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Heritage Support Grants for Indiana History Organizations

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Updates from Local History Services



[Air Pilots at Weir Cook Municipal Airport. 1956](#) (Indiana Historical Society, M1080)

MINI GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE FRIDAY, MARCH 28

[Heritage Support Mini Grants from \\$500 to \\$4,999](#) are available 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.

Applications for Mini Grants are due by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, March 28. [Learn more and apply today.](#)

Summaries of Proposal for Project Grants of \$5,000 to \$50,000 are due April 30.

Heritage Support Grants are provided by the Indiana Historical Society and made possible by Lilly Endowment Inc.

Around Indiana



[Young Man and Minnie White Ransom. ca. 1960](#) (Indiana Historical Society, M1141)

NEWS

Submissions are due April 4 for the annual [DHPA Photo Contest](#). This year's Historic Preservation Month theme is the "Faces of Architecture," with a focus on building details such as gargoyles, grotesques, or statues that are found on historic buildings. (Indiana DNR-Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology)

Small town spirit: How Indiana's rural communities are [working to reverse population losses](#). (Indiana Capital Chronicle)

Purdue lab aims to [uncover Black history](#) of Greater Lafayette. (Journal & Courier)

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

[What's Up Wednesday – The Indiana Collection at the Indiana State Library](#)

April 9 – In this virtual presentation, see fascinating items within the collection, receive tips for exploring the resources, and more. (Indiana State Library)

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.

[Exhibit: The La Porte Little Theatre](#)

Now open, La Porte – Learn about the rich history of the La Porte Little Theatre and its impact on the community.

[Murder Mystery Dinner](#)

March 22, Elkhart – The theme will be "Aces and Eight Balls" (a 1920s speakeasy) and attendees are strongly encouraged to dress up to match the mood. (Ruthmere Museum)

[What Killed Your Ancestors?](#)

March 25, Frankfort – Learn more about the health and medical experiences of your ancestors with medical historian Sarah Halter. (Frankfort Community Public Library)

[The Early History of Carmel Sports](#)

March 26, Carmel – Join Andrew Wright as he discusses the early history of Carmel sports, alongside a new exhibit on the 1925 basketball team. (Carmel Clay History Museum)

[Family Adventure Day: Spring Celebration](#)

March 26, Muncie – Enjoy a day filled with exhibition-themed adventures with learning, active family participation, and fun. (Minnetrista)

[Home Away from Home: Celebrating the History of Purdue's Black Cultural Center](#)

March 27, West Lafayette – Join the Purdue Black Cultural Center at the Caretaker's Cottage Local History Center for the premiere of a new exhibit. (West Lafayette Public Library)

[Dress Codes: The Fashions of American Women's History](#)

March 28, Muncie – Learn about the intricate connection between fashion and women's history, including some remarkable Muncie women. (Muncie Public Library; event at Bracken House)

[If These Walls Could Tell: Hotel Elkhart](#)

March 30, Indianapolis and Online – Storyteller Jos N. Holman will share an original story on the history and revival of Hotel Elkhart. (Indiana Landmarks)

[This Is Our Hometown: Corydon, Indiana Book and Story Walk Unveiling](#)

April 5 and 26, Corydon – Posters depicting each page of this rhyming children's book will be on display on the Library Story Walk Boards on Indian Creek Walking Trail, and families will receive copies of the book. (Historical Society of Harrison County)

[Genealogical Research Using Church Records](#)

April 6, Fort Wayne – In this lecture, Curtis R. Sylvester will discuss researching family ancestors using the records of Jewish and Christian congregations and archives. (The History Center)

[Clinton County Cemetery Commission Roundtable](#)

April 22, Frankfort – Learn about the duties, authority, funding, and membership of the commission. (Clinton County Genealogical Society; event at the Frankfort Community Public Library)

[Indiana State Library Bicentennial Architectural Tour](#)

April 22, Indianapolis – Discover the architectural wonders of the building, including its impressive Neoclassical Revival style with Art Deco influences. (Indiana State Library)

[Heritage Artisans Days](#)

April 23-25, New Harmony – During this kid-focused event, artisans show what life was like in Indiana in the early 1800s. (Historic New Harmony; event at the Atheneum grounds and throughout town)

[2025 Annual Dinner](#)

April 26, Greensburg – Enjoy dinner and a presentation by recently retired Greensburg Fire Department Assistant Chief Brian Wenning highlighting his book on the history of the Greensburg Fire Department. (Historical Society of Decatur County)

Indiana Historical Society Spotlight

FROM THE BLOG

[In Search of Maiden Names](#)

Inside the research into the maiden names of Junior League of Indianapolis members.

NEW UNBOXED EPISODE

[The Rise and Fall of Lustron Homes](#)

Join us as we unbox a collection of color photographs showcasing Lustron homes.

VOLUNTEER TO JUDGE FOR NATIONAL HISTORY DAY IN INDIANA 2025

We are seeking [judges for National History Day in Indiana 2025](#) state competition. [Sign up here!](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Electric Indiana: The World's Greatest Interurban System](#)

March 25 – Jump into some high-voltage history of the Golden Age of light rail and the transformative power of affordable and accessible transportation for all Hoosiers.

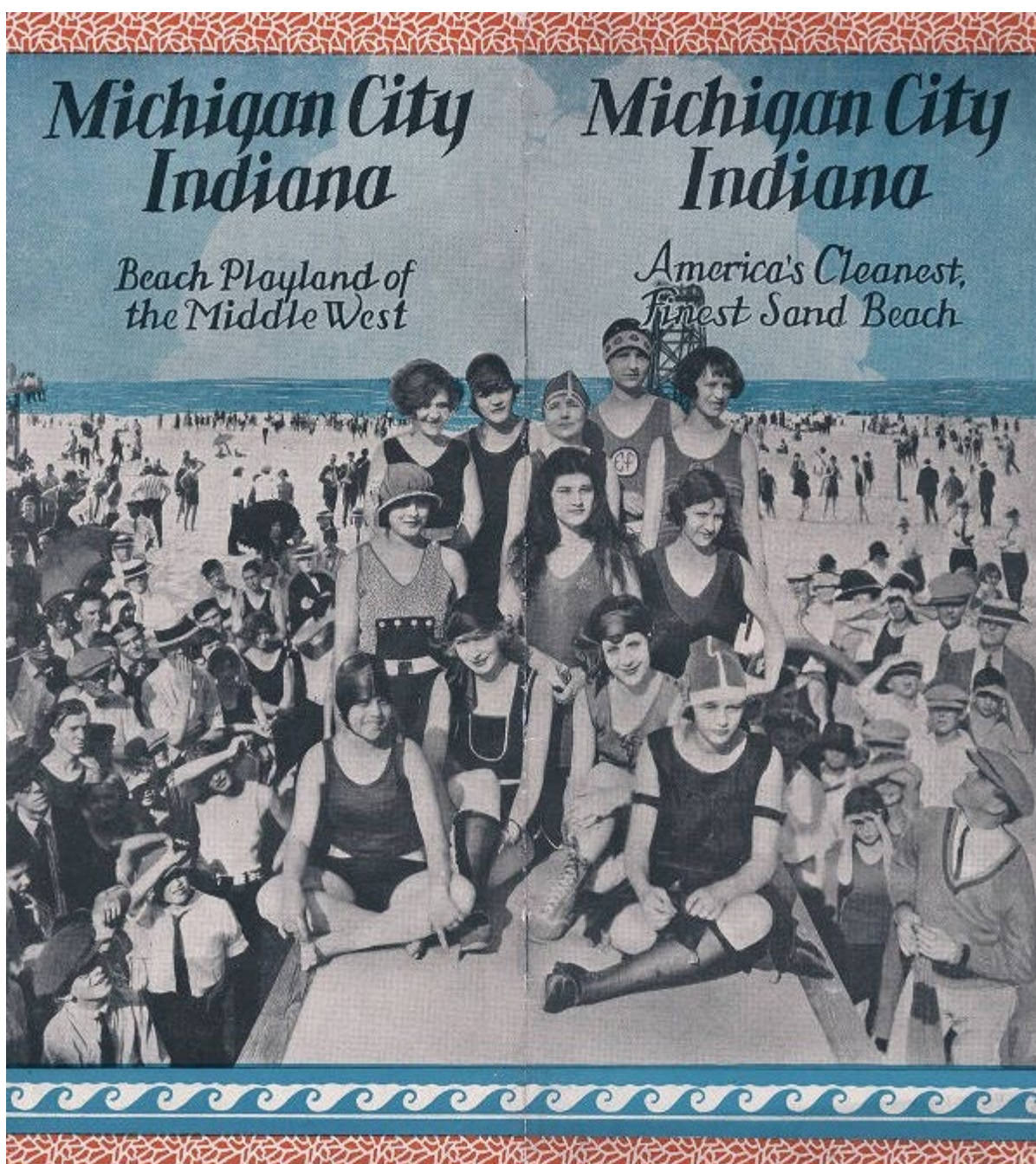
[Homeschool Workshop: Paper Mending and Conservation](#)

March 25 – Learn first-hand and use the tools of the pros in this workshop! (Suggested grades 3-12)

[A Heartbeat Away: The Life and Career of Thomas Marshall, Governor of Indiana and VP of the U.S.](#)

March 27 – This talk will look at Marshall's time as governor, and also why, as vice president, he did not force the issue of Woodrow Wilson resigning after he had suffered a stroke.

What We're Reading This Week



[*Michigan City, Indiana: America's Cleanest, Finest Sand Beach, 1929*](#) (Indiana Historical Society)

U.S. 250 NEWS AND RESOURCES

New [Interactive Map and Calendar features](#) are now available on the America250.org website. (America 250)

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION

[Seeing the caregiver](#): museums and caretaker anxiety. (Twisted Preservation)

AUDIENCE & COMMUNITY

Ten [website marketing best practices](#) for nonprofits. (Nonprofit Tech for Good)

FUNDRAISING

Fundraise with flavor: [24 creative food fundraising ideas](#) that actually work. (Wild Apricot)

How nonprofits can [prepare for the coming 'great wealth transfer.'](#) (Forbes)

LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Board members: how to [navigate decision-making in uncertain times](#) with confidence. (Gail Perry Group)

Eight [strategy basics](#) for nonprofit organizations. (The ENGAGE Blog)

NEED A BREAK?

[Origins of spring break](#): from the ancient Greeks to college students. (PRT Staffing)

Eight incredible [ancient roads](#) with traces that can still be seen today. (Mental Floss)

Check out Miami's [midcentury modern lifeguard stations](#). (Atlas Obscura)

Can't go to Florida for spring break? These [Indiana destinations](#) are worth a drive. (Indy Star)

Learning Opportunities



[Women at the Beach, ca. 1938](#) (Indiana Historical Society, M1171)

FREE WEBINARS & VIRTUAL LEARNING

[AASLH History Hour: Educators and Interpreters](#)

March 25 – This small group discussion will focus on the challenges we're facing, encourage one another, and share ideas and resources. (AASLH)

[Fuel Your Program with PETRO - Interpretive Skills Training](#)

March 25 – Learn how adding PETRO (Purpose, Enjoyment, Themes, Relevance, and Organization) can help your audience make connections to a resource. (Texas Historical Commission)

[Working Your Core – Core Documents That Is!](#)

March 27 – Learn about how the five core documents can help your museum reflect professional practices. (AAM)

[Museums in Uncertain Times PART 1: Institutions, DEI, and the Road Ahead](#)

April 7 – Professionals in the field will discuss the current political discourse that impacts museum work at all levels. (IUI Museum Studies)

[250 by 2026 Wikipedia Course](#)

April 9-May 28 – Course participants will receive training from Wikipedia experts to expand and deepen the site's articles related to American history. Register by March 27. (Wiki Education and AASLH)

[Museums in Uncertain Times PART 2: The Resilience of Museum Professionals](#)

April 14 – Professionals in the field will discuss the current political discourse that impacts museum work at all levels. (IUI Museum Studies)

VIRTUAL TRAINING

[Caring for Paper-Based Collections](#)

March 25 – This webinar introduces the preservation of paper-based collections. \$95. (NEDCC)

[How to Fundraise During Times of Fear and Uncertainty](#)

April 1 – Learn seven essential actions to help your organization develop a clear, strategic approach to fundraising in challenging times. \$69. (GrantStation)

[Us vs. Them? Creating Healthy Board Relationships](#)

April 3 – Explore four lessons that are key to building mutual trust and respect between staff and governing authority leaders. \$45; \$25 members. (AASLH)

[AASLH Speed Networking: Career Pathways](#)

April 11 – Hear from three people about their experiences getting started and working in the field. \$10; \$5 members. (AASLH)

[Creating an Accessible Museum Environment](#)

April 28 – Learn about tools and best practices to support identifying, prioritizing, and achieving accessibility goals in museums. \$20; \$15 members. (Ohio Museums Association)

IN-PERSON TRAINING

[Indianapolis Public Library Nonprofit Workshop Series](#)

Upcoming free, in-person workshops at Central Library, Indianapolis:

- **March 22 and 26** – *Intro to Foundation Directory: Finding Grant Funders*
- **March 29** – *Fearless Asking: How to Build an Individual Giving Program*
- **March 29** – *What's Working? Utilizing Program Evaluation to Improve Service Delivery and Outcomes*

[Exterior Carpentry Repair 101](#)

April 2, South Bend – Preservation carpenter William Wallace breaks down the steps involved in common exterior carpentry repairs. \$25; \$20 members. (Indiana Landmarks and South Bend TradeWorks)

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

The [Call for Proposals for the 2025 National Humanities Conference](#) is now available. The conference will be held Nov. 12-16 in Detroit, Mich. **Proposals are due April 10.** (Federation of State Humanities Councils and the National Humanities Alliance)

Funding Available



[Big Four Station, Cedar Grove, Indiana, 1909](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0391)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPOTLIGHT

[Standiford H. Cox Fund Grants](#)

Due April 1 – Applications are open for two funds created to honor the legacy of an Eli Lilly chemist by providing grants to organizations working to preserve significant African American landmarks in Indiana. (Indiana Landmarks)

[Recordings at Risk Grants](#)

Due April 14 – This national regranting program supports the preservation of rare and unique audio, audiovisual, and other time-based media of high scholarly value through digital reformatting. (Council on Library and Information Resources)

[CDBG Construction Grants: Main Street Revitalization](#)

Due April 17 – The Main Street Revitalization Program grant encourages long-term community development efforts in the form of business creation, increased tourism, historic preservation, and other economic revitalization efforts. (Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs)

UPCOMING DEADLINES

[T-Mobile Hometown Grants](#)

Due March 31 (T-Mobile)

[Standiford H. Cox Fund Grants](#)

Due April 1 (Indiana Landmarks)

[J.M.K. Innovation Prize](#)

Due April 25 (J.M. Kaplan Fund)

[Wilma Gibbs Moore Fellowships](#)

Due April 30 (Indiana Humanities)

[Indiana Landmarks Black Heritage Preservation Program Scholarships](#)

Due May 2 (Indiana Landmarks)

Local & Regional Job Openings



[*Sailboat on Lake Maxinkuckee. 1905*](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0024)

LOCAL

The Indiana Historical Society is hiring!
See open positions [here](#).

[Local History and Genealogy Coordinator](#)
Anderson – Anderson Public Library

[Assistant Librarian](#) (Part-Time)
Indianapolis – Indiana Historical Society

[Collections Manager](#) (Part-Time)
Shelbyville – Shelby County Historical Society, Grover Center Museum

REGIONAL

[Museum Curator](#)

Elk Grove Village, Ill. – Elk Grove Park District

[Registrar of Sciences – Museum Technician II](#)

Springfield, Ill. – Illinois State Museum

[Curator of Rare Books and Maps](#)

Iowa City, Iowa – University of Iowa Libraries

[Assistant Program Manager](#)

Harrodsburg, Ky. – Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill

[Associate Director of Sales and Marketing](#)

Bath, Ohio – Western Reserve Historical Society

[Museum Curatorial Assistant](#)

Nashville, Tenn. – Tennessee State Museum

[Museum Assistant Registrar](#)

Nashville, Tenn. – Tennessee State Museum

[Museum Curator](#)

Nashville, Tenn. – Tennessee State Museum

PAID INTERNSHIPS

[Intern, Education and Engagement](#)

Indianapolis – Indiana Historical Society

[Museum Program Intern](#)

Jefferson County, Colo. – Jefferson County Open Space

[Roselani Media Preservation Internship](#)

West O'ahu, Hawai'i – 'Ulu'ulu Archive, University of Hawai'i

Orphans Corner

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