

# INDIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY COMMUNIQUE ONLINE

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## Heritage Support Grants for Indiana History Organizations

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## Updates from Local History Services



[Mrs. LeRoy Smith from Lebanon, Indiana Wins a 1st Prize for her Fruitcake at the 1940 Indiana State Fair \(Indiana Historical Society, P0490\)](#)

## HERITAGE SUPPORT GRANTS ARE BACK!

The Indiana Historical Society's [Heritage Support Grants program](#) will continue thanks to a \$5.6 million grant awarded by Lilly Endowment Inc.

Grant applications are now open for projects that will help Indiana's local history organizations meet high-priority needs in areas of: Collections Stewardship; Diversity, Equity, Access and Inclusion; Sustainability; and Planning.

Summary of Proposal submissions for the first round of **Project Grants**, which range from \$5,000 to \$50,000, are **due April 30**.

Applications for the first round of **Mini Grants**, which range from \$500 to \$4,999, are **due March 28**.

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## Around Indiana



[Group Ice Skating. undated](#) (Indianapolis Recorder Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

## NEWS

The Indiana Historical Bureau invites undergraduate history students to submit research papers relating to midwestern history for the [2025 Bennett-Tinsley Award competition](#). **Submissions are due Feb. 7.** (IHB)

Indiana Landmarks Black Heritage Preservation Program partners with The Nature Conservancy to [map Black history sites](#) across Indiana. (Indianapolis Recorder)

Fort Wayne's Historic Preservation Commission planner shares how [the city's community development future lies in preserving its past](#). (WBOI)

An entire downtown Indianapolis city block is undergoing revitalization. One piece of the project will [unearth the catacombs](#) below the City Market. (Indiana Public Media)

The [Indianapolis eastside history](#) of Irvington, Woodruff Place, and Martindale Brightwood. (MirrorIndy)

Hoosier heritage: fourth graders in Greenfield shared Indiana history at a [wax museum event](#). (Daily Reporter)

**Applications are due Jan. 31** to host the Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street exhibition [Voices and Votes: Democracy in America](#) for six weeks in 2026 or 2027. Organizations in towns of under 10,000 residents are eligible to apply. (Indiana Humanities)

## 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.*

### [The Capture of Gerald Chapman](#)

**Jan. 18, Muncie** – Join DCHS historian David Bailey for a presentation and discussion on the capture of fugitive Gerald Chapman in 1925. (Delaware County Historical Society)

### [Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration](#)

**Jan. 20, South Bend** – Join Poetry Den at the Century Center for an open mic to share your words or come to just listen and enjoy. (Civil Rights Heritage Center)

### [Talking History: Wabash River](#)

**Jan. 23, New Harmony** – Join local history lovers to discuss the Wabash River's role in New Harmony's history. (Historic New Harmony)

### [His-Story, Our Story and Fort Wayne](#)

**Feb. 2, Fort Wayne** – Roberta F. Ridley will provide a brief summary of the African American experiences within the history of Fort Wayne. (The History Center)

### [Mapping Asian and Pacific Islander American History](#)

**Feb. 4, Indianapolis and Online** – Learn about ongoing efforts to recognize Asian and Pacific Islander American history in Indiana and nationwide. (Indiana Landmarks)

## Indiana Historical Society Spotlight

### FROM THE BLOG

#### [January Celebrates Hot: National Soup Month & National Hot Tea Month](#)

Here in central Indiana, January often brings us the cold, biting days of Winter. It's no wonder that the National Day Calendar highlights both soup and hot tea this month.

### UNBOUND PODCAST

#### [Syrian Hoosiers: Immigrant Stories in the Crossroads of America](#)

Casey and Regan dive into the rich world of Indiana's Syrian immigrant communities.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### [Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Free Admission](#)

**Jan. 20** – Explore the past and contribute to the future at no charge.

[Asian Pacific American Treasures and Tales](#)

**Jan. 23** – Dr. Gonzalves explores history and culture across the Midwest and the United States through his book *Smithsonian Asian Pacific American History, Art, and Culture in 101 Objects*.

[Homeschool Workshop: Eva Kor Education Day](#)

**Jan. 28** – Join us to celebrate, honor and learn about the legacy of Holocaust Survivor, Eva Kor.

## What We're Reading This Week



[Lew Wallace Study Exterior in Winter, ca. 1900](#) (Indiana Historical Society, M0292)

### RESOURCES AND NEWS FROM THE FIELD

Museum practitioners answer the tough question of [what makes museums replaceable](#), plus how to address practices that might be limiting your museum's impact. (Museums as Progress)

The largest project of its kind charts [immersive digital future for museums](#) worldwide. (TechXplore)

How to save a place: [five tips](#) on how you can manage your personal expectations before, during, and after your involvement in a preservation project. (Saving Places)

### U.S. 250 NEWS AND RESOURCES

The [head of the Smithsonian talks about America's 250th](#), why experts still matter and what to expect from the Institution in 2025. (Smithsonian Magazine)

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

The quest to create [the most accessible museum in the world](#) at the forthcoming, completely redesigned, and expanded museum of the American Printing House for the Blind in Louisville, Ky. (Afar)

## **MARKETING**

Five signs that [your nonprofit's website needs a facelift](#). (Nonprofit Learning Lab)

## **FUNDRAISING**

Innovative [financial strategies for museums](#): insights from recent research. (Engaging Places)

How to develop your [nonprofit operating reserves](#). (Blackbaud)

## **LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**

The burnout epidemic in nonprofits: [solutions for both leaders and staff](#). (Wild Apricot)

Harnessing [volunteer potential](#) in museums. (Museum 411)

## **NEED A BREAK?**

Explore the history of any place on earth with [this interactive map](#). (Mental Floss)

[10 places](#) that feel like journeying back in time. (Atlas Obscura)

Time travel: [Is it possible?](#) (Space.com)

# Learning Opportunities



*[Family Posed Outside in the Snow. ca. 1900](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0267)*

## **FREE WEBINARS & VIRTUAL LEARNING**

### [AASLH History Hour – Statement of Standards and Ethics](#)

**Jan. 21** – Join AASLH to provide your input on their Statement of Standards and Ethics, which is being revised. (AASLH)

### [Data for an Uncertain Future](#)

**Jan. 23** – Learn about the Annual Survey of Museum-Goers. (AAM)

### [Get your Board Fundraising](#)

**Jan. 23** – Learn practical strategies for better engaging your board in fundraising. (Candid)

### [Fundraising Basics for Small Nonprofits: How to Make Your Grant Search More Effective](#)

**Jan. 23** – Explore strategies that will help you find grant programs that will maximize your grant writing success. (Charity Village)

## **VIRTUAL TRAINING**

### [Investigating Contamination and Pesticides in Cultural Heritage Collections](#)

**Jan. 21-Feb. 18** – This course will cover the components of how to evaluate potential pesticide contamination and human risk. \$149. (Connecting to Collections Care)

## **IN-PERSON TRAINING**

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

**Jan. 22, Muncie** – Learn about 2025 grant opportunities and provide input on your goals and challenges for the year ahead. (Indiana Humanities)

[Plaster Repair 101](#)

**Feb. 5, South Bend** – Learn the basics of plaster repair and patching for historic buildings. \$25; \$20 Indiana Landmarks Members. (Indiana Landmarks and South Bend TradeWorks)

[Painting Your Historic House Workshop](#)

**Feb. 8, La Porte** – Whether you plan to DIY or hire a pro, this workshop will answer all your questions about painting a historic building. \$15; \$10 Indiana Landmarks members; free for Preserve Historic La Porte members. (Indiana Landmarks and Preserve Historic La Porte)

**REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS**

The Association of Midwest Museums [invites session proposals for the 2025 Conference, Crosscurrents](#). **Proposals are due Jan. 24.** (AMM)

**Funding Available**



[Snow Walk at Cabin at Wildflower Woods, ca. 1918](#) (Indiana Historical Society, M1520)

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPOTLIGHT

### [Latinos in Heritage Conservation Grants](#)

**Due Feb. 15** – This groundbreaking initiative is designed to empower grassroots, Latinx-focused nonprofit organizations and community groups working tirelessly to protect and uplift Latinx history and cultural contributions across the United States. (Latinos in Heritage Conservation)

### [Wilma Gibbs Moore Fellowships](#)

**Draft applications due Feb. 28; final applications due April 30** – These fellowships offer \$5,000 stipends to support new humanities research that explores anti-Black racial injustice and structural racism in Indiana and that considers how Black Hoosiers have responded. For more information, [attend an informational webinar on Jan. 28](#). (Indiana Humanities)

## UPCOMING DEADLINES



[Historic Preservation Education Grants](#)

**Due Feb. 28** (Indiana Humanities)

[Arts Project Support Grants](#)

**Due March 4** (Indiana Arts Commission)

## Local & Regional Job Openings



[Illinois-Union Station Trolley, 1937](#) (Indiana Historical Society, M1349)

### LOCAL

**The Indiana Historical Society is hiring!**

See open positions [here](#).

[Collections Manager \(Museum Registrar\)](#)

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

[Director, Eastern Regional Office](#)

**Richmond** – Indiana Landmarks

[Site Interpreter, Samara](#) (Part-Time)

**West Lafayette** – Indiana Landmarks

### REGIONAL

[Archives Technician](#)

**Valmeyer, Ill.** – National Archives and Records Administration

[Director of Development](#)

**Davenport, Iowa** – German American Heritage Center and Museum

[Associate Editor](#)

**Frankfort, Ky.** – Kentucky Historical Society

[Director of Visitor Experience](#)

**Grosse Point, Mich.** – Ford House

[Curator](#)

**Duluth, Minn.** – St. Louis County Historical Society

[Historic Incentives Coordinator](#)

**Lincoln, Neb.** – Nebraska State Historical Society

[Communications Manager](#) (Part-Time)

**Cincinnati, Ohio** – Cincinnati Preservation

[Preservation Director](#)

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## **PAID INTERNSHIPS**

[Governor's Summer Intern - Archives Processing](#)

**Indianapolis** – Indiana Archives and Records Administration

[Governor's Summer Intern - Electronic Records Archivist](#)

**Indianapolis** – Indiana Archives and Records Administration

[Archival Intern](#)

**Benton Harbor, Mich.** – Israelite House of David Archives & Collections

[Archives Intern](#)

**Cleveland, Ohio** – Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

[Digital Collections Intern](#)

**Cleveland, Ohio** – Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

[Internship-History & Education Department](#)

**Washington, D.C.** – American Battlefield Trust

## **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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