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Updates from Local History Services

Band Stand, Columbian Park, La Fayette, Ind.

Band Stand, Columbian Park, Lafayette, 1890s (Indiana Historical Society, P0391)

REGIONAL MEETING IN TIPPECANOЕ COUNTY – THE U.S. 250th

March 13 – 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (EST)
Tippecanoe County Historical Association History Center
Join the Indiana Historical Society’s Local History Services Department and Indiana Humanities for a free in-person regional meeting on the topic of the upcoming U.S. Semiquincentennial. We’ll discuss news about planning at the state and national level and brainstorm local ideas.

**Free to attend; please RSVP to [localhistoryservices@indianahistory.org](mailto:localhistoryservices@indianahistory.org).**

**HERITAGE SUPPORT GRANTS BONUS CYCLE**

Apply by March 29 – 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. Projects must take place between May 20 and Sept. 30, 2024. This will be the only round of Heritage Support Grants offered this year.

Heritage Support Grants are provided by the Indiana Historical Society and made possible by Lilly Endowment Inc.

**Learn more and apply today!**

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**Around Indiana**

*Aerial View Looking North on Indiana Avenue, 1932* (Bass Photo Co. Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

**NEWS**

In 2023, Indiana Landmarks awarded more than $2 million from the Sacred Places Indiana Fund to support preservation at seven historic churches around the state. (Indiana Landmarks)

Honoring Black History in Indianapolis: [What happened to Indiana Avenue?](https://www.fox59.com) (Fox 59)
The English Civic Club plans to rehabilitate a 127-year-old mill in the old English town in Crawford County. (WBIW)

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.

Roberts Settlement: Our Roots, Our Legacy
Feb. 23, Carmel – Learn about the fascinating history behind Hamilton County’s Roberts Settlement, a community founded by free Black families in the 1830s. (Carmel Clay Public Library)

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)

Voices from the Past: Storyteller Series – The History of Indianapolis’ Black Hospitals
Feb. 24, Franklin – Norma Erickson, Education Manager at the Indiana Medical History Museum, will give a talk on the history of Black hospitals in Indianapolis. (Johnson County Museum of History)

Grants and Tax Incentives for Historic Buildings
Feb. 24, La Porte – Learn how to get grants and tax incentives for preserving historic buildings. (Preserve Historic La Porte)

Ancestor Hunters: Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors
Feb. 26, Muncie – Karen Good will discuss genealogy strategies for identifying immigrant ancestors. (Delaware County Historical Society)

Movie Night with the EAAM: Origin
Feb. 27, Evansville – Join the Evansville African American Museum for a private showing of the movie Origin, directed by Ava DuVernay. (Event at Showplace East)

Black Quilters: Hard Topics, Soft Blows
March 2, Bloomington – Dr. Tony Jean Dickerson will discuss the history and the artistry of African American quilters. (Monroe County History Center)

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)

The Vera Bradley Story
March 3, Fort Wayne – Hear the story of two determined Fort Wayne women who became successful entrepreneurs at an unlikely time. (The History Center)

If These Walls Could Tell: Bottleworks
March 3, Indianapolis – Indiana Landmarks and Storytelling Arts of Indiana present a story on the transformation of Indianapolis’s former Coca-Cola Bottling Plant. (Indiana Landmarks Center)

Woodworking Basics
March 6, South Bend – Learn basic skills for tackling wood-related restoration projects like baseboard, trim, and porch repairs. (Indiana Landmarks; event at Our Lady of the Road)
HYPstory: *Jumanji*

March 8, Franklin – Learn about the history of board games and the classic children's book *Jumanji*, and then see *Jumanji* at the The Historic Artcraft Theatre. (Johnson County Museum of History)

Lunch and Learn: Fire Insurance Maps Online

March 14, Indianapolis – Bring your lunch and learn about fire insurance maps and the Indiana State Library’s Fire Insurance Maps Online database. (Indiana State Library)

Ancestry Lock-in

March 15, Frankfort – Staff members will be on-hand to assist participants in using Ancestry Library Edition, and the public computers will be available for use. (Frankfort Community Public Library)

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Indiana Historical Society Spotlight

FROM THE BLOG

**Library Lovers Month**

See some great images from our digital collections of librarians in action in the libraries they (hopefully) loved.

**Sewers and Privies and Outhouses, Oh My!**

The history of sewers in Indianapolis is, well, a messy one.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Library Show-and-Tell**


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VOLUNTEER FOR NATIONAL HISTORY DAY IN INDIANA

The 2024 National History Day in Indiana contests are happening around the state, and we are seeking volunteer judges. Learn more and sign up today!

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What We're Reading This Week
RESOURCES AND NEWS FROM THE FIELD
Museums Advocacy Day is happening next week, but you don’t have to be in Washington, D.C. to make the case for museums. AAM has advocacy tools and resources you can use to join the cause and speak up for museums. (AAM)

Nominations are due March 1 for the 2024 Leadership in History Awards. (AASLH)

Assessing the usefulness of ChatGPT in crafting interpretive public history content. (NCPH)

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION
The National Park Service Park History Program is creating the Disability History Handbook, a multi-authored anthology slated for publication in late 2024. Here, they discuss the process, community, and collaborations. (NCPH)

AUDIENCE AND COMMUNITY
VolunteerPro shares how they build connections and engage volunteers online. (VolunteerPro)

13 effective tips to generate free and positive press for your nonprofit. (Forbes)

FUNDRAISING
Nonprofit prospect research: how to effectively expand your donor base. (Classy)
Payment processing for nonprofits: streamline donations and boost revenue. (The ENGAGE Blog)

LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT
Preparing your team for a year of intense political polarization. (Harvard Business Review)

5 must dos + pitfalls to avoid when it comes to leading change. (Suzi McAlpine)

NEED A BREAK?
From Fonzie’s jacket to a Six Million Dollar Man lunchbox and beyond, go back 50 years to explore items in the Smithsonian’s collections related to 1974. (Smithsonian)

Get lost in 70 years of old IKEA catalogs in their online archives. (Bloomberg)

See 10 really old shoes found in archaeological excavations around the world. (Live Science)

And learn how 10 classic foods made their way to America. (Mental Floss)

Learning Opportunities

Beauty Trade Show, 1962 (Madam C.J. Walker Supplemental Collection, Indiana Historical Society)
FREE WEBINARS & VIRTUAL LEARNING
Web Archiving: How-To
Feb. 26 – Unlock the essential skills for preserving websites in your archive. (Backlog)

AASLH History Hour
Feb. 27 – Join a free and informal conversation and networking event about volunteer programs, language accessibility, community needs, and history organizations. (AASLH)

Next Narratives: Outside/Inside
Feb. 27 – Four presenters will do a deep dive into the complexities of museum narratives and share their perspectives on successes, missteps, and still vexing challenges. (MuseumExpert)

Working with Facilities to Create a Fuller Picture of Your Collection Environment
Feb. 29 – Learn how you can work with facilities to create a better understanding of your building. (Connecting to Collections Care)

60 Ideas in 60 Minutes: Museum Philanthropy & Membership Post Pandemic
Recorded – A panel of national museum development leaders share insights about fundraising and membership programs that ensure their institutions’ futures. (AAM)

VIRTUAL TRAINING
Digitizing Scrapbooks
Feb. 27 – Learn about digitizing scrapbooks, photo albums, and other unique bound items. $45. (NEDCC)

Collections Care Intensive
March 11-19 – This course, with options for online-only participation as well as in-person, is structured to help you address the ten agents of deterioration. $80 for the online workshop. (CCAHA)

March 19-21 – This three-day workshop will provide participants with a basic but solid foundation of nonprofit financial management and leadership. $89. (Friends of the Texas Historical Commission)

Funding Available
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPOTLIGHT

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. (FAIC)

NCPH Diversity Travel Award
Due March 1 – Four $500 travel grants are available to support attendance at the NCPH Annual Meeting for representatives of minority-supporting institutions, including but not limited to universities, museums, historic sites, and other organizations that base their primary work in supporting marginalized communities through public history broadly defined. (NCPH)

Cox Funds for the Preservation of African American Heritage Sites in Indiana
Due April 1 – Applications are open for two funds created to honor the legacy of an Eli Lilly chemist by providing grants to organizations working to preserve significant African American landmarks in Indiana. (Indiana Landmarks)

UPCOMING DEADLINES

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.)

21st Century Museum Professionals Program
Due March 1 (IMLS)

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

Arts Project Support Grants
Due March 7; Draft Review Deadline Feb. 23 (Indiana Arts Commission)

Digital Accelerator for Arts & Culture
Due March 13 (Bloomberg Philanthropies)

SIA Foundation Capital Projects Grants
Due March 31 (SIA Foundation)

Local & Regional Job Openings

Shoe Store, ca. 1910 (Indiana Historical Society, P0226)

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

Director, Exhibitions
Indianapolis – Indiana Historical Society
Assistant, Development  
Indianapolis – Indiana Historical Society

Executive Director  
Evansville – Reitz Home Museum

Depot Manager (Part-Time)  
Salem – The John Hay Center

REGIONAL
Historic Preservation Specialist  
Chicago, Ill. – Federal Emergency Management Agency

Archivist  
Frankfort, Ky. – Education & Labor Cabinet, Department for Libraries and Archives

Research Library Manager  
Frankfort, Ky. – Kentucky Historical Society

African American History Archivist  
Cleveland, Ohio – Western Reserve Historical Society

Corporate & Philanthropic History Archivist  
Cleveland, Ohio – Western Reserve Historical Society

Digital Collections Specialist  
Cleveland, Ohio – Western Reserve Historical Society

PAID INTERNSHIPS IN INDIANA
Governor's Summer Intern – IARA State Archives  
Indianapolis – Indiana Archives and Records Administration

Summer Internships  
Indianapolis – Indiana Landmarks

Education Assistant Internship  
Lincoln City – American Conservation Experience: Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial

Orphans Corner

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