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## Updates from Local History Services



[\*Assembly Line at RCA Victor Television Factory. 1950s\*](#) (Michael D. O'Hara RCA Marketing Archives, Indiana Historical Society)

## DIGGING INTO DIGITAL CONTENT

History organizations, museums, and libraries have great content that can lend itself well to community engagement and learning. Here, we've compiled some resources to provide a refresher or help get started:

### Collections Advisors

- [Dissecting Digitization: Part 1](#); [Part 2](#); and [Part 3](#)
- [So Someone Wants a Copy of a Digital Image](#)
- [Social Tagging and Museum Collections](#)
- [Making Your Online Collections Accessible](#)

### Books from our [Lending Resource Center](#)

- *The Accidental Techie: Supporting, Managing, and Maximizing Your Nonprofit's Technology*
- *The Digital Future of Museums: Conversations and Provocations*
- *Digitization and Digital Archiving: A Practical Guide for Librarians*
- *Letting Go? Sharing Historical Authority in a User-Generated World*
- *Technology and Digital Initiatives: Innovative Approaches for Museums*

### Further Reading

[Digital Content & Technology – Resources and Articles](#) (AAM)

[Building a Robust Museum Digital Content Strategy](#) (Museum Next)

[Six Things to Consider When Creating Digital Museum Experiences](#) (Flatpage)

[Step-By-Step Guide to Craft a Museum Content Strategy](#) (The Museum Creative)

## 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).

- **Sept. 29** – [Meet the Indiana U.S. 250 Commission](#)
- **Oct. 6** – [Developing Meaningful Local Programming for the U.S. 250th](#)

## Around Indiana



[Power House I.U.T. System, Anderson, Indiana, 1909](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0391)

### NEWS

[September is Indiana Archaeology Month](#), and this year marks the 30th anniversary of a statewide celebration of archaeology in our state. (Indiana DHPA)

[Fifteen sites significant to Indiana's African American history are receiving restoration and rehabilitation assistance](#) through two funds established by the late Eli Lilly chemist and preservation champion Standiford "Stan" Cox. (Indiana Landmarks)

[Three communities in Indiana have received Public Facilities Program grants](#) through the Community Development Block Grant program for historic structures and community buildings. (OCRA)

[The home of late Gary Congresswoman Katie Hall has been awarded a \\$10,000 restoration](#)

[grant](#) by the Indiana Landmarks Black Heritage Preservation Program. (The Chicago Crusader)

## 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.*

### [Tuesday Teas @ 2](#)

**Tuesdays, Sept. 2-Oct. 21, Elkhart** – Enjoy tea in a beautiful setting and celebrate the final film of Downton Abbey. (Ruthmere)

### [The Women of Bracken Library: Celebrating 50 Years of Women at Ball State University Libraries](#)

**Sept. 2, Muncie** – This program will highlight stories of librarians, archivists, catalogers, and other staff and some of the unique resources they curated and preserved. (E.B. and Bertha C. Ball Center)

### [The Thursday Parlay: Stories From the Armory](#)

**Sept. 4, Wabash** – Enjoy coffee and conversation then listen as Jeff Galley shares stories from the Museum's armory. (Wabash County Museum)

### [Pancake Breakfast and Historical Tour and Lecture](#)

**Sept. 6, Indianapolis** – Join the Marion County Historical Society for a pancake breakfast followed by a lecture and tour of the Millersville Masonic Lodge. **Please RSVP by Aug 29.** (Marion County Historical Society)

### [Indiana Landmarks' 65th Annual Meeting and Awards Presentation](#)

**Sept. 6, Indianapolis and Online** – Join Indiana Landmarks to elect new directors and celebrate a year of inspiring achievement in historic preservation. (Indiana Landmarks)

### [Landmarks Off the Beaten Path](#)

**Sept. 10, Indianapolis and Online** – Indiana road tripper Evan Finch shares amusing takes on the state's quirky roadside attractions and out-of-the-way landmarks. (Indiana Landmarks)

### [Speakeasy Summer Social](#)

**Sept. 12, Cedar Lake** – The 1920s Come Alive on the Lake during the annual party with vintage music and dance lessons. Buy tickets by Sept. 7. (The Museum at Lassen's Resort)

### [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)

### [Historic 175th Anniversary of the Orange County Courthouse](#)

**Sept. 14, Paoli** – The day will feature the re-dedication of the Orange County Courthouse, a downtown gathering, tales of Orange County, hot air balloon rides, tours, and more. (Historic Orange County)

### [Trail of Courage Living History Festival](#)

**Sept. 20-21, Rochester** – Step back in time at this pre-1840 period event. (Fulton County Historical Society)

### [Lunch and Learn Series: Indiana State Library Bicentennial Celebration](#)

**Oct. 14, Indianapolis** – Learn about the history of the Indiana State Library, followed by a historical marker dedication and reception celebrating the Library's bicentennial. (Indiana

State Library)

## Indiana Historical Society Spotlight

### FROM THE BLOG

[August Celebration Days: VEEPs and Eats](#)

Learn about National VEEP Day and National Chop Suey Day with images from our collections.

[Get Revved Up: August is National Motorsports Month](#)

We tracked down a variety of motorsports and events in Indiana history.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

[The Big Band Concert](#)

**Sept. 8** – Join us as we celebrate a bygone era with music from the golden age of movies and TV.

[Fun on the Farm \(Early Childhood Program\)](#)

**Sept. 4, 6, and 12** – Plant the seeds of learning and watch your child's curiosity grow! Join Ms. Beth as we harvest the fun of agriculture in Indiana.

[Author Talk and Signing – "Indianapolis in 1854" presented by Dr. James Glass](#)

**Sept. 9** – Join us for an illustrated lecture presented by Dr. James Glass, architectural historian and historic preservation and heritage consultant.

## U.S. 250 News From the Field



*[Two Women and a Television Set, 1955](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0569)*

## NEWS & RESOURCES

AASLH's [National Initiative Tracker](#) provides an overview of national-level planning initiatives for the U.S. 250th, as well as links and additional information.

## UPCOMING TRAINING & PROGRAMS

[250 by 2026 Wiki Scholars Courses](#)

**Starting Sept. 29** – Free courses are available to help you disseminate the history of your community, state, or region to a global audience through Wikipedia. (AASLH)

## UPCOMING GRANT DEADLINES

[Rediscovering Our Revolutionary Tradition Grants](#)

**Due Sept. 4** (NEH)

[Public Humanities Projects – U.S. 250th Projects](#)

**Due Sept. 10** (NEH)

## What We're Reading This Week



[General Motors Explorer Post 734. ca. 1970s](#) (Indiana Historical Society, M1389)

## RESOURCES AND NEWS FROM THE FIELD

Are you interested in serving on an AASLH committee? There are currently openings on multiple committees, including the Small Museum Committee. [Submit your interest here.](#) (AASLH)

[The Culture Keeper Mutual Aid Network](#) is a resource to support the livelihood of arts and humanities administrators and cultural workers in times of uncertainty. The resource includes a Culture Keeper Register (a public roster of cultural workers who wish to self-identify their expertise and experience to find opportunities for steady work, consulting, or collaboration), Career Workshops, a Mutual Aid Fund, and more. (Higher Ground Society)

## DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION

How museums are [opening their doors to visitors with vision impairment](#). (Observer)

## AUDIENCE & COMMUNITY

How [earned media](#) for nonprofits can strengthen your brand [5 tips]. (GoFundMePro)

## FUNDRAISING

Do you hate fundraising? Here's [how to reframe your approach](#). (Clairification)

## LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

A museum board yearly [self-evaluation checklist](#). (Museum 411)

HBR editors share their favorite management [tips on leading effective meetings](#). (Harvard Business Review)

## NEED A BREAK?

Dial-up signs off – Remembering [AOL's role in the digital revolution](#). (Forbes)

Creating Clippy: in [this short video](#), the designer of Clippit tells the story behind Microsoft's iconic assistant. (Great Big Story on YouTube)

Check out this [virtual exhibit on the history of computer graphics, music, and art](#). For more fun computer history, see the full list of virtual exhibits [here](#). (Computer History Museum)

Debugging a bit of computer lore – [the bug in the computer bug story](#). (JSTOR Daily)

## Learning Opportunities



*[Milton Allen, Owner-Operator of Computer Kids, 1983](#) (Indianapolis Recorder Collection, Indiana Historical Society)*

## FREE WEBINARS & VIRTUAL LEARNING

[Strengthen Your Nonprofit's Social Media Presence: Best Practices](#)

**Sept. 2** – Learn how nonprofits raise awareness, reach new supporters, promote events, and build trust with their communities. (TechSoup)

[Storytelling That Sticks – How to Inspire Action Through Volunteer Narratives](#)

**Sept. 4** – Learn the art and science of telling compelling stories that inspire, recruit, and retain volunteers. (Civic Champs)

[Put Your Power on the Page: Showcasing Strengths to Win Grants](#)

**Sept. 4** – Learn how to identify and communicate your organization's unique assets. (TechSoup)

[Take the Candy: Networking in the Museum Field](#)

**Sept. 9** – Join museum professionals for an engaging evening dedicated to strengthening your professional network. (AAMG and SEMC)

[Silver Secrets: Practical Preservation for Small and Mid-Sized Collections](#)

**Sept. 16** – Learn about silver objects, which require specialized care to preserve their integrity and appearance over time. (Connecting to Collections Care)

[Preserving the Greatest Generation: World War II Genealogy at National Museum of the Pacific War](#)

**Sept. 16** – Learn about an initiative that honors, preserves, and shares the stories of America's "Greatest Generation." (Texas Historical Commission)

[Leading with Purpose: Governance and Sustainability](#)

**Sept. 18** – This webinar explores the core responsibilities of board service and how to apply them to real-world practice. (Texas Historical Commission)

[AASLH History Hour: Preserving Collections](#)

**Sept. 23** – Meet with colleagues from across the country to discuss best practices for the preservation of any size collection. (AASLH)

[Publishing Profits Museums](#)

**Sept. 25** – This session offers a comprehensive look at the why and how of museum publishing. (SEMC)

## **VIRTUAL TRAINING**

[The Latest Research on Donor Advised Funds](#)

**Sept. 11** – Learn about new research on how fundraisers can work effectively with donor advised fund donors. \$19.75. (Lilly Family School of Philanthropy)

[Working with Volunteers at Cemeteries](#)

**Oct. 7** – This webinar will outline strategies for organizations to effectively use volunteers for cemetery projects. \$45; \$25 members. (AASLH)

[Climate Change Data in History Collections](#)

**Oct. 9** – This webinar will provide a framework on using history collections (objects and archives) and resources to document and interpret climate change. \$45; \$25 members. (AASLH)

## **IN-PERSON TRAINING**

[Fall 2025 Nonprofit Program Series](#)

**Sept. 6-Oct. 29, Indianapolis** – The Indianapolis Public Library is offering a series of free, in-person workshops covering a variety of nonprofit management topics. [Register for programs here](#). Free. (Indianapolis Public Library)

[Wood Window Restoration 101](#)

**Sept. 10, South Bend** – Expert window restorers Todd Zeiger, Eric Stalheim, and Elicia

Garske cover the basics of wood window restoration and repair. \$28.13; \$22.50 members. (Indiana Landmarks and South Bend TradeWorks)

#### [2025 AASLH Annual Conference](#)

**Sept. 10-13, Cincinnati, Ohio** – Join the national history community for this year's conference. Cost varies; pre-registration is closed; registration available in-person at the conference. (AASLH)

#### [PastForward National Preservation Conference](#)

**Sept. 16-18, Milwaukee, Wis. and Online** – Join peers to explore new strategies, technologies, and creative solutions in historic preservation. Cost varies. (National Trust for Historic Preservation)

#### [Heritage Emergency and Response Training \(HEART\) 2025 Call for Applications](#)

**Dec. 8-12, Washington, D.C.** – Applications are open to participate in this year's training opportunity on disaster response for cultural heritage. The program is free and lodging is provided. (Smithsonian Cultural Rescue Initiative)

## Funding Available



[Indianapolis Now the Hometown of Bell Telephones. ca. 1950](#) (Indiana Historical Society)

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPOTLIGHT

[Preserving Black Churches Grants](#)

**Due Sept. 12** – Funding is available to preserve historic houses of worship and advance preservation activities including capital projects, programming and interpretation, capacity building, project planning, and endowment and financial sustainability. (African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund, National Trust for Historic Preservation)

[Subaru of Indiana Automotive Foundation Grants](#)

**Due Sept. 30** – Grants are available to Indiana nonprofit 501(c)3 organizations, institutions, or entities to support the funding of specific capital projects in the areas of Arts and Culture, Education, and Health and Welfare. (SIA Foundation)

## UPCOMING DEADLINES

[The Bolger Foundation Capital Grants](#)

**Due Sept. 1** (The Bolger Foundation)

[Two for the Trails Grants](#)

**Due Sept. 4** (Athletic Brewing Co.)

[2025-26 GIG Fund](#)

**Intent to Apply due Sept. 15** (Arts Midwest)

[Robert Lehman Foundation Grants for Visual Arts](#)

**Due Sept. 15** (Robert Lehman Foundation)

[Historic Preservation Education Grants](#)

**Due Sept. 30** (Indiana Humanities)

[CSA Small Museum Collection Care Grant](#)

**Due Oct. 15** (Costume Society of America)

## Local & Regional Job Openings



[Rose Polytechnic Institute, 1932](#) (Martin Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

## **LOCAL**

***The Indiana Historical Society is hiring!***

See open positions [here](#).

[Guest Relations Education Coordinator](#)

**Fishers** – Conner Prairie

[Special Collections Director and University Archivist](#)

**Terre Haute** – Indiana State University

## **REGIONAL**

[Museum Director](#)

**Arthur, Ill.** – Illinois Amish Heritage Center

[Archives Administrator](#)

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

[Parks Museum Curator](#) (Interim)

**Wickliffe, Ky.** – Wickliffe Mounds, Kentucky Department of Parks

[Inclusive History Project Program Coordinator](#) (Term)

**Flint, Mich.** – University of Michigan – Flint

[Digital Preservation Specialist](#)

**St. Paul, Minn.** – Minnesota Historical Society

[Director of Development](#)

**Saint Louis, Mo.** – Missouri Historical Society

[Senior Charitable Giving Advisor](#)

**Saint Louis, Mo.** – Missouri Historical Society

[Contract Associate Curator](#)

**Columbus, Ohio** – Ohio History Connection & Poindexter Village African American Museum

[Historic Farm Specialist](#)

**Dayton, Ohio** – Carriage Hill Farm

## 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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