threatened historic sites in Bedford, Columbus, Gary, and Delphi. (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.*

**First Friday Art Show – Black History Month: Then & Now**
Feb. 2, Indianapolis – A group show curated by InSight Art highlights Indiana artists’ expressions of Black heritage. (Indiana Landmarks)

**A History of Women of Color in Junior League**
Feb. 4, Evansville – This special Black History Month presentation about the history of women of color in Junior League will be presented by Zena Martin. (Evansville African American Museum)

**Black Baseball in the Summit City**
Feb. 4, Fort Wayne – Tim Tassler will talk about the rich history of black baseball in Fort Wayne. (The History Center)

**Exhibition: Unmasked: The Anti-Lynching Exhibits of 1935 and Community Remembrance in Indiana**
Feb. 6-16, South Bend – This exhibition offers a powerful look into two competing artistic responses to racial violence during the 1930s, with lessons for our world today. (Civil Rights Heritage Center)

**Valentines Workshop**
Feb. 10, Franklin – Learn about the history of Valentine’s Day, see beautiful historic valentines for inspiration, and then create a holiday masterpiece of your own. (Johnson County Museum of History)

**Conversations in Indiana African American History and Culture**
Feb. 15, Indianapolis – Leon Bates, local historian, veteran, and educator, will present a talk on the life of Lieutenant Colonel Joseph H. Ward, M.D. (Freetown Village; event at Indiana Landmarks Center)

**Chew on This: What’s on Your Plate?**
Feb. 21, multiple locations – Share a meal from a local restaurant at one of eight locations for a fun, insightful conversation about what we consume, how we consume, and the impact of what we put on our plates. (Indiana Humanities)

**Victorian Tea**
March 2, Franklin – Take part in an afternoon tea and enjoy a presentation from Marsha Miller about the suffragists of Indiana. (Johnson County Museum of History)

**Whitewater Canal Symposium and CSI Annual Meeting**
April 13, Connersville – The day will feature an exciting program lineup that explores the Whitewater valley, canal and railroad. (Canal Society of Indiana; event at the Fayette County Historical Museum)

**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.

**Securing the Vote: Women’s Suffrage in Indiana**
Through Feb. 25, Clinton (Clinton Public Library)

**Groundbreaking Black Hoosiers**
Through Feb. 25, Rensselaer (Jasper County Public Library)

**Local Speech, Global Reach**
Through Feb. 29, Indianapolis (St. Luke’s United Methodist Church)

**Indiana Through the Mapmaker’s Eye**
Through March 3, Columbia City (Whitley County Historical Museum)

### Indiana Historical Society Spotlight

#### NEW EXHIBIT
**The Past in our Present – Protest**
Feb. 3-Oct. 25 – The newest display in the Past in our Present rotating gallery explores the history of “protest” in our state.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS
**Power and Impact of the Black Press**
Feb. 6 – Join prominent historians in a panel discussion on the importance of Black newspapers to the construction of the historical narrative.

**Library Show-and-Tell**

**Stories from the Stacks: Indiana’s Circus History**
Feb. 17 – Get a special look at the collections of the Indiana Historical Society on the topic of circus history.

#### 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 NHDI team and learn more about judging for NHDI.

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**What We're Reading This Week**
RESOURCES AND NEWS FROM THE FIELD
Nominations are due March 1 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. (AASLH)

A Spanish translation of Making History at 250: The Field Guide for the Semiquincentennial is now available. This resource includes guiding themes to help the history community prepare exhibits, programs, and events for 2026. Download the Field Guide in Spanish or English.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION
Out of sight: How museums can harness the blind perspective to enrich visitor experiences. (AAM)

AUDIENCE AND COMMUNITY
The power of event legacy and how to create one. (Nonprofit Learning Lab)

LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT
Three strategies for introducing new technology in your nonprofit. (Nonprofit Leadership Alliance)

Navigating your life with purposeful leadership. (Forbes)

NEED A BREAK?
This Groundhog Day, find out the ancient origins of the modern celebration. (Library of Congress)

Craving the sun? This collection offers prismatic ways of understanding our relationship to the sun from art to astronomy to solar energy. (Smithsonian)

An astounding composite of 90,000 images unveils the sun’s hidden atmosphere. (This is Colossal)

Learning Opportunities

Prepare for ‘Black History Month’, 1983 (Indianapolis Recorder Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

FREE WEBINARS & VIRTUAL LEARNING
Sharing Our Human-Centered Workplace Practices Will Uplift Us All
Feb. 7 – Micah Parzen, CEO of the Museum of Us, will lead a webinar/workshop combo to share his recent work on the creation of a human-centered workplace. (MuseumExpert)
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)

AACHAF Conversation Series: Institution & Stewardship  
Feb. 13 – Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. unpacks the legacy work of stewarding historic Black churches alongside four Action Fund partners representing sacred sites across the country. (National Trust for Historic Preservation)

VIRTUAL TRAINING  
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)

Donor Engagement, Donor Retention  
Feb. 8 – This webinar will explore a range of practical, effective strategies designed to engage your donors meaningfully. $19.74. (Lilly Family School of Philanthropy)

Strategies for Born-Digital Collections  
Feb. 8 – Learn about how to develop or refine your organization's collecting and preservation practices for content originating in a digital form. $95. (NEDCC)

Mexican and Chicano Genealogy Webinar  
Feb. 10 – Dive into records from Mexico and the American Southwest and learn key research strategies in this all-day genealogy seminar. $40. (Wisconsin Historical Society)

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)

Digitization for Small Institutions  
Feb. 15 – This session covers the basics of project planning, equipment selection, digitization preparation, and more. $125; $100 members. (Lyrasis)

IN-PERSON TRAINING  
Small Museum Association Annual Conference  
Feb. 19-21, Richmond, Va. – Attend sessions on topics ranging from collections and education to staffing and board issues. $300. (SMA)

Funding Available
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPOTLIGHT

Challenge America Grants

Due April 25 – Challenge America offers support primarily to small organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved groups/communities. Challenge America features an abbreviated application, a robust structure of technical assistance, and grants for a set amount of $10,000. (National Endowment for the Arts)

UPCOMING DEADLINES

2024 AAM Annual Meeting & MuseumExpo Scholarships

Due Feb. 2 (AAM)
Community Development Block Grants: Planning Grants
Due Feb. 16 (Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs)

Collections Assessment for Preservation Program
Due Feb. 28 (American Institute for Conservation)

Historic Preservation Education Grants
Due Feb. 29 (Indiana Humanities and Indiana Landmarks)

INcommon Grants
Due Feb. 29 (Indiana Humanities)

Center for Collections Care at Beloit College Scholarships
Due March 1 (Beloit College – Beloit, Wis.)

Historic Preservation Fund – Semiquincentennial Grant Program
Due March 5 (National Park Service)

Local & Regional Job Openings
Asphalt Paving, ca. 1910 (Indiana Historical Society, P0411)

LOCAL

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

Mennonite Historical Library Curator
Goshen – Goshen College

Director of Archives and Special Collections
Muncie – Ball State University-University Libraries

REGIONAL

Associate Director of Education
Springfield, Ill. – Illinois State Museum

KHS America250KY Commission Manager
Frankfort, Ky. – Kentucky Historical Society
Historian
Hodgenville, Ky. – Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park, National Park Service

Communications Coordinator
St. Louis, Mo. – Missouri Historical Society

Community Programs and Engagement Manager
Milwaukee, Wis. – Milwaukee County Historical Society

Orphans Corner

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