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Updates from Local History Services
FREE VIRTUAL BROWN BAG
The U.S. 250th: We the People
April 24, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. (Eastern) – Join us on Zoom for a moderated panel discussion on the topic of “We the People.” The discussion will last approximately one hour, with an additional half hour for audience Q&A. Register here.

Around Indiana

Lake Central Airlines, 1951 (Indiana Historical Society, P0569)

NEWS
Nominations are due April 15 for the Sandi Servaas Memorial Award, which recognizes outstanding achievement in historic preservation, and for the 2024 John Arnold Award for Rural Preservation, which recognizes the preservation and continued agricultural use of historic farm buildings in Indiana. (Indiana Landmarks)

The Allen County Public Library’s Community Album has launched the Doc West Concert Collection, dedicated to preserving local rock and roll history in the Fort Wayne area. (Fox 55)

Indiana University’s Lilly Library is home to 16,000 miniature books. (Indiana Public Media)

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.
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)

Pieces of Me: One Family’s Story of Apartheid South Africa  
April 14, Bloomington – Discover Bo Petersen's family secrets in a riveting one-woman performance. (Monroe County History Center)

Spring Artisan Fair and Plow Day  
April 14, La Porte – Over 20 artisans will be at the Museum selling their unique pieces, and the La Porte County Draft Horse Association will demonstrate plowing the old fashioned way. (La Porte County Historical Society Museum)

Trivia Night  
April 16, La Porte – Test your knowledge of La Porte County. There will be a variety of questions asked so everyone can join in. (La Porte County Historical Society Museum)

Genealogy Bus Trip to Allen County Public Library  
April 17, departing from Michigan City and La Porte – Take a genealogy research trip to the Allen County Public Library. (Event from the LaPorte County Genealogical Society and the Michigan City Library)

Exhibit Opening: Building a Foundation: 100 Years of Masonic Temple History  
April 18, Franklin – To celebrate the building’s centennial, the museum is opening a brand new exhibit about its history. (Johnson County Museum of History)

Historic Trades Classes  
Various dates, April 19 to June 1, Delphi – Learn how to weave, cook, work wool, and much more from skilled artisans in a historic village setting. (Wabash and Erie Canal)

Exhibit Opening: Calumet Voices, National Stories  
April 19, Hammond – Discover the Calumet region’s hidden gems and spectacular sites. (Field Museum and the Calumet Heritage Area; exhibit at the Indiana Welcome Center)

Mary Stewart Carey and the Origins of the State Flag  
April 20, Greensburg – The 2024 Annual Dinner and Program will be presented by Author David B. Reddick. Register by April 12. (Historical Society of Decatur County; event at First Baptist Church)

Where in Indiana are These Landscape Photos  
April 21, Irvington – Ed Fujawa, author of Vanished Indianapolis, will share how mysterious places can sometimes be identified by the bridges, roads, waterways, and buildings they depict. (Irvington Historical Society)

Historical Society of Harrison County 20th Birthday Party  
April 23, Corydon – See highlights and accomplishments of the organization’s past 20 years. (Event at the Wright Interpretive Center)

Spring Swing Mini Golf Tournament  
April 24, Wabash – This a four-person team event supporting the museum's education fund. (Wabash County Museum)

INconversation with Dr. Tiya Miles  
April 25, Indianapolis – Dr. Tiya Miles is the award-winning author of All That She Carried:
The Journey of Ashley's Sack, a Black Family Keepsake. (Indiana Humanities; event at the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art)

Wine, Cheese, and All That Jazz
April 27, Franklin – Enjoy wines from local wineries, a variety of cheeses, live jazz music, a silent auction, and more. (Johnson County Museum of History)

Indiana Historical Society Spotlight

NEW EXHIBIT
RESIST! Notre Dame Students Stand Up to the KKK
Opening April 13 – At the height of the power of the Ku Klux Klan in May of 1924, they planned a rally in the city of South Bend, Ind. The city is home to a large concentration of Jewish and Catholic residents and the University of Notre Dame, where many Catholic students attended. This set up a major flashpoint between the KKK and a religious group they had villainized and persecuted. This exhibit will seek to help visitors understand key questions and realities around the Ku Klux Klan's (KKK) rise to power in Indiana. It will also feature how people resisted and raised questions about how to combat hate.

FROM THE BLOG
Discovering Notre Dame's Latin American Students, est. 1851
Notre Dame was founded in 1842, and chartered in 1844. From 1850-1883, Latin American students and cultural studies were a part of its curriculum before 1900.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Library Show-and-Tell
April 27 – Join the librarians of the William H. Smith Memorial Library for an informal conversation about unique objects in the Indiana Historical Society collections.

2024 Independent Bookstore Day
April 27 – Celebrate Independent Bookstore Day with the Basile History Market! The day will include special book discounts, author signings and free admission to IHS.

What We're Reading This Week
DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION
What needs to change about DEI – and what doesn’t. (Harvard Business Review)

AUDIENCE AND COMMUNITY
9 popular types of social media content to grow your brand. (Sprout Social)

FUNDRAISING
How to get funding for a nonprofit: tips on tapping into 12 top funding sources. (Wild Apricot)
10 summer fundraising ideas for a lasting impact. (Firespring)

LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT
85% of new people managers receive no formal training. This is why you can't fake it. (Fast Company)

Learning from the Double Diamond: how divergent and convergent thinking can improve collaboration and problem-solving in museums. (AAM)

How to make wise decisions. (LeadershipNow)

NEED A BREAK?
Toward a unifying theory of lake monsters: cryptids represent what lies beneath the surface of the familiar. (Atlas Obscura)

From a giant catfish to the Beast of Busco, Indiana has its own share of lake monsters – here are some Hoosier cryptids and where to find them. (IU Libraries)

Learn how the “Father of Indiana History” is connected to an 1834 reported sighting of a monster at Lake Manitou. (Ray Boomhower)

10 weird things found at the bottom of the Great Lakes. (Listverse)

Learning Opportunities

FREE WEBINARS & VIRTUAL LEARNING

Fairview Hotel, Lake Manitou, [sic] Rochester, Indiana, ca. 1910 (Indiana Historical Society, P0408)
Encoded Archival Description [EAD]
April 15 – Explore the fundamentals of EAD encoding and learn how it facilitates the organization and accessibility of archival finding aids. (Backlog)

Inclusivity Essentials: Creating Accessible Websites for Nonprofits
April 16 – Learn how to ensure that your website is welcoming to all audiences by using accessibility features and complying with ADA standards. (TechSoup)

Museums Today: NAGPRA Compliance, Meaningful Collaboration, and Transparency in Exhibitions
April 17 – A discussion on the ethical responsibilities of museum professionals grappling with problematic collecting and exhibition practices. (George Washington University Museum)

Modern Tips to Boost Donor Acquisition
April 17 – Learn how to manage data, communications, fundraising, and other tasks to improve donor acquisition. (Bloomerang)

Understanding Dew Point
April 18 – Learn about the basics of understanding dew point and how it relates to relative humidity in a collections environment. (DHPSNY)

NAGPRA Program: Notices under NAGPRA
April 19 – This webinar is part of the National NAGPRA Program’s series of webinars on the new regulations. (National Park Service)

AASLH History Hour: Research and Action at History Organizations
April 23 – Join colleagues to discuss the connection between research and action at history organizations. (AASLH)

IN-PERSON TRAINING
IGS 2024 Annual Seminar and Conference
April 19 and 20, Fort Wayne – The conference will feature eight sessions by local Indiana genealogists, and extended research hours in the Genealogy Center. (Indiana Genealogical Society; event at the Allen County Public Library)

Association of Midwest Museums and OMA Conference
July 31-Aug. 3, Columbus, Ohio – Registration is now open for the 2024 AMM and Ohio Museums Association joint conference. A virtual option is also available on July 24. (AMM)

Funding Available
Ferry on the Ohio River, ca. 1885-1895 (Indiana Historical Society, M0945)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPOTLIGHT

Advancing Racial Equity Collection Development Grants
Due April 19 – These grants support libraries, schools and community organizations in adding diverse books and materials to their circulating collections. (Indiana Humanities)

Public Impact Projects at Smaller Organizations
Due June 12; optional draft due May 8 – These awards support a variety of activities that focus on enriching interpretive strategies, strengthening interpretive skill sets or enhancing community engagement with public-facing programs. (NEH)

UPCOMING DEADLINES

Spark Good Local Grants
Due April 15 (Walmart)

Recordings at Risk Grants
Due April 17 (CLIR)

Challenge America Grants
Due April 25 (National Endowment for the Arts)

Wilma Gibbs Moore Fellowships
Due April 30 (Indiana Humanities)

Local & Regional Job Openings
The Indiana Historical Society is hiring!
See open positions here.

Director of Development
Auburn – Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum

Assistant Archivist
Bloomington – Black Film Center & Archive, Indiana University

Collections and Outreach Manager
Indianapolis – Indiana State Library

Associate Director of Experience & Education
Muncie – Minnetrista Museum & Gardens

Vincennes Historic Site Manager
Vincennes – Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites

REGIONAL

Museum Educator
Rockford, Ill. – Midway Village

Museum Educator
Cedar Rapids, Iowa – African American Museum of Iowa

Chief Executive Officer
Detroit, Mich. – Motown Museum
Senior Project Manager  
St. Paul, Minn. – Minnesota Historical Society

Archivist  
Dayton, Ohio – Wright State University

Technical Preservation Coordinator  
Nashville, Tenn. – State Historic Preservation Office

PAID INTERNSHIPS
Museum Education Intern  
Cleveland, Ohio – International Women’s Air & Space Museum

Orphans Corner

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