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Updates from Local History Services



[Fall Creek Station Aerial, ca. 1940s](#) (Indiana Historical Society, M1400)

RECORDING OF U.S. 250: POWER OF PLACE

Missed the virtual brown bag on Nov. 12 but interested in seeing the panel discussion? See the recording [here](#). Passcode: =AT?7PXw

Panelists Autumn Brunelle and Elizabeth Kryder-Reid shared about their work in environmental education and history, and discussed human impact in the environment, Indigenous peoples' past and present connection to places and environments, how cultural organizations can consider place when developing programs, and more.

Additional Resources from the Discussion

Here are some of the resources discussed during the meeting:

- [A Guide to Indigenous Land Acknowledgment](#)
- [Resources from Illuminative](#)
- [Changing the Narrative about Native Americans: A Guide for Allies](#)
- [Indy Toxic Heritage: Pollution, Place, and Power](#)
- [Dirty Laundry: The Toxic Heritage of Dry Cleaning in Indianapolis, Indiana](#)
- [Indianapolis Toxic Heritage StoryMaps](#)

Around Indiana



[New Harmony on the Wabash, 1839](#) (Indiana Historical Society)

NEWS

The Indiana DNR-DHPA has announced the [recipients of its annual Indiana Archaeology and Indiana Historic Preservation awards](#), which recognize outstanding efforts in each field. (DNR)

Watch a new episode of The Condition Report: [Uncovering Indiana's Unique Museums](#) with Elizabeth Bostelman, Board President of the Association of Indiana Museums. (The Condition Report)

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.

[Carmel Clay History Museum Grand Opening Gala](#)

Nov. 16, Carmel – Celebrate the opening of this new community landmark with cocktails, entertainment, and a strolling dinner as you mingle and explore the museum. A free public open house will be held on Nov. 17 from 1-5 p.m. (Carmel Clay Historical Society)

[Angel Mounds Reopening](#)

Nov. 16-17, Evansville – Celebrate the all-new Angel Mounds experience with performances by Native American artists from the Miami and Quapaw tribes and the transformed interpretive center. (Angel Mounds State Historic Site)

[William Bush's Journey to Freedom](#)

Nov. 16, Fountain City – Learn about Underground Railroad captain William Bush. (Levi and Catharine Coffin State Historic Site)

[Family Heirloom Show & Tell](#)

Nov. 16, Rochester – Bring your family heirlooms to show and tell, and learn about the library's digital genealogy resources. (Fulton County Public Library)

[Black Quilters: Hard Topics, Soft Blows](#)

Nov. 18, North Manchester – Join Dr. Tony Jean Dickerson of the Advancing Racial Equity Speakers Bureau for this community program. (North Manchester Public Library)

[Historical Society Meeting and Barker Mansion Program](#)

Nov. 19, La Porte – Learn about the Barker Family and all the restoration work that has been done to restore the mansion. (La Porte County Historical Society Museum)

[Conversations in Indiana African American History and Culture](#)

Nov. 21, Indianapolis – Kisha Tandy, curator of social history at the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites, shares a presentation on the life of Indianapolis educator Ada B. Harris (1866-1927). (Freetown Village; event at Indiana Landmarks Center)

[Talking History: Community Memories](#)

Nov. 21, New Harmony – Historic New Harmony is hosting a free social gathering for local history lovers. (Atheneum Visitor Center)

[Reviving a Forgotten Freetown: The Lives and Legacies of the US Colored Troops in Southeast Indianapolis](#)

Nov. 23, Columbia City – Join Kaila Austin to learn about the story of the Southeast side of Indianapolis from the perspective of the USCT that first called it home. (Peabody Public Library)

[Holiday Open House](#)

Nov. 24, Paoli – Tour the museum and see artifacts and items of historical significance of Orange County's rich and interesting history. (Orange County Historical Society)

[2024 Festival of Gingerbread](#)

Nov. 29-Dec. 22, Fort Wayne – See new creations crafted by gingerbread artists of all ages and skill levels. (The History Center)

[Old Fashioned Christmas at the Farmhouse](#)

Dec. 1, Paoli – See the historic Lindley House decorated in part to reflect an 1860s Christmas. (Lindley House, Orange County Historical Society)

[Gallery Talk: Toys in the Attic](#)

Dec. 4, Elkhart – Learn about antique and vintage toys and the difference between them, as well as the toys children played with in the last 100 years. (Ruthmere)

[An Old-Fashioned Christmas at the Canal](#)

Dec. 7, Delphi – Step back in time and experience a traditional holiday celebration in one of Indiana's most picturesque and historic settings. (Wabash & Erie Canal Park)

[Indianapolis Holiday Church Tour 2024](#)

Dec. 7, Indianapolis – Explore the architecture, history, preservation, and tradition of churches in Indianapolis's Irvington neighborhood. (Indiana Landmarks; event begins at Irvington Presbyterian Church)

[Tea with Mrs. Claus](#)

Dec. 8 and 15, Elkhart – Celebrate the holiday season and hear the secrets that only the wife of the "jolly ole' elf," himself would know. (Ruthmere)

Indiana Historical Society Spotlight

UNBOUND PODCAST

[Under the Big Top: Circuses in Indiana](#)

Casey and Regan are running away with the circus in this episode of Unbound.

UPCOMING EVENTS

[2024 Festival of Trees](#)

Now Open – This year's Festival of Trees features a winter wonderland of more than 80 trees representing individuals, families and companies from around Indiana.

[Library Show-and-Tell](#)

Nov. 23 – Join the librarians of the William H. Smith Memorial Library for an informal conversation about unique objects in the Indiana Historical Society Collections.

[Family Workshop: Gingerbread Construction](#)

Nov. 26 – Apply your skills and work together to build your own family gingerbread house with all the trimmings.

What We're Reading This Week



[3120 East 30th Street. ca. 1970s-80s](#) (City of Indianapolis, Department of Metropolitan Development, Indiana Historical Society)

RESOURCES AND NEWS FROM THE FIELD

AAM is accepting nominations for the [2025 Awards and Recognition Program](#) for: Award for Distinguished Service to Museums; Nancy Hanks Memorial Awards for Rising Stars; and Recognition for Advancement of the Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, and Inclusion in Museums. **Nominations are due Dec. 6.** (AAM)

The Smithsonian American Women's History Museum has launched an oral history and education project "[We Do Declare: Women's Voices on Independence.](#)" (Smithsonian)

U.S. 250 NEWS AND RESOURCES

Commemorating 250 Years: [12 library programs to explore local history](#) during the United States Semiquincentennial. (ALA)

250th spark: telling every American's story – [see inspiring examples of inclusive storytelling.](#) (ALHFAM)

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION

[The Indigenous Ally: Museum Practitioner Toolkit](#) (International Coalition of Sites of Conscience)

AUDIENCE & COMMUNITY

Three ways to [boost nonprofit membership program retention.](#) (Ohio Museums Association)

Hey besties, [Gen Z marketing scripts](#) have infiltrated museums around the world. (Artnet)

MUSEUM EXHIBITS

Editing your exhibits: [three things to keep in mind.](#) (ExhibiTricks)

FUNDRAISING

Six tips for crafting engaging [Giving Tuesday social media posts.](#) (Classy)

LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

How to retain burned-out frontline workers: [three strategies for managers.](#) (Forbes)

An [8-step guide](#) to step up your museum's cybersecurity. (Cuseum)

[Key qualities and skills to look for](#) in potential board members. (Blue Avocado)

NEED A BREAK?

Explore fantastical sea creatures, dragons, and other animals in these [lush 19th century illustrations.](#) (The Public Domain Review)

Discover the mysteries of [Italy's Park of Monsters](#), a 16th-century garden filled with strange, colossal stone creatures. (Smithsonian Magazine)

Take a deep dive into the [history of animals in visual art.](#) (Iris28)

Get out and discover wildlife at Indiana's amazing [nature preserves.](#) (Indiana DNR)

Learning Opportunities



[Girl Scouts Cleaning out a Stream, ca. 1971](#) (Indiana Historical Society, M1086)

FREE WEBINARS & VIRTUAL LEARNING

[Email Archiving](#)

Nov. 18 – Learn about techniques, archival practices, and tools and software you can use to manage this new archival format. (Backlog)

[Contamination and Pesticide Residues for Small and Mid-Sized Cultural Institutions](#)

Nov. 19 – This webinar will include an overview, case studies, and panel discussion about the potential risks of pesticide contamination residues on cultural heritage collections. (Connecting to Collections Care)

[Simplified Fundraising Planning for Small Nonprofits](#)

Nov. 21 – Learn actionable steps that you can take to make your organization's planning process more effective and efficient. (Productive Fundraising)

[Processing Priorities: Setting Goals for Your Collections](#)

Dec. 10 – Learn how you can prioritize collections for processing and determine the appropriate level of processing. (DHPSNY, CCAHA)

VIRTUAL TRAINING

[A Layperson's Guide to Indirect Costs](#)

Nov. 18 – Hear tips for how to manage your organization's finances more effectively and present your financial data with confidence. \$39. (GrantStation)

[Environmental Monitoring: An Introduction](#)

Nov. 19 – Learn about how to understand your building's current systems, how the environment impacts different collections, and more. \$95. (NEDCC)

[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)

[Metadata for Digital Preservation](#)

Nov. 21 – This webinar serves as a starting point for understanding the kinds of information you will want to gather to support digital preservation. \$70. (NEDCC)

[What Grantmakers are Looking for in Your Financials](#)

Nov. 21 – Learn how you can build effective and accurate program and project grant proposal budgets. \$69. (GrantStation)

[Virtual Conference: Museum Marketing Summit](#)

Nov. 26-27 – Hear real-world insights from museums around the globe as we explore how museums are successfully approaching marketing. \$165 (MuseumNext)

[Fundraising from the Business Sector](#)

Dec. 12 – Learn about practical methods for translating your nonprofit's mission and funding opportunity to business sector funders. \$19.74. (Lilly Family School of Philanthropy)

IN-PERSON TRAINING

[Indiana Humanities Grants Workshop and Community Conversation](#)

Nov. 20, Terre Haute – Learn about 2025 grant opportunities and join a facilitated community conversation about some of the trends you're seeing as you carry out your work. (Indiana Humanities; event at the Swope Art Museum)

Funding Available



[Ohio River from Hanover Road. 1892](#) (Indiana Historical Society, M0151)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPOTLIGHT

[Indiana State Library Bicentennial Research Fellowship](#)

Due Nov. 26 – The fellowship provides a \$1,000 stipend to support in-person research for five consecutive work days at the Indiana State Library in downtown Indianapolis, Indiana. Emerging or established researchers and historians who are prepared to conduct and publish new research and scholarship with a focus on Indiana history or a specific collection housed at the Indiana State Library are encouraged to apply. (Indiana State Library)

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

Due Nov. 29 – Forty \$250 scholarships are available for spring and fall 2025 [online courses](#) in collections care. Scholarships are also available for in-person courses in 2025, with an application deadline of Feb. 28. (Beloit College)

UPCOMING DEADLINES

[Save America's Treasures Grants](#)

Due Dec. 12 (National Park Service)

[Advancing Informal STEM Learning Grants](#)

Due Jan. 8 (U.S. National Science Foundation)

[Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions](#)

Due Jan. 9 (NEH)

Local & Regional Job Openings



[*Woman Shows Gila Muster at Indiana State Fair, 1951*](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0569)

LOCAL

The Indiana Historical Society is hiring!

See open positions [here](#).

[President and Chief Executive Officer](#)

Indianapolis – Indiana Landmarks

[Assistant Dean, Archives & Special Collections, Clinical Associate/Full Professor](#)

West Lafayette – Virginia Kelly Karnes Archives and Special Collections Research Center, Purdue University

REGIONAL

[Assistant Professor of Public History](#)

Chicago, Ill. – Loyola University Chicago

[Program & Outreach Specialist, Native American Initiatives](#)

St. Paul, Minn. – Minnesota Historical Society

[Archives Assistant for ArchivesSpace](#)

Lincoln, Neb. – History Nebraska

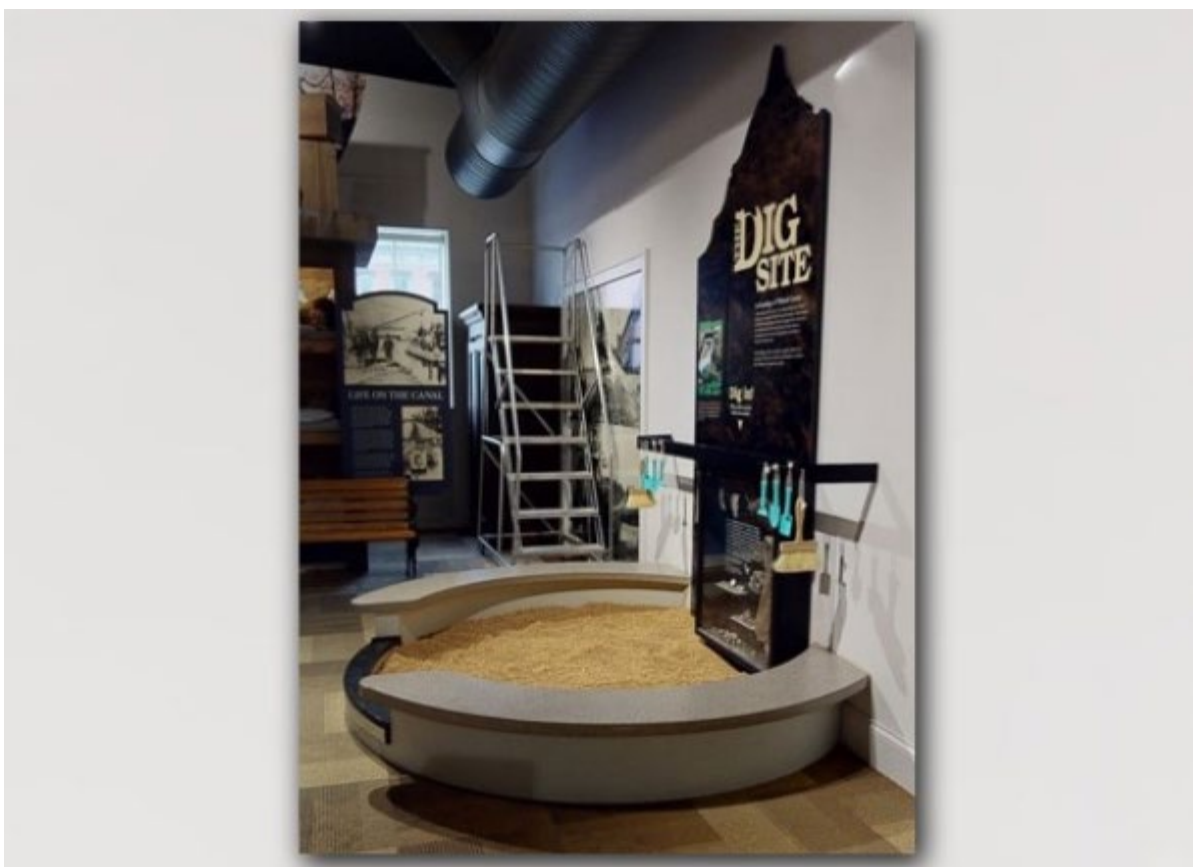
[Museum Archivist and Librarian](#)

Harrogate, Tenn. – Abraham Lincoln Library & Museums, Lincoln Memorial University

[Coordinator for America 250](#)

Nashville, Tenn. – Tennessee State Museum

Orphans Corner – Fossil Dig Exhibit



The Wabash County Museum is offering a Fossil Dig interactive exhibit as a donation to another museum with the hope that it will be as loved as much as it was in their museum for many years.

It is currently ready for pick up at the Wabash County Museum. Anyone interested can contact tgalley@wabashmuseum.org. Items are offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

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 and we'll list it for you!

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