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Updates from Local History Services



[Young Women, n.d.](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0515)

FREE VIRTUAL BROWN BAG LEARNING SERIES

Grab your lunch and join us on Zoom for these free virtual brown bag presentations from Local History Services and guest speakers!

Each meeting will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (EST).

[Getting People to Love Our History Organizations](#)

Oct. 21 – We'll chat about how we can consider our core purpose and get our communities to care about our local history organizations and the work we do.

[Interpreting Complex Histories](#)

Oct. 30 – History is made up of many communities, voices, and events. We'll talk about interpreting and sharing complex histories as well as exploring some of the ways staff and volunteers can talk to visitors about those stories.

[Stop Yelling at Kids to Care!](#)

Nov. 6 – Young people often hear the phrase "kids just don't care about history." We'll explore why that's just not true and what your organization can do to get young people

involved with and interested in your mission.

[Intro to A.I. for Museums and History](#)

Nov. 13 – We'll delve into the timely topic of Artificial Intelligence and the work of history and museums, including the basics of A.I., its potential and limitations for our work, and some of the ways it is being used in the history and museum fields.

Around Indiana



[Coffee Pot Filling Station near Scottsburg, Indiana, ca. 1930](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0411)

NEWS

Preserving the past: The Indiana Medical History Museum shares the [evolution of mental health care](#). (Current)

A large portion of downtown Loogootee is [now on the National Register of Historic Places](#). (Indiana Economic Digest)

Teaming up to save Medaryville's historic gym – [A new friends group in Pulaski County](#) is forming to revitalize the historic Medaryville Gymnasium. (Indiana Landmarks)

Four places tell the hidden story of Chinese resilience in Indianapolis – Through chop suey shops and laundries, [early Chinese immigrants helped shape the city](#). (Mirror Indy)

The Indianapolis Historic Preservation Commission unanimously voted that a [100-year-old church building should not be torn down](#). (WISH-TV)

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.

[New Advertising Exhibit](#)

Now Open, La Porte – See some great historic advertisements of the past. This exhibit will be on display until Nov. 29. (La Porte County Historical Society Museum)

[Genealogy 101](#)

Oct. 11, Frankfort – The program will cover the fundamentals of genealogical research and give an overview of the primary resources used in tracing family trees. (Frankfort Community Public Library)

[Mapping Memories: A Family Write-in Workshop](#)

Oct. 11, Indianapolis – Families will collaborate to write a story about a specific experience using guided prompts. This event is part of [Proof: A Midwest Lit Fest](#). (Indiana Humanities; event at the Harrison Center)

[Venoge Farmstead Marker Dedication](#)

Oct. 11, Vevay – Join the dedication ceremony for the new Indiana state historical marker commemorating Venoge Farmstead. (Indiana Historical Bureau; Switzerland County Historical Society)

[The 58th Feast of the Hunters' Moon](#)

Oct. 11-12, West Lafayette – At this historic reenactment you can recapture 18th century life at Fort Ouiatenon. (Fort Ouiatenon, Tippecanoe County Historical Association)

[General Pulaski Memorial Day](#)

Oct. 11, Winamac – Visit the museum for lemon poppyseed cupcakes in honor of General Casimir Pulaski. (Pulaski County Historical Society)

[History Hour: Discovering Your Roots with the Northwest Indiana Genealogical Society](#)

Oct. 12, Michigan City – The Northwest Indiana Genealogical Society will guide you through the essentials of genealogy research in a fun, approachable way. (The Barker Mansion)

[Indiana State Library Bicentennial Celebration and Marker Dedication](#)

Oct. 14, Indianapolis – Learn about the history of the Indiana State Library from its establishment in 1825 to the present day and attend the dedication ceremony for a new historical marker. (Indiana State Library, Indiana Historical Bureau)

[Indiana's Historic Pathways History Workshop](#)

Oct. 14, New Albany – Learn about the Buffalo Trace and other Indiana history topics from expert speakers. (IU Southeast Conference Center)

[The Madness of John Terrell: Revenge and Insanity on Trial in the Heartland](#)

Oct. 15, Muncie – Stephen Terrell, novelist and retired attorney, shares the story of his great-uncle, John Terrell. (E.B. and Bertha C. Ball Center)

[Cecil F. Head Exhibit Opening](#)

Oct. 16, Franklin – This new exhibit offers a unique glimpse into the legacy of one of the region's most beloved artists. (Johnson County Museum)

[Conversations in Indiana's African American History: "A Tapestry of Hate and Hope: A Look at Indiana History Based on Law and Activism"](#)

Oct. 16, Indianapolis – October's program features Dr. Evan Casey, historian and lead professor for The Consortium. (Freetown Village; event at Indiana Landmarks Center)

[Museum Trick or Treat](#)

Oct. 25, La Porte – Visit period rooms to get a trick or a treat from our spooky time traveling friends at the Museum. (La Porte County Historical Society Museum)

[Genealogy Lock-in](#)

Oct. 29, Zionsville – Staff will be on-hand to answer questions and assist participants in using genealogy resources. (SullivanMunce Cultural Center)

[The Hoosier Modernisms of Evans Woollen](#)

Oct. 30, Indianapolis and Online – Authors and photographers Phillip Cox and Niall Cronin present an in-depth look at the Modernist architect's legacy. (Indiana Landmarks)

[Indiana State Library Lunch and Learn: Introduction to Native American Research](#)

Nov. 18, Indianapolis – Learn about basic methodologies of Native American research and sources in the Indiana State Library and other venues. (Indiana State Library)

Indiana Historical Society Spotlight

FROM THE BLOG

[Consider the Memoir](#)

See how memoirs can help to give a glimpse of WWII wartime life, and how these personal stories help interpret raw data.

UPCOMING EVENTS

[An Evening with Ryan Cole: *The Last Adieu*](#)

Oct. 14 – The event features a discussion with Ryan L. Cole, author of *The Last Adieu: Lafayette's Triumphant Return, the Echoes of Revolution, and the Gratitude of the Republic*.

[Vietnam War Documentary Screenings](#)

Oct. 23 – Join us for a screening of Ron Osgood's groundbreaking and moving documentaries, *My Vietnam Your Iraq* and *Just Like Me: The Vietnam War/The American War*.

[The Vietnam War Through Comics \(Homeschool Workshop\)](#)

Oct. 28 – Uncover the real stories, emotions, and decisions behind one of America's most complex conflicts.

[Vietnam War Through Comics: Media Literacy Workshop](#)

Oct. 28 – Explore the pages of comics created during the Vietnam War, see how characters like The Flash, Iron Man, and Wonder Woman depicted the war, and more.

U.S. 250 News From the Field



[Service Men's Club Canteen, Union Station, 1944](#) (Bass Photo Co. Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

NEWS & RESOURCES

The National Constitution Center has recently launched two new exciting resources: The [Interactive Declaration of Independence](#) and the [America at 250 Civic Toolkit](#).

Your organization can access a free Gen Z Help Desk through the [Youth250 Bureau](#), with 100 dynamic young adults who are ready to help your organization enhance its youth engagement strategies and shape impactful plans for the U.S. 250th. (Made By Us)

America's Potluck will be held on Sunday, July 5, 2026. [Join the movement to build connections within your community](#) by spreading the word and planning to host a potluck. Sign up to host a potluck and get updates [here](#). (America 250 Utah)

What We're Reading This Week



[Farmers Pride Coffee Truck, ca. 1923](#) (Martin Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

RESOURCES AND NEWS FROM THE FIELD

Lessons from a cyberattack: [a museum's journey](#) through crisis and recovery. (MuseumNext)

Common challenges with [museum digital collections](#). (Lucidea)

History classes ought to [take a lesson from TikTok](#). (Made By Us)

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION

The value of inclusion [in successful leadership](#). (Leadership Now)

AUDIENCE AND COMMUNITY

The “Verbs for Significant Learning Outcomes” [toolkit](#) can help guide us in articulating what we want our visitors to know, feel, or do as a result of their experience. (Engaging Places)

How do you design [one space that works for all ages?](#) (ExhibiTricks)

Museums, take note of these [strategies teachers use to maximize the field trip experience](#). (Edutopia)

FUNDRAISING

8 Halloween fundraiser [ideas for nonprofits](#) to engage supporters. (GoFundMe Pro)

10 online fundraising [best practices](#) for nonprofits. (Nonprofit Tech for Good)

LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

A guide to [managing and responding to angry stakeholders](#) in the age of outrage. (Harvard Business Review)

The new DNA of leadership – [5 underrated traits](#) defining successful leaders. (Forbes)

NEED A BREAK?

What to know about zarfs, [the fanciest way to drink coffee](#). (NPR)

From coffee cup to coffee table: check out this [gorgeous collection](#) of historical coffee pots, cups, and other items. (Smithsonian)

Why is coffee called a “cup of Joe”? [Here are several theories](#). (Mental Floss)

Exploring the history of [coffee cake](#) and the [famous Bundt pan](#). (Perfect Daily Grind; AllRecipes)

Before drinking coffee became widespread, [people washed their hands with it](#). (Atlas Obscura)

Learning Opportunities



[Walker College Coffee Hour and Social. ca. 1960s](#) (Madam C.J. Walker Supplemental Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

FREE WEBINARS & VIRTUAL LEARNING

[Cataloging and Sharing Museum Collections: Past Perfect vs. CatalogIt](#)

Oct. 13 – Faith Walker, Great Bend Museum, will share her experiences with both, including pros and cons of each. (Ohio Local History Alliance)

[Fundraising Alternatives for Cultural Organizations](#)

Oct. 14 – Learn about free/low cost resources currently available from the preservation field. (Connecting to Collections Care)

[AMM Virtual Awards Event – Naper Settlement](#)

Oct. 14 – Learn about an excellent model for implementing multimedia technologies in museum exhibits. (Association of Midwest Museums)

[Advocacy 101: How Nonprofits Can Use Advocacy to Grow Their Power and Influence](#)

Oct. 15 – Learn actionable strategies to influence legislation, overcome barriers, and ensure your organization's voice is heard. (GrantStation)

[Digital Archiving Grants with Permanent.org](#)

Oct. 17 – This free webinar will introduce participants to the Permanent Legacy Foundation and their Byte4Byte storage grant program. (AASLH)

[Beyond Bylaws: Making Boards Work](#)

Oct. 22 – Learn practical strategies to make your board stronger, happier, and better equipped to help your museum or historic site reach its full potential. (Texas Historical Commission)

VIRTUAL TRAINING

[The Museum Summit](#)

Oct. 15-16 – Join a global virtual event exploring urgent questions about values, mission, and participation in the museum field. \$245; \$195 members. (AAM)

[Evolving Membership Models: A CMA Case Study & Collaborative Discussion](#)

Oct. 20 – Discover how Columbus Museum of Art adapted its membership program to better meet evolving member behaviors and expectations. \$20; \$15 members. (Ohio Museums Association)

[Interpreting Slavery with Children and Teens Virtual Workshop](#)

Oct. 22 and 24 – Learn pedagogically-sound and emotionally-aware techniques for developing school programs on the subject of enslavement. \$200; \$175 members. (AASLH)

[Native American Ancestry: Honoring Ancestors](#)

Nov. 1 – Join genealogist Stefanie Ojibway Gerberding in exploring Native American genealogy tools and resources, including tribal records and federal archives. \$25. (Wisconsin Historical Society)

IN-PERSON TRAINING

[From Clues to Kin: A Day of Genealogical Discovery Conference](#)

Oct. 17, Marion – Attend in person or via Zoom and learn from genealogy experts through pre-recorded lectures. (Marion Public Library)

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations [invites proposals for its 2026 annual conference](#). The deadline for proposals is **Dec. 1**. (SHAFR)

Funding Available



[The Coffee House Sign, ca. 1970s](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0767)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPOTLIGHT

[Digitizing Hidden Special Collections and Archives: Amplifying Unheard Voices Grants](#)

Due Oct. 20 – This program supports efforts to digitize materials that deepen public understanding of the histories of people of color and other communities and populations whose work, experiences, and perspectives have been insufficiently recognized or unattended. (Council on Library and Information Resources)

UPCOMING DEADLINES

[CSA Small Museum Collection Care Grant](#)

Due Oct. 15 (Costume Society of America)

[Digitizing Hidden Special Collections and Archives: Amplifying Unheard Voices Grants](#)

Due Oct. 20 (Council on Library and Information Resources)

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

Due Oct. 24 (OCRA)

[Archival Projects Grants](#)

Due Nov. 5 (National Archives)

Local & Regional Job Openings



[On the Potomac, 1861](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0341)

LOCAL

The Indiana Historical Society is hiring!

See open positions [here](#).

[Exhibits Fabricator](#)

Fishers – Conner Prairie Museum

[Cultural Care & Repatriation Specialist](#)

Indianapolis – Eiteljorg Museum

REGIONAL

[Executive Director](#)

Glen Ellyn, Ill. – Glen Ellyn Historical Society

[Executive Director](#)

Sauget, Ill. – National Building Arts Center

[Executive Director](#)

Kansas City, Mo. – National Museum of Toys and Miniatures

[Technical Preservation Services Manager](#)

Columbus, Ohio – Ohio History Connection

[Museum Associate \(Education\)](#)

Newark, Ohio – Ohio Center for History, Art & Technology

PAID INTERNSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

[Applications for the Smithsonian Institution Fellowship Program](#) are **due Oct. 15**. The program offers in-resident opportunities for independent research or study related to

Smithsonian collections, facilities, and/or research interests of the Institution and its staff.
(Smithsonian)

Orphans Corner

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