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## Updates from Local History Services



[Creek Landscape, ca. 1900](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0003)

## FALL INTO FUNDRAISING

It's that time of year! [#GivingTuesday](#) and the holiday season are just around the corner, and it's a great time to think about our fundraising plans. Here are a few resources to help you prepare:

### Recorded Webinars from Local History Services:

- [Annual Fund Building a Program that Fits Your Organization](#)
- [Direct Mail Solicitation](#)
- [The Fundraising Cycle](#)

### Books from our Lending Resource Center:

Indiana history organizations and historians can borrow these and other books at no charge from our [Lending Resource Center](#), and we'll even ship them to you! Email [localhistoryservices@indianahistory.org](mailto:localhistoryservices@indianahistory.org) to borrow a book.

- *Beyond the Bake Sale: Fundraising for Local History Organizations* by Jamie Simek
- *A Practical Guide to Fundraising for Small Museums: Maximizing the Marketing-Development Connection* by Sheldon Wolf
- *The Fundraising Planner: A Working Model for Raising the Dollars You Need* by Terry and Doug Schaff

## THE U.S. 250th: POWER OF PLACE – VIRTUAL PRESENTATION

**Nov. 12, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. (Eastern)** – Join us on Zoom for a [moderated panel discussion on the topic of “Power of Place”](#) – reexamining ideas about our natural and built environments as well as when and where we find our country's history. The discussion will last approximately one hour, with an additional half hour for audience Q&A. **FREE to attend.** [Register here.](#)

*This free virtual brown bag is part of a series brought to you by the Indiana Historical Society's Local History Services Department and Indiana Humanities as we begin to prepare for the U.S. 250th.*

**Around Indiana**



[T. C. Steele Painting on a Hill Top, ca. 1915](#) (Indiana Historical Society, M1303)

## NEWS

The IU South Bend Civil Rights Heritage Center has [joined the National Parks Service's African American Civil Rights Network](#). Learn more about the AACRN [here](#). (Civil Rights Heritage Center)

Levi and Catharine Coffin have been [inducted into the National Abolition Hall of Fame](#). (Travel Indiana)

How [Greek Revival architecture](#) took root in southeast Indiana. (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.*

### [Miami Indian Heritage Days – Traders Days](#)

**Nov. 2-3, Fort Wayne** – Shop for traditional crafts, goods and wares, and enjoy hands-on demonstrations and interactive educational programs. Free. (Chief Richardville House, or *akima pinšiwā awiiki*)

### [The Mills and of Gypsies, Vesuvius, Elephants, and Buffalo Bill](#)

**Nov. 3, Anderson** – Stephen T. Jackson will share stories from his book, *If the River Could Talk*. (Madison County Historical Society)

### [A Cautionary Tale of 'Truth' In Legislation](#)

**Nov. 3, Fort Wayne** – Andrew Downs will discuss how people have many opportunities to suggest new laws to Indiana's part-time legislature. (The History Center)

### [Gallery Talk: Overbeck Pottery](#)

**Nov. 5, Elkhart** – Randy Roberts, Assistant Curator at the Midwest Museum of American Art, will present this month's Gallery Talk. (Ruthmere)

### [Fact or Fiction: Historic Districts](#)

**Nov. 6, New Castle** – New Castle Main Street hosts an educational discussion on local, state, and national historic districts. (Indiana Landmarks)

[Italianate and Second Empire in Indianapolis](#)

**Nov. 7, Indianapolis** – Join author Dr. James Glass for an illustrated talk on Italianate and Second Empire styles in Indianapolis's architecture from 1850 to 1880. (Indiana Landmarks)

[Lunch and Learn: Early Census Questionnaires 1790 to 1860](#)

**Nov. 7, Indianapolis** – Attendees will get a peek at questions asked in the earliest U.S. censuses and discover the history of the questionnaires. (Indiana State Library)

[Artisan Market](#)

**Nov. 9, Franklin** – This market held at the museum will feature a wide selection of local artists selling their work. (Johnson County Museum)

[Tea & Talk: Gene Stratton-Porter: The Legend of the Limberlost](#)

**Nov. 13, Muncie** – Hear about the life and legacy of the iconic Hoosier Gene Stratton-Porter. (Minnetrissa Museum & Gardens)

[Fort Wayne's Harvester History](#)

**Nov. 14, Indianapolis and Online** – An illustrated talk will highlight the automotive legacy of International Harvester. (Indiana Landmarks)

## 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.*

***The Great War: From Ration Lines to the Front Lines***

Through Dec. 2, Columbia City ([Whitley County Historical Museum](#))

## Indiana Historical Society Spotlight

### FROM THE BLOG

[Whodunit? IHS has – since 2017!](#)

This year was our seventh live murder mystery event based on a real Indiana murder. Learn about the magic behind the mystery and why we love this event.

### UNBOUND PODCAST

[Marble and Limestone and Golden Unicorns OH MY!: Architecture in Indiana](#)

Join Casey and Regan on a journey through some Indiana architecture.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

[UnbeLEAFable \(Early Childhood Program\)](#)

**Nov. 2** – This 45-minute session for preschoolers includes interactive story time with movement and multi-sensory station explorations.

[Having Our Story Told: Preserving LGBTQ+ History](#)

**Nov. 9** – Queer Hoosiers and allies are welcome to gather in an afternoon of sharing gratitude and honoring the lives of past generations through history and reflection.



## What We're Reading This Week



[Squirrel, n.d.](#) (Bass Photo Co. Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

### RESOURCES AND NEWS FROM THE FIELD

The National Council on Public History is accepting [nominations for annual awards](#) that recognize excellence in the diverse ways public historians apply their skills to the world around us. **Nominations are due Dec. 1.** (NCPH)

[Museum Store Sunday](#) is **Dec. 1**, and your museum can participate in this global advocacy campaign that communicates the value and importance of museum stores. [Sign up here.](#) (Museum Store Association)

Recent research from the museum field has shed light on [organizational culture in museums](#), the problems museum leaders are identifying, and how they are addressing them. (Museum Questions)

Learn about [projection mapping](#), a tool to engage museum visitors. (Engaging Places)

### U.S. 250 NEWS AND RESOURCES

The National Archives recently announced the [Declaration 250 initiative](#) that will feature exhibitions, programs, and other activities around the Declaration of Independence. (National Archives)

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

What makes a successful [museum land acknowledgment](#)? (Hyperallergic)

## **MARKETING**

How to [get media to cover your nonprofit](#). (Candid)

Nonprofit [marketing basics](#): establish a strong foundation. (Firespring)

## **FUNDRAISING**

Top 10 strategies to [transform reluctant fundraisers](#) into ready philanthropy facilitators. (Clairification)

How museums are [boosting online revenue](#) in 2024. (MuseumNext)

## **LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**

The secret to [becoming a better manager](#). (Harvard Business Review)

How to design [curriculum for a volunteer orientation](#). (Nonprofit Learning Lab)

## **NEED A BREAK?**

Check out the finalists of the [2024 Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards](#). (This is Colossal)

The [wild true stories](#) behind the 21 funniest animal photos of all time. (The Guardian)

Go chasing waterfalls with these [15 awe-inspiring images](#), and check out some of [Indiana's fascinating waterfalls](#). (Smithsonian Magazine; Indy with Kids)

Don't get dysentery! The [Oregon Trail video game will be adapted into a comedy movie](#). (Mental Floss)

# Learning Opportunities



[\*Hawk and His Pals, 1969\*](#) (Indianapolis Recorder Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

## FREE WEBINARS & VIRTUAL LEARNING

### [Midwest Museums Connect Meetup](#)

**Nov. 1** – Hear from Rebecca Shulman, founder of Museum Questions Consulting, who earlier this year conducted a study on organizational culture at museums. (Association of Midwest Museums)

### [Museum Leadership](#)

**Nov. 4** – Hear from AMM award winner Bethany Hrachovec about her approach to program and people management, and gather advice on ways to develop the next generation of museum professionals. (Association of Midwest Museums)

### [Scouting the Scouts: Creating Quality Scout Badge Programs](#)

**Nov. 7** – Learn how one museum successfully incorporates scout programming. (Texas Historical Commission)

### [Natural History Collections and Repatriation: When Does NAGPRA Apply?](#)

**Nov. 7** – Join the Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections for an information session about repatriation and how it relates to natural history collections. (SPNHC and partners)

### [Building an Equity-Based Preservation Plan Through Community Engagement](#)

**Nov. 14** – Hear from preservation planners and community members about their experiences and how to implement their strategies in your community. (National Trust for Historic Preservation)

### [Keeping the Groove: Caring for Grooved Audio Media](#)

**Nov. 14** – Learn about effective preservation strategies tailored specifically for these unique formats. (Connecting to Collections Care)

## VIRTUAL TRAINING

### [Interpreting Energy at Museums and Historic Sites](#)

**Nov. 7** – Learn about how interpreting the power generated by wood, coal, steam, animals, and other sources throughout history can enhance understandings of contemporary energy issues. \$45; \$25 members. (AASLH)

### [10 Practical Steps for Getting Started with Digital Preservation](#)

**Nov. 12** – Learn about 10 tips to help move your digital preservation program and its practices forward. \$95. (NEDCC)

### [Building the Total Value Budget](#)

**Nov. 12** – Learn about a step-by-step framework for crafting an unbeatable project budget. \$69. (GrantStation)

### [Building Impactful Relationships with Community Partners](#)

**Nov. 13** – Learn how to advocate effectively for your institution by building and nurturing relationships with key community partners. \$45; \$25 members. (Virginia Association of Museums)

### [Challenges and Solutions for Interpreting Enslavement in the North](#)

**Nov. 19** – Hear case studies and learn about the The Northern Slavery Collective. \$45; \$25 members. (AASLH)

### [Putting It All Together: Preparing for 2026 at Small History Organizations](#)

**Nov. 21** – Learn about the Making History at 250 field guide and how to effectively apply these tools to your site or organization. \$65; \$45 members. (AASLH)

## IN-PERSON TRAINING

### [Society of Indiana Archivists 2024 Fall Workshop](#)

**Nov. 8, Noblesville** – The Fall Workshop will focus on the topic of moving archival collections and all the trials, tribulations, and occasional triumphs that come with this task. (SIA)

**Funding Available**





[Possum Hollow Williamsport Falls, ca. 1915](#) (Indiana Historical Society, M0225)

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPOTLIGHT

### [Museum Grants from IMLS](#)

**Due Nov. 15** – Grants for museums are available from Institute of Museum and Library Services, including:

- Inspire! Grants for Small Museums
- Museum Grants for African American History and Culture
- Museums for America
- Museum Grants for American Latino History and Culture
- National Leadership Grants for Museums
- Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services Program

### [Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions](#)

**Due Jan. 9** – Preservation Assistance Grants help small and mid-sized organizations preserve and manage humanities collections, ensuring their significance for a variety of users, by building their capacity to identify and address physical and intellectual preservation risks. (NEH)

## UPCOMING DEADLINES

### [Archival Projects Grants](#)

**Due Nov. 7** (National Archives)

### [Publishing Historical Records in Collaborative Digital Editions Grants](#)

**Due Nov. 7** (National Archives)

### [Building Upgrades Inspiring Local Transformation \(BUILT Nonprofits\) Funding Opportunity](#)

**Due Nov. 12** (U.S. Department of Energy)

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

**Due Nov. 15** (Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs)

### [Museum Grants from the Institute of Museum and Library Services](#)

**Due Nov. 15** (IMLS)

[Indiana State Library Bicentennial Research Fellowship](#)

**Due Nov. 26** (Indiana State Library)

## Local & Regional Job Openings



[Fishing at Hindostan Falls, Indiana, 1900](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0046)

### LOCAL

**The Indiana Historical Society is hiring!**

See open positions [here](#).

[Education Coordinator](#)

**Bloomington** – Indiana University Museum of Archeology & Anthropology

[Director of Interpretation](#)

**Fishers** – Conner Prairie

[Museum Assistant](#) (Part-Time)

**Franklin** – Johnson County Museum

[Architectural Reviewer](#)

**Indianapolis** – Indianapolis Historic Preservation Commission

[Museum Educator \(Local/Regional Black History Emphasis\)](#)

**New Albany** – The Floyd County Library

[Archivist](#)

**Saint Mary-of-the-Woods** – Sisters of Providence

## REGIONAL

### [Director](#)

**Independence, Mo.** – Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum, National Archives

### [Public Relations Specialist](#)

**St. Louis, Mo.** – Missouri Historical Society

### [Manuscripts Archivist](#)

**Bowling Green, Ohio** – Center for Archival Collections, Bowling Green State University

### [Curator](#)

**Dayton, Ohio** – Veteran Administration's History Office, the National VA History Center Archives, and the NVAHC Museum

### [Museum Events Coordinator](#)

**Townsend, Tenn.** – Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center

### [Web Designer](#)

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

## 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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