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Heritage Support Grants for Indiana History Organizations

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Updates from Local History Services



[*Woman Sitting on Books. ca 1910*](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0003)

HERITAGE SUPPORT PROJECT GRANTS AVAILABLE

[Heritage Support Project Grants from \\$5,000 to \\$50,000](#) 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.

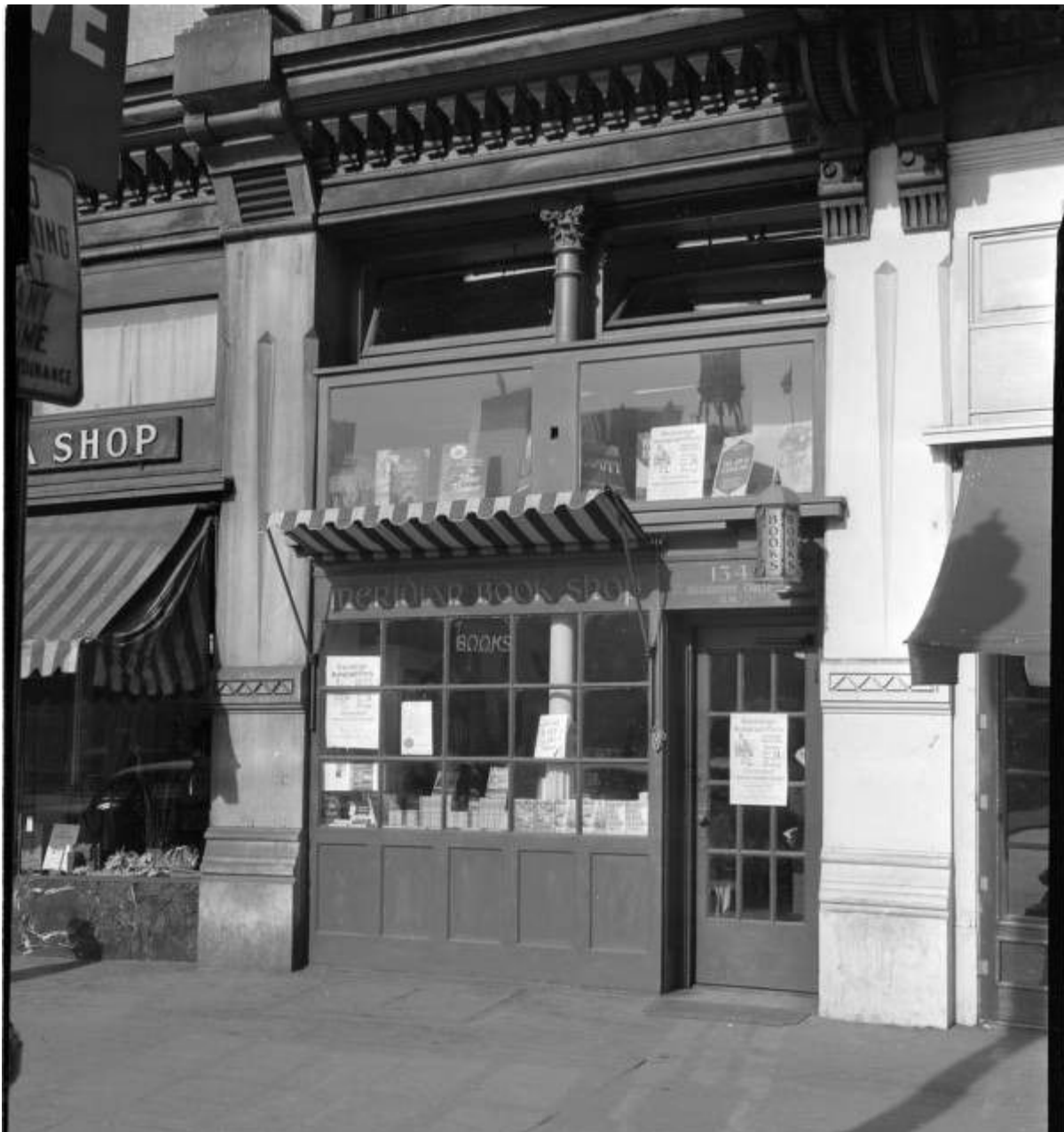
Summaries of Proposal for Project Grants are due April 30. Full Proposals, upon approval of Summaries of Proposal, are due June 30. [Learn more and apply.](#)

Additional Upcoming Deadline:

- Applications for the next round of Mini Grants (Cycle B) are due **July 31**.

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

Around Indiana



[*Meridian Book Shop Exterior, 1946*](#) (Gift of Reba A. Weaver, Indiana Historical Society, cropped)

NEWS

A new state historical marker in Princeton [commemorates the impact of the Tri-State Tornado](#). (Princeton Clarion)

Indiana University completes its [first international repatriation](#) of human remains to Easter Island. (Indiana Capital Chronicle)

Raising awareness of [Indiana's underwater landmarks](#) – Nature preserves along Indiana's Lake Michigan coast protect historic shipwrecks. (Indiana Landmarks)

The SullivanMunce Cultural Center has announced the [approval of an additional Century Structure](#): the Lesley Hunt home at 605 West Sycamore in Zionsville. The program recognizes homes with a Century Structure designation (at least 100 years old) or a Heritage Home designation (at least 75 years old). (SullivanMunce)

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.

[Davis Henderson: BODEWADMI NDAW \(I am Potawatomi\) Documentary](#)

Now-Aug. 24, Indianapolis – See this documentary about the efforts of the Potawatomi people to revitalize their language, Bodwéwadmimwen. (Tube Factory Artspace, Big Car Collaborative)

[Beginning Genealogy](#)

Tuesdays through April 22, Yorktown – Learn how to document history and family information that you can pass along to future generations. (E.B. and Bertha C. Ball Center; event at Yorktown-Mt. Pleasant Twp. Historical Alliance)

[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)

[Bill Smith Underground Railroad Festival](#)

April 5, Greensburg – The day will feature lectures, music, and docent-led bus tours. (Greensburg-Decatur County Public Library)

[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)

[History of the La Porte County Courthouse](#)

April 15, La Porte – Leigh Morris will present a fascinating program on the history of the La Porte County Courthouse. (La Porte County Historical Society Museum)

[Mini Garden Workshop – 80s Themed](#)

April 19, Elkhart – Rock out, sip on popular 80s drinks, and get your hands dirty while you create a one-of-a-kind 80s-themed garden. (Ruthmere)

[Back Home Again in Harrison County Event](#)

April 22, Corydon – The event will feature a slide show of pictures of submitted natural, scenic sites in Harrison County. (Historical Society of Harrison County; event at the Harrison County Community Foundation)

[Rescue Party](#)

April 26, Indianapolis – Party for a good cause at Indiana Landmarks' annual fundraiser for the Endangered Places programs. (Indiana Landmarks Center)

[Sights & Sounds of WWII](#)

April 26, Knox – The event will feature Military reeactors sharing information about World War II, swing music, tours, and more. (Schricker House, Starke County Historical Society)

[Miami Indian Heritage Days – Finger Weaving](#)

May 3, Fort Wayne – Jared Nally will offer a demonstration on Finger Weaving. (Chief Richardville House, or *akima pinšiwā awiiki*)

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.

Indiana Disasters

Through April 30, Petersburg ([Pike County Historical Society](#))

Groundbreaking Black Hoosiers

Through May 1, North Manchester ([North Manchester Center for History](#))

Indiana Historical Society Spotlight

UNBOUND PODCAST

[Working from the Sidelines: Two Hoosiers in Indiana Sports](#)

We go back to the racetrack with Betty Cadou, and then we take you out to the ball game with the story of Cliff Robinson.

FROM THE BLOG

[Nuts About a Legume! National Peanut Month](#)

To celebrate National Peanut Month let's look at some of the imagery in our collections that feature the legume.

[An Intern's Experience in Archives & Library](#)

A history major intern shares her experience at the Indiana Historical Society Archives and Library.

UPCOMING EVENTS

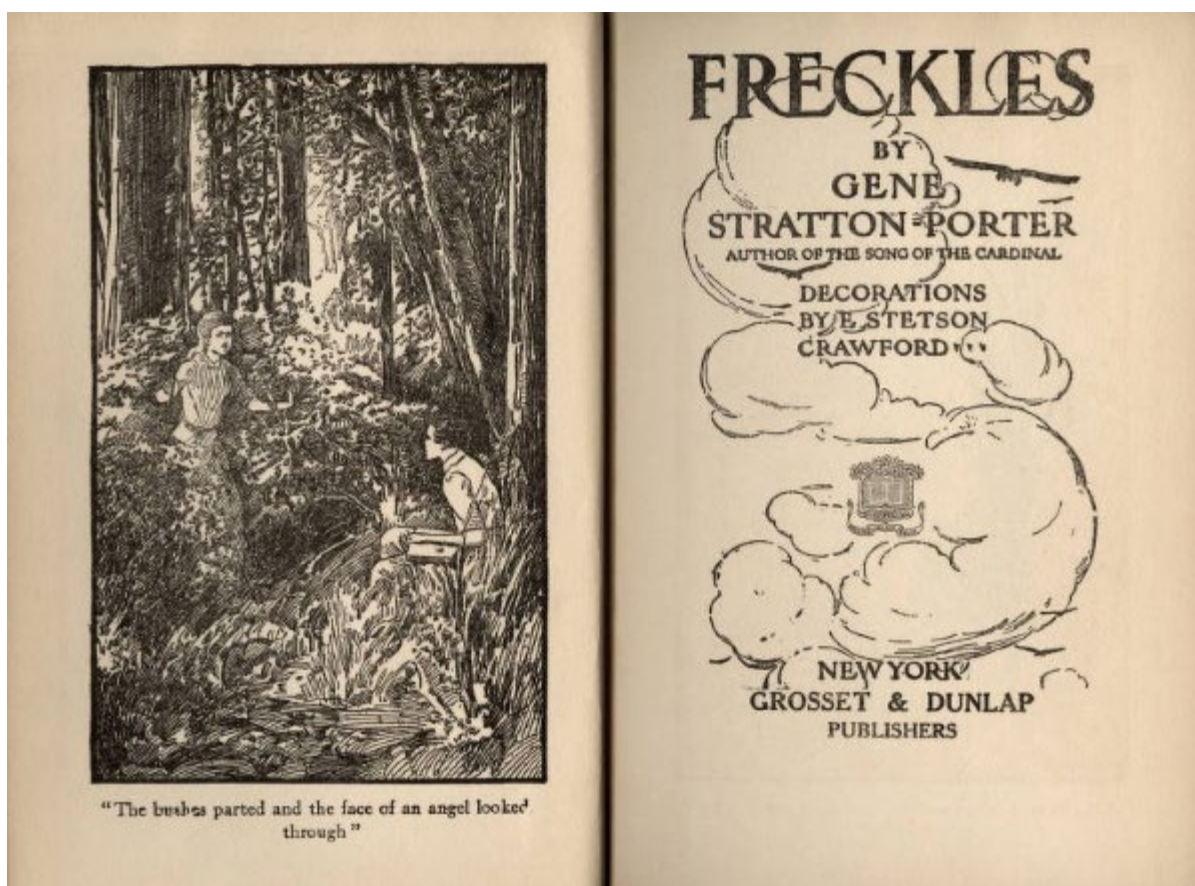
[Flavors of the Heartland: Bethany Hrachovec, Making British Rock Cakes](#)

April 9 – Take a break and enjoy the stories and smells of the dishes that make up our food heritage.

[Madge: The Life and Times of Madge Oberholtzer](#)

April 22, Indianapolis – Meet Charlotte Ottinger, author of *Madge: The Life and Times of Madge Oberholtzer, the Young Irvington Woman Who Brought Down D.C. Stephenson and the Ku Klux Klan*. (Event at the Irvington Public Library)

What We're Reading This Week



[Freckles Title Page, 1904](#) (Indiana Historical Society)

RESOURCES AND NEWS FROM THE FIELD

Museums have tons of data, and AI could make it more accessible – but [standardizing and organizing it across fields](#) won't be easy. (The Conversation)

Creating effective [archival finding aids](#): tips for writing clear descriptions. (Lucidea)

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION

[The 3 'Rs'](#) of equitable community engagement. (Blue Avocado)

FUNDRAISING

7 tips for setting up your first [donor CRM](#). (Bloomerang)

The best [questions to ask major donors](#) – and why they matter so much. (Gail Perry Group)

LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

How to [prepare for a meeting where emotions will run high](#). (Harvard Business Review)

NEED A BREAK?

The spredges effect: [why books are becoming more beautiful](#). (The Bookseller)

Book secrets! [Explore fore-edge paintings](#) in a short video. (Bite Sized Book History with Book Historia)

Check out these [gorgeous 18th- and 19th-century fore-edge book paintings](#) from the Boston

Public Library. (Public Domain Review)

[40 influential illustrated books](#) from the 16th century to the present. (Abe Books)

Learning Opportunities



[Ready to Read. ca. 1955](#) (O. James Fox Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

FREE WEBINARS & VIRTUAL LEARNING

[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)

[Building an Evaluation Plan without a Staff Evaluator](#)

April 9 – Learn about strategies for integrating evaluation principles in your work, how to draft manageable and actionable plans for your museum, and more. (Museum Association of Arizona)

[Shifting Perspective: Preservation in the Wake of Natural Disasters](#)

April 9 – Join Preservation Leadership Forum for a webinar that will examine preservation practice in the wake of natural disasters. (National Trust for Historic Preservation)

[Engaging Youth in Museums and History, for the U.S. 250th and Beyond](#)

April 15 – Learn from the experts at Made By Us, the nationwide network of historical sites and museums working together to engage young adults ages 18-30. (Texas Historical Commission)

VIRTUAL TRAINING

[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)

[Strategies to Secure General Operating Funds](#)

April 15 – Learn how to secure general operating funds for your organization. \$69. (GrantStation)

[Digital Directions: Foundations for Digital Collections](#)

April 22-24 – Learn foundational concepts, good practices, and practical strategies for managing digital collections. \$260; register by April 18. (NEDCC)

IN-PERSON TRAINING

[Tenth Annual Richard M. Fairbanks Symposium on Civic Leadership](#)

April 9, Indianapolis – The 2025 Symposium, “Civic Spirit: Religion and Leadership in Indianapolis,” will feature conversations that consider the intersection of religion and civic engagement in the Circle City. Free. (University of Indianapolis and Indiana Humanities)

[Historic House Summit: Interpreting Historic House Museums Today](#)

April 22-23, Grosse Point Shores, Mich. – The summit will bring together leaders in the field to discuss how these museums are interpreted today and the future of telling stories connected to these historic places. \$255; \$215 members. **Register by April 11.** (AASLH)

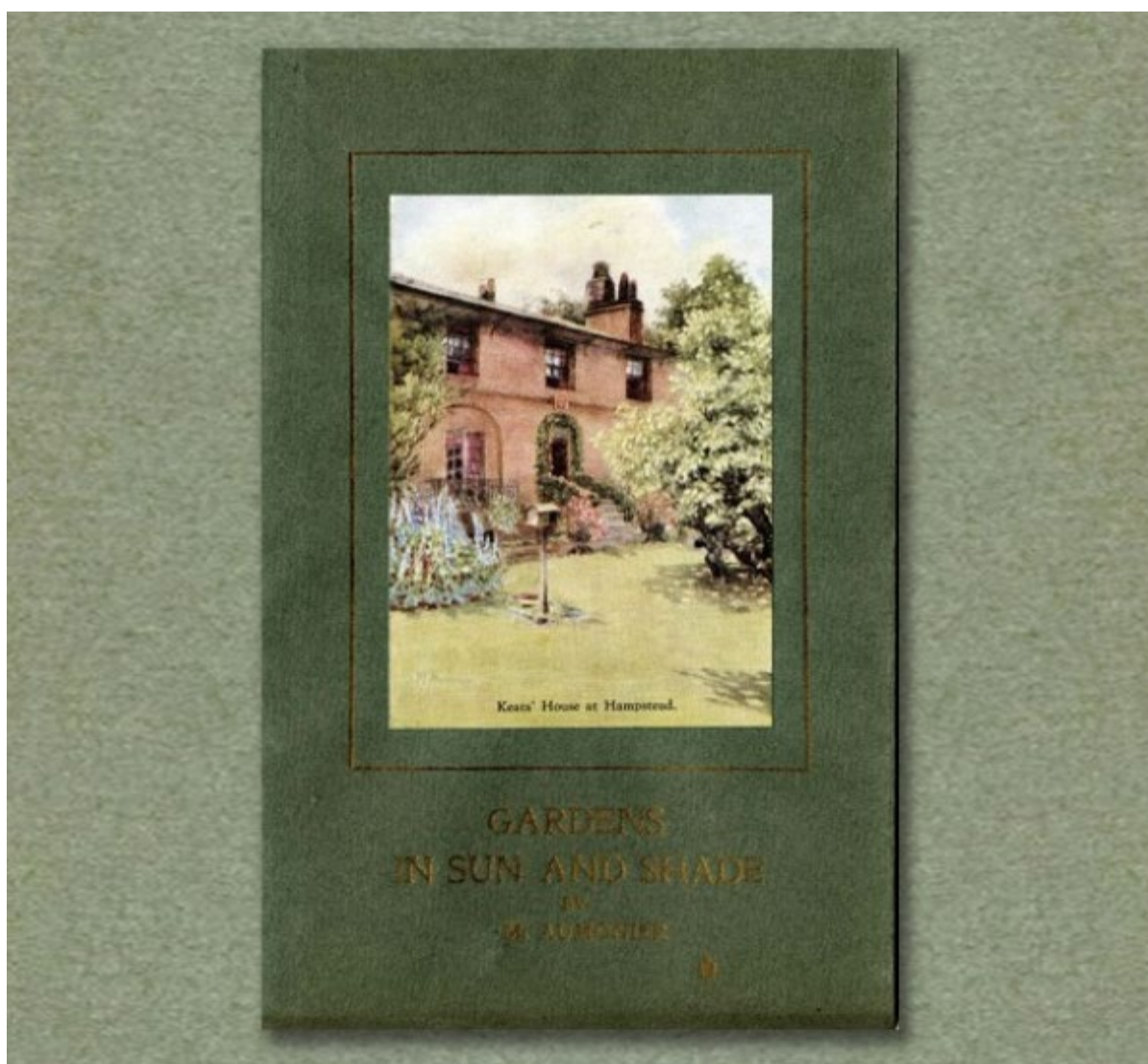
[Association of Midwest Museums 2025 Conference](#)

Virtual July 23; in-person July 30-Aug. 2, Quad Cities, Iowa/Illinois – Join AMM, the Illinois Association of Museums, and the Iowa Museum Association for “Crosscurrents” in summer 2025. Cost varies. (AMM)

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

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

Funding Available



Book: "Gardens in Sun and Shade." 1930 (Gift of the Clowes Family, Indiana Historical Society)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPOTLIGHT

[Exhibit Professionals Fellowship to Attend the Association of Midwest Museums Conference](#)

Due May 19 – Two scholarships are available for the AMM annual conference, July 30-Aug. 2 in the Quad Cities, Iowa/Illinois. Professionals working in any exhibit discipline – design, development, project management, production, curation, etc. – and located in one of the eight Midwest states of the AMM network are invited to apply. (AMM and Museum EXP)

[American Heritage Program Grants](#)

Applications accepted on a rolling basis – Grants are available to support projects and programs across the U.S. that seek to broaden the inclusivity of early American art and the early American historical narrative to “tell the full story of” the American experience. (The Americana Foundation)

UPCOMING DEADLINES

[Recordings at Risk Grants](#)

Due April 14 (Council on Library and Information Resources)

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

Due April 17 (Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs)

[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



[Service Men's Centers. Interior Shot. ca. 1943](#) (Indiana Historical Society, M1225)

LOCAL

The Indiana Historical Society is hiring!

See open positions [here](#).

[Program Developer](#)

Evansville – Angel Mounds, Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites

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

Shelbyville – Shelby County Historical Society, Grover Center Museum

REGIONAL

[Assistant University Archivist](#)

Chicago, Ill. – Loyola University Chicago Archives and Special Collections

[Executive Director](#)

Davenport, Iowa – German American Heritage Center and Museum

[Collections Manager](#)

Rochester, Minn. – History Center of Olmsted County

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Orphans Corner

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