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Updates from Local History Services



[Miniature Golf, Beach and Pier at Indiana Beach, ca. 1955](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0408)

USING POOL NOODLES IN COLLECTIONS STORAGE

Who knew the simple pool noodle could be so versatile? The chemical composition of the material is similar to ethafoam, and the color is applied in a closed cell process making them suitable to use in some collections storage. Our [latest issue of Collections Advisor](#) shares how pool noodles can be a great, cost-effective addition to your collections storage tool kit. For more collections tips, find our complete list of past editions of Collections Advisor [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE FREE VIRTUAL U.S. 250 MEETINGS

Join us on Zoom for two FREE virtual meetings on the upcoming U.S. 250th. Each meeting will be 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (EST).

[Meet the Indiana U.S. 250 Commission](#)

Sept. 29 – Hear from Indiana's U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission about upcoming plans and resources, as well as national news and updates, with plenty of time for Q&A. Free to attend.

[Developing Meaningful Local Programming for the U.S. 250th](#)

Oct. 6 – Join us for a discussion on developing meaningful local programming around the U.S. 250th.

Around Indiana



[Children Playing Checkers. ca. 1950](#) (Indiana Historical Society, M0513)

NEWS

September is [Indiana Archaeology Month](#), and this year marks the 30th anniversary of a statewide celebration of archaeology in our state. Check out this year's poster, and consider hosting an archaeology related event during this special anniversary year. (Indiana DHPA)

The Blue River Quaker Settlement Rural Historic District in Washington County [has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places](#). (WBIW)

The Pioneer Village at the Indiana State Fair [showcases Hoosier farm history](#). (Hoosier Ag Today)

IN-PERSON EVENTS AND EXHIBITS

PLEASE NOTE: For in-person programs, please check with the hosting organization to confirm date, time, location, and any restrictions and/or requirements.

[Miami Indian Heritage Days – Miami Harvest](#)

Aug. 2, Fort Wayne – Dani Tippmann will offer a presentation on Miami Harvest: Edible and Usable Plants and Materials. (Chief Richardville House, or *akima pinšīwa awiiki*)

[Desert Shield/Desert Storm Memorial Dedication](#)

Aug. 2, Fort Wayne – Join the dedication of a new monument made of Indiana limestone in honor of all those who fought in the Gulf War in the fall of 1990 until the end of February 1991. (Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum)

[Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social](#)

Aug. 3, Elkhart – Enjoy delicious ice cream and listen to a barbershop quartet. (Ruthmere)

[Ice Cream Social](#)

Aug. 3, Irvington – Join your neighbors for a sweet Sunday afternoon filled with music, food, and community connection. (Irvington Historical Society)

[Gallery Talk-Morris & Co.: A Family Affair](#)

Aug. 7, Elkhart – Jennifer Johns, Curator, will present this month's Gallery Talk. (Ruthmere)

[Indiana Automotive Connersville Tour](#)

Aug. 9, Connersville – This all-day tour explores sites related to the city's extensive transportation history. (Indiana Landmarks; Indiana Automotive)

[Voices from the Past: Storyteller Series – Benjamin Harrison](#)

Aug. 9, Franklin – Charles Braun will explore the personal life and legacy of the 23rd President of the United States. (Johnson County Museum of History)

[Summer Lecture Series: Jonathan Knight – Pathfinder of American Roads](#)

Aug. 9, Indianapolis – Author Pat Chase will give a lecture and book signing detailing his recently published biography of Jonathan Knight. (Indiana State Library)

[Indiana's Glass Treasures: Uncovering the Stories of Forgotten Glass Negatives](#)

Aug. 10, Irvington – Joan Hostetler will present a free lecture about the amazing glass negative collections rediscovered in attics across Indiana. (Irvington Historical Society)

[History Hour: Pullman – The Man, The Company & The Community](#)

Aug. 10, Michigan City – Discover how Pullman revolutionized rail travel and built a model industrial town that still exists today as a Chicago neighborhood. (The Barker Mansion)

[48th Annual Maumee Valley Antique Steam & Gas Engine Show](#)

Aug. 14-17, New Haven – See historic tractors, trucks, and cars, and enjoy food, activities, and more. (Maumee Valley Antique Steam and Gas Association)

[The Glass Negatives of Ira Gibson and Photo Scan-a-Thon](#)

Aug. 16, Greentown – Learn about Greentown's early photographer and his extraordinary glass negative collection, and bring your Indiana photos for a scan-a-thon. (Greentown Historical Society)

[Indiana Land Records Orientation](#)

Aug. 26, Frankfort – Learn about field notes, plat maps, and tract books preserved at the Indiana Archives and Records Administration. (Clinton County Genealogical Society; event at the Frankfort Community Public Library)

[Historical Cruise on Lake Michigan](#)

Sept. 13, Michigan City – Learn more about Lake Michigan, Washington Park, Long Beach, and so much more during this sightseeing historical cruise. (La Porte County Historical Society Museum)

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.

Auto Indiana

Through Sept. 2, Salem ([John Hay Center](#))

Faces of the Civil War

Through Sept. 1, Huntington ([Huntington County History and Education Center](#))

Indiana Historical Society Spotlight

FROM THE BLOG

[July Celebration Days](#)

Learn about National Ice Cream Day and National Hammock Day, with images from our collections.

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Concerts on the Canal – Groove Essential](#)

Aug. 7 – Spread out your summer fun by immersing yourself in music at the Kruse Family Stardust Terrace!

[Lucy Nichols: Unsung Civil War Hero with Eileen Yanoviak](#)

Aug. 9 – Join scholar and professor Eileen Yanoviak for a presentation and discussion on her new book *The Tenacious Nurse Nichols: An Unsung African American Civil War Hero*.

[Indianapolis and the Road to Rock 'n' Roll](#)

Aug. 21 – Join us for an evening exploring the story of how Black Indianapolis businesspeople and musicians in the 1930s and 1940s began a cultural movement that changed the world: rock 'n' roll.

[Walking the Electric Rail](#)

Aug. 22 – Join us on a walk along the interurban lines that connected key locations

through Indianapolis.

U.S. 250 News From the Field



[Street Fair, 1912](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0468)

U.S. 250 NEWS & RESOURCES

America250 has launched [Our American Story](#) – a nationwide initiative designed to preserve the voices of everyday Americans. The project will embark on a yearlong tour across all 50 states in a refurbished Airstream.

U.S. 250 TRAINING & PROGRAMS

[Putting It All Together: Preparing for 2026 at Small History Organizations](#)

Aug. 5 – Learn about the *Making History at 250* field guide, a handbook of low-resource programming ideas, and how to effectively apply these tools to your site. \$65; \$45 members. (AASLH)

Find updates about Indiana U.S. 250 training and meetings from IHS Local History Services [here](#).

What We're Reading This Week



[Clowes Grandchildren and Children's Bureau, ca. 1940s-1970s, Slide 14](#) (Indiana Historical Society, M1028)

RESOURCES AND NEWS FROM THE FIELD

[Talking \(museum\) shop](#) – takeaways from a discussion on the topic of museum stores. (AASLH)

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION

Universal design and the museum: [sensory features](#). (Smithsonian)

AUDIENCE & COMMUNITY

Museums, [what's your Gen Z score?](#) (AAM)

The link between [heritage and wellbeing](#). (University of Birmingham)

FINANCES & FUNDRAISING

Best practices for a [project budget](#) in uncertain times. (Candid)

Your [IRS Form 990](#) questions answered. (Blue Avocado)

LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

[What story](#) is your museum project telling? (Kera Collective)

The right way to [sunset a project](#). (Harvard Business Review)

NEED A BREAK?

See an [amazing collection of 19th century board games](#). (All About Fun and Games)

Explore a graphic timeline that illustrates the [evolution of arcade gaming](#). (M&P Amusement)

A [CBS Evening News segment in 1982](#) explores video arcade “addiction.” (Shatner Method on YouTube)

Here are the [best board games of the ancient world](#). (Smithsonian Magazine)

These maps reveal the [hidden structures of 'Choose Your Own Adventure' books](#). (Atlas Obscura)

Learning Opportunities



Indiana State Fair Midway Games, 2000 (Banayote Photo Inc., Indiana Historical Society)

FREE WEBINARS & VIRTUAL LEARNING

[Leveraging LinkedIn for Stronger Online Networking](#)

Aug. 7 – National Trust staff will talk through their approach to recruiting on LinkedIn and provide some tips on how to strengthen your online job search process. (National Trust for Historic Preservation)

[From Paper to Pixels: Planning a Successful Digitization Project](#)

Aug. 14 – This webinar will walk you through the key steps of planning a successful digitization project. (DHPS NY)

[From Project to Perpetuity: How St. Kate's Built a Lasting Outdoor Sculpture Corps](#)

Aug. 14 – See a case study of a project that was completed through the creation of an Outdoor Sculpture Corps. (Connecting to Collections Care)

[Utilizing the National NAGPRA Program Website and Available Resources](#)

Aug. 15 – This webinar is part of a series on the Native American Graves Protection and

Repatriation Act. (National Park Service)

[AASLH History Hour: Preserving Collections](#)

Aug. 26 – Join a discussion on the best practices that can begin the preservation of any size collection. (AASLH)

VIRTUAL TRAINING

[Preventing and Responding to Mold in Book and Paper Collections](#)

Aug. 12 – Learn how to identify mold, how to safely clean moldy materials, and how to prevent future mold outbreaks through proactive preservation measures. \$55. (NEDCC)

Funding Available



[Playing Pinball. ca. 1941](#) (Indiana Historical Society, M1225)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPOTLIGHT

[Robert Lehman Foundation Grants](#)

Due Sept. 15 – Grants are available to museums, arts organizations, educational institutions, and other nonprofit cultural groups with the goal of advancing the visual arts in both American and global culture. The foundation supports a wide array of projects, including museum exhibitions, scholarly publications, art history lectureships, and art education programs. (Robert Lehman Foundation)

UPCOMING DEADLINES

[Community Development Block Grants: Planning Grants](#)

Due Aug. 15 (Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs)

[The Bolger Foundation Capital Grants](#)

Due Sept. 1 (The Bolger Foundation)

[Historic Preservation Education Grants](#)

Due Sept. 30 (Indiana Humanities)

Local & Regional Job Openings



[Woodrow Wilson Fun Club, 1945](#) (Martin Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

LOCAL

The Indiana Historical Society is hiring!

See open positions [here](#).

[Library Assistant – Genealogy and Local History](#)

Huntington – Huntington City-Township Public Library

REGIONAL

[Archival Digitization Specialist](#)

Hancock, Mich. – Finlandia Foundation National

[Executive Director](#)

Becker, Minn. – Sherburne County Historical Society

[Director of Development](#)

Cincinnati, Ohio – American Sign Museum

[Director of Education and Community Partnerships](#)

Massillon, Ohio – Massillon Museum

[Exhibit Coordinator](#)

Knoxville, Tenn. – McClung Museum of Natural History and Culture, UT-Knoxville

[State Historic Sites Program Coordinator](#)

Nashville, Tenn. – Tennessee Historical Commission

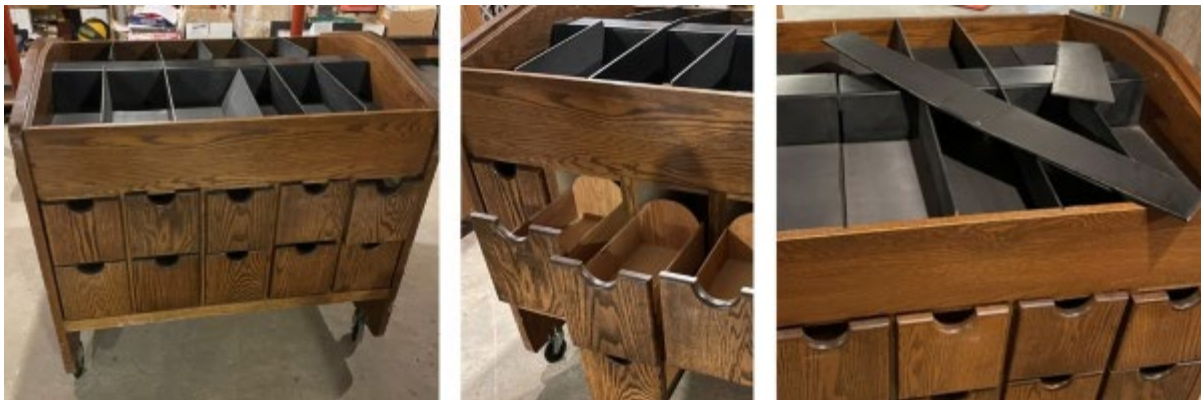
[DPLA Engagement Coordinator](#) (part-time)

Remote – Digital Public Library of America

[Newsletter Editor](#) (3-year term)

Remote – Oral History Association

Orphans Corner – Display Tables Available



Two display tables are available from the Marshall County Museum. Left: one display table; center: detail of drawers; right: detail of top.

The Marshall County Museum has two of these display tables available to new homes. They are great for sorting and storing. The size of each is 37" wide, 34" deep and 44" high. The drawers are 12", and there are 10 sliding drawers on each side. The display tables are on wheels for easy moving.

For more information or to claim these items, contact karinrettinger@mchistorysociety.org. Items listed in Orphans Corner 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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