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PLEASE NOTE: NO COMMUNIQUE NEXT WEEK

Communique Online will not be published on Friday, Nov. 29. Regular issues will resume on Dec. 6. Thank you for reading!

Updates from Local History Services



[Children at a punch bowl, 1956](#) (O. James Fox Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

CONSIDERING FAMILY HISTORIES

The winter season can be a great time to delve into family history and stories. Here are a few resources for oral history projects, saving family history, and more.

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 to borrow a book.

- *Caring for Your Family Treasures*, by Jane S. Long et. al.
- *The Community Oral History Toolkit*, by Mary Kay Quinlan et. al.
- *Inclusive Conversations: Fostering Equity, Empathy, and Belonging across Differences*, by Mary-Frances Winters
- *Story Bridges: A Guide to Conducting Intergenerational Oral History Projects*, by Angela Zusman
- *Telling Children About the Past: An Interdisciplinary Perspective*, edited by Nena Galanidou and Liv Helga Dommasnes

Additional Resources

[Creating Oral Histories](#) (Family Search)

[Best Practices, Guidelines, and Toolkits for Oral History Practitioners](#) (Oral History Association)

[Tips for Preserving Your Family Treasures](#) (National Museum of African American History and Culture)

[Caring for Family Treasures](#) (Conservation Center for Art and Historical Artifacts)

Around Indiana



[Hotel Lincoln, interior, 1922](#) (Bass Photo Co. Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

NEWS

Indiana Landmarks Black Heritage Preservation Program is partnering with The Nature Conservancy to [create an interactive map](#) sharing the history of over 60 African American settlements established in Indiana from the early 1800s until the start of the Civil War. (Indiana Landmarks)

Indianapolis native and cycling legend [Major Taylor has posthumously received one of the state's highest honors, the Distinguished Hoosier Award](#). He died in 1932 at age 53. Taylor's great-granddaughter Karen Brown Donovan accepted the award on his behalf at a special

ceremony in the Rotunda of the Indiana Statehouse. (WISH-TV)

L.S. Ayres Tea Room favorites return for lunches at Indiana State Museum. [See the recipes.](#) (IndyStar)

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.

[Holiday Fair](#)

Nov. 22-23, Irvington – The event will feature artists, artisans, crafters, and more. (Irvington Historical Society)

[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)

[History of the Hurst Family in Harrison County](#)

Nov. 26, Corydon – Eric Hurst will present information about the significant role his family, the Hursts, played in Harrison County History. (Historical Society of Harrison County)

[Indiana Landmarks Holiday Open Houses 2024](#)

Nov. 26-Dec. 12, Statewide – Members of Indiana Landmarks are invited for refreshments and holiday cheer at six Holiday Open Houses around the state. (Indiana Landmarks)

[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)

["All Aboard the Holiday Express!" Holiday Tours](#)

Nov. 30-Dec. 29, Elkhart – See each room of the museum decorated with vintage and modern-day train décor and model trains. (Ruthmere Museum)

[Old-Fashioned Christmas](#)

Nov. 30, Syracuse – Experience the magic of the old-fashioned Christmas with fun-filled family activities. (Chautauqua Wawasee; event at Oakwood Resort)

[Victorian Christmas Tea](#)

Dec. 1, New Albany – The event will feature carolers and tour guides in period costume. The house will be open to tours and delicious treats and tea will be served. (Scribner House, Piankeshaw Chapter of the DAR)

[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)

[Pearl Harbor Remembered](#)

Dec. 7, Knox – Reenactors will share WWII memorabilia, including a vintage jeep, and the Henry F. Schricker home will display some items showing life on the home front. (Starke County History Center)

[Holiday Artisan Fair](#)

Dec. 7, La Porte – Visit local artisans offering unique holiday gift items. (La Porte County Historical Society Museum)

Indiana Historical Society Spotlight

FROM THE BLOG

[Flying High: Aviation History Month](#)

Go on a journey to look at images of planes in our collection in celebration of Aviation History Month.

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.

[2024 Holiday Author Fair](#)

Dec. 7 – Mix and mingle with more than 60 authors during our annual Holiday Author Fair!

What We're Reading This Week



[Holiday Hors D'oeuvres at the Miller House, 1984](#) (Irwin-Sweeney-Miller Family Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

RESOURCES AND NEWS FROM THE FIELD

November is [National American Indian Heritage Month](#) and you can find resources from the Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

The American Association for State and Local History has shared a [draft of their new strategic framework](#) for your consideration and comment. (AASLH)

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION

Are you interested in collaborating with Native nations but don't know where to start? [This guide shares best practices](#) for partnering with Native nations in a good way. (Native Governance Center)

AUDIENCE AND COMMUNITY

Five ways to [enhance volunteer experiences](#) at nonprofit events. (Ohio Museums Association)

FUNDRAISING

Get Ready for [Museum Store Sunday](#) on Dec. 1 and [Giving Tuesday](#) on Dec. 3

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

LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

When nonprofit boards meddle: the [dangers of micromanagement](#). (Bloomerang)

A workaholic's guide to [reclaiming your life](#). (Harvard Business Review)

NEED A BREAK?

Explore these 11 impressive, intriguing, and historic [dining tables](#) around the world. (Atlas Obscura)

Delve into the interesting [history of eating utensils](#). (California Academy of Sciences)

Horns aplenty: the [ancient Greek origins of the cornucopia](#). (Mental Floss)

Historians say they've solved the mystery of a [curious 100-year-old contraption discovered in storage](#), which turned out to be a mechanical "beaten biscuit" maker. (Smithsonian Magazine)

Learning Opportunities



[Boys Cooking Class at Gerstmeier School. 1941](#) (Martin Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

FREE WEBINARS & VIRTUAL LEARNING

[History Hour: Interpreting Christmas](#)

Nov. 26 – Ken Turino and Max van Balgooy will chat about how to make sure Christmas interpretation aligns with your mission, reinterpreting Christmas, and more. (AASLH)

[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)

[Revitalization & Culture: Revitalizing Historic Black Neighborhoods](#)

Dec. 12 – Learn about preservationists and developers who are leveraging the significance of historic communities, assets, and cultural legacies to rescue vacant buildings and revitalize historic Black neighborhoods. (Saving Places)

VIRTUAL TRAINING

[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)

[Civic Learning Week 2025: Youth, Your Site, and the Reinvigoration of Faith in Our Democracy](#)

Dec. 10 – Learn how your site can empower youth to find place and faith in our communities and democracy. \$15; \$10 members. (AASLH)

[Fundraising Research – Getting Our Ducks in a Row](#)

Dec. 11-12 – Learn about the nitty-gritty of development research for foundations, state and federal funding sources, corporations, and individuals. \$89 early bird by Dec. 3. (Friends of the Texas Historical Commission)

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

The Upper Midwest Digital Collections Conference is [accepting program proposals](#) for the 2025 conference, which will be held in Saint Paul, Minn. The theme for the conference is [Digital Directions and Future Pathways](#). **Proposals are due Dec. 6.**

Funding Available



[*Spreading Goodwill, 1983*](#) (Indianapolis Recorder Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPOTLIGHT

[Media Projects Grants](#)

Optional Draft Due Dec. 4; Application Due Jan. 8 – This program supports collaboration between media producers and scholars to develop content grounded in humanities scholarship and prepare documentary films and television, radio programs, and podcasts that engage public audiences with humanities ideas in creative and appealing ways. (NEH)

UPCOMING DEADLINES

[Indiana State Library Bicentennial Research Fellowship](#)

Due Nov. 26 (Indiana State Library)

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

Due Nov. 29 (Beloit College)

[Save America's Treasures Grants](#)

Due Dec. 12 (National Park Service)

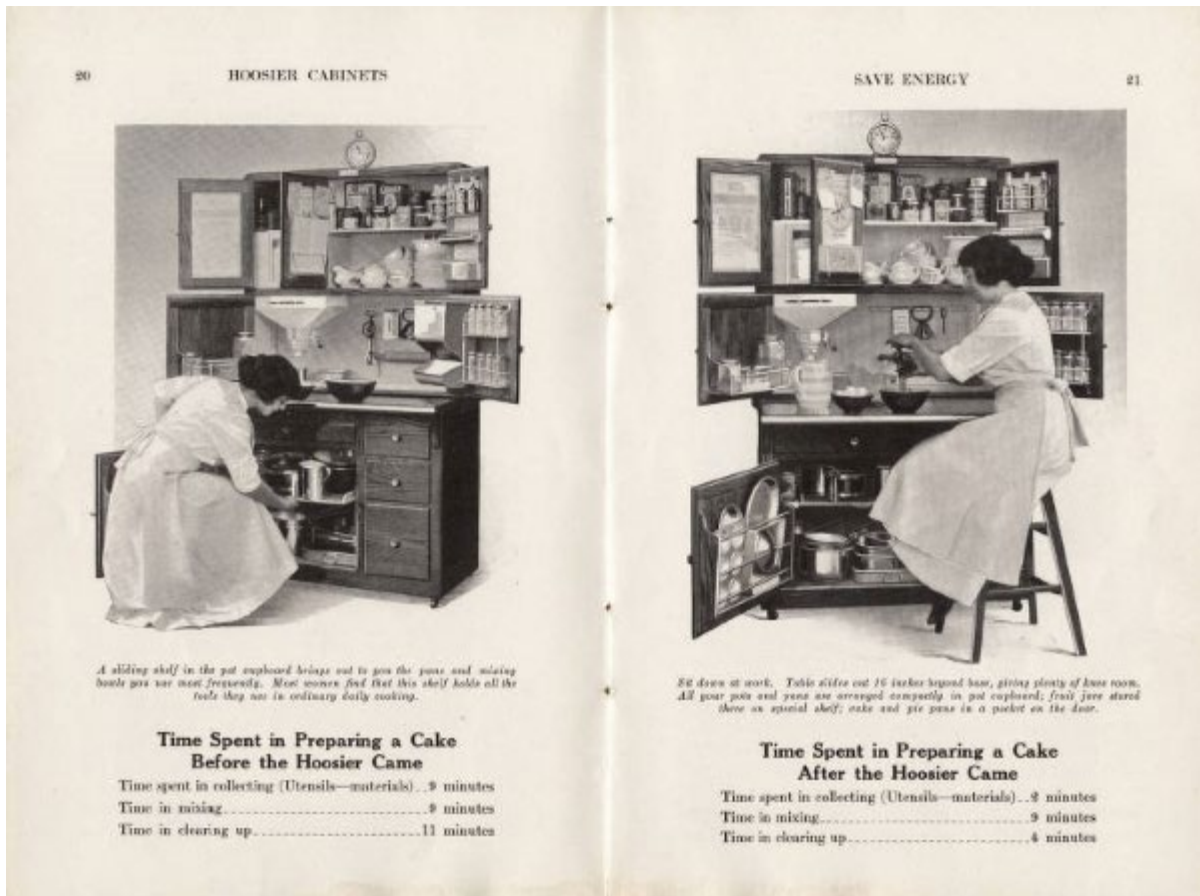
[Advancing Informal STEM Learning Grants](#)

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

[Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions](#)

Due Jan. 9 (NEH)

Local & Regional Job Openings



[Hoosier Cabinets Saving Time and Energy. 1914](#) (Indiana Historical Society)

LOCAL

The Indiana Historical Society is hiring!

See open positions [here](#).

[Historical Site Interpreter](#) (seasonal)

Fountain City – Levi and Catharine Coffin State Historic Site

[Museum Archivist](#) (part-time)

Greensburg – Historical Society of Decatur County

REGIONAL

[Director of the D'Arcy McNickle Center for American Indian and Indigenous Studies](#)

Chicago, Ill. – The Newberry

[Digitization Assistant, Publications](#)

St. Paul, Minn. – Minnesota Historical Society

[Interpreter](#)

St. Paul, Minn. – Ramsey & Hill House, Minnesota Historical Society

[Executive Director](#)

Columbia, Mo. – The State Historical Society of Missouri

Orphans Corner – Objects Available





The Sullivan County History Museum has items that have been deaccessioned that are available for donation to another Indiana museum or nonprofit.

- Painted black wooden chair – 42” tall, 20.75” x 16.5”
- Brown wooden chair with green velvet seat –31” tall, 18.75” x 16.5”
- 2 Central Elementary School chairs – 30” tall, seats measure 15.5” x 16.25”
- Pink Wingback Chair – 40.5” tall, 28” x 24”
- Brown Patterned Chair – 36.5” tall, 20.75” x 25”
- Green Patterned Chair – 35” tall, 23” x 23”
- Player Piano and bench (please note, the piano is not in working condition and likely would be best used as parts for another player piano) – 57” tall, 59” x 27.5”
- Wood table – 22” tall, 30.72”
- Quilt Rack – 30” tall, 14.5” x 24.5”
- Metal film box – 11” tall, 16.25” x 6”
- Gavel – 8.5” x 3.25”
- Black Lumber Co. aprons – 8.5” x 16.75”
- Catalog book – 11” x 8.5”
- U.S. Army Book – 12.25” x 9”
- Paperweight – 3.75” x 2.75”
- Bicentennial poster – 11” x 17”

To claim any of these items, email kbenson@sullivan.lib.in.us. 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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