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Updates from Local History Services



Local History Services staff set up the Hoosiers and Their Hooch: Perspectives on Prohibition traveling exhibit at the Elkhart County Historical Museum, 2025. (Images Courtesy of the [Elkhart County Historical Museum](#))

NOW BOOKING TRAVELING EXHIBITS FOR 2026

We are now taking reservations for [traveling exhibits](#) for next year!

Indiana organizations may schedule up to two traveling exhibitions per calendar year. Each exhibit may be borrowed for approximately four weeks at a time. Exhibits are free for Indiana's historical societies, historical museums, Local History Partners and Local History Partner Library Plus members. The rental fee for other organizations in Indiana is \$200 per exhibit. We'll deliver and set up the exhibit at your site as well as take it down at the end of your show.

[See the complete list of exhibits here.](#) For questions or to schedule an exhibit, please email zcuthbertson@indianahistory.org.

Around Indiana



[Young Boy is Crowned, ca. 1965](#) (Indiana Historical Society, M0513)

NEWS

Applications are due Nov. 21 to host an author through the [Indiana Authors Awards Speaker Program](#). Up to 30 host organizations will be selected and matched with their preferred authors through an application process. (Indiana Authors Awards; Indiana

Humanities)

Applications are due Dec. 18 for the [2026 Rural Placemaking Studio](#), which facilitates partnerships with expert IU faculty and students in comprehensive design, creative placemaking, and community arts engagement. (Indiana University Center for Rural Engagement and Indiana University Eskenazi School of Art, Architecture + Design)

The Indiana Music History Project is proud to announce the completion of 50 oral history interviews of Indiana music icons for its [Amazing Indiana Music Stories, an Oral History Project](#).

The Rolland Center for Lincoln Research at the Allen County Public Library announced a new state-of-the-art [interactive virtual tour of the Lincoln Collection](#). (Greater Fort Wayne Business Weekly)

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.

[All-Ages Lincoln Penny Story Hour](#)

Nov. 15, Elkhart – Deborah Domine will read The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka. (Ruthmere)

[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)

[Presentation on the Life of Dr. William Scholl](#)

Nov. 18, La Porte – The Historical Society meeting will feature a fascinating program on the famous foot specialist Dr. Scholl. (La Porte County Historical Society Museum)

[Teeny Tiny Art Market Opening Party](#)

Nov. 20, Zionsville – See over 230 original artworks, all 6" x 6" or smaller, enjoy food, music and an interactive "make & take" mini art exchange. (SullivanMunce Cultural Center)

[2025 Festival of Gingerbread](#)

Nov. 28-Dec. 21, Fort Wayne – See this year's new creations crafted by gingerbread artists of all ages and skill levels. (The History Center)

[Old Fashioned Christmas](#)

Nov. 29, Syracuse – This evening tradition brings joy to all ages with a magical tree lighting, Santa visits, wagon rides, and festive activities. (Chautauqua-Wawasee; event at Oakwood Resort)

[Snowflakes and Storefronts: Holiday Shopping Magic in Muncie](#)

Dec. 3, Muncie – This program explores the history and experiences of holiday shopping in the "Magic City." (Ball State Alumni Center)

[The Thursday Parlay: When Once Destroyed](#)

Dec. 4, Wabash – Sid Shroyer, author and local historian, will discuss his upcoming book, *When Once Destroyed*, about the small town of Old Somerset. (Wabash County Museum)

[Christmas in New Harmony](#)

Dec. 5-7, New Harmony – Walk from shop to shop, enjoying the sounds of carolers in the streets and sampling the tasty treats of the holidays. (Visit New Harmony)

[Christmas at the Canal](#)

Dec. 6, Delphi – Visit a winter wonderland of yesteryear, where the sights, sounds, and scents of an old-fashioned Christmas come to life. (Wabash & Erie Canal Park)

Indiana Historical Society Spotlight

UNBOUND PODCAST

[Stories From at Sea: Hoosiers in World War II](#)

We enter Season 5 with the story of two Hoosier Navy Veterans who served in World War II.

UPCOMING EVENTS

[2025 Festival of Trees](#)

Now Open – This year's Festival of Trees will feature a winter wonderland of more than 80 trees.

[Holiday Cookie Decorating](#)

Nov. 22 – Sip a warm beverage while the whole family decorates holiday cookies together.

U.S. 250 News From the Field



[*Eleanor Eltinge \(Clark\) Temple. n.d.*](#) (Indiana Historical Society, M0098)

NEWS & RESOURCES

The American Revolution [PBS documentary](#) by Ken Burns, Sarah Botstein, and David Schmidt, **premieres this Sunday, Nov. 16.** (PBS)

The America's 250th Celebration for Business Playbook is a [new resource](#) to help chambers, businesses, and organizations of all sizes plan inclusive, nonpartisan celebrations that educate, engage, and inspire. (U.S. Chamber of Commerce)

UPCOMING TRAINING & PROGRAMS

[250 by 2026 Wiki Scholars Courses](#)

AASLH is offering three courses in early 2026 to help you disseminate the history of your community, state, or region to a global audience through Wikipedia. **Register by Dec. 1.** Free to attend. (AASLH)

What We're Reading This Week



[What She Wore: A Pictorial History of Woman's Dress, 1899](#) (Indiana Historical Society)

RESOURCES AND NEWS FROM THE FIELD

How to create time for [effective collections management work](#). Plus, [four ways to protect your time](#) once you have it. (Lucidea)

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION

A modern guide to disability representation in museums: [communicating about disability with care and accuracy](#). (Museum 411)

AUDIENCE & COMMUNITY

Heritage + headlines: how to [turn your town's story into a travel feature](#). (Culture Link)

Eight ways to engage visitors at museums and historic sites with [the types of experiences that can deepen learning and meaning](#). (Engaging Places)

How to build camaraderie [amongst your member community](#). (Ohio Museums Association)

FUNDRAISING

Prepare for end-of-year giving with [these email templates](#). (GoFundMePro)

LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

To achieve the extraordinary, [focus on the game changers](#) – the select few who show a truly exceptional talent. (Leadership Now)

How to recruit, train, and equip an effective board [to provide the leadership](#) your mission deserves. (Nonprofit Risk Management Center)

NEED A BREAK?

See a 400-year-old ring that [unfolds to track the movements of the heavens](#). (Open Culture)

The painstaking process of restoring a [gorgeous 18th-century fan](#). (This is Colossal)

Gold treasures of [nature, history, and craft](#) from the collections of the Smithsonian. (Smithsonian Institution)

Tiny, ornate tomes: for centuries, know-it-alls carried [beautiful miniature almanacs](#) wherever they went. (Atlas Obscura)

How to keep a commonplace book: [the Renaissance-era practice](#) that's making a comeback. (Mental Floss)

Learning Opportunities



[Madam C.J. Walker Pin. undated](#) (Madam C.J. Walker Supplemental Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

FREE WEBINARS & VIRTUAL LEARNING

[AMM Virtual Awards Event – Dr. Elena Gonzales](#)

Nov. 18 – Hear from a long-time social justice advocate who answered a community call to action. (Association of Midwest Museums)

[Stay Relevant in a Digital World! Easy-to-Implement Guidance to Maintain Your Digital Presence](#)

Nov. 19 – Learn about best practices and time-saving tips for websites, social media, and email. (Nonprofit Learning Lab)

[Archives Basics](#)

Nov. 24 – Learn about basic actions an archivist can take in building a strong foundation for a new (or new to them) archival collection. (Backlog)

[AASLH History Hour: Internships](#)

Nov. 25 – This month, the discussion will dive into the best practices of internship program management. (AASLH)

[Some Good \(Museum\) News – Holiday Edition](#)

Dec. 9 – Your six regional museum associations are teaming up to spotlight the inspirational and uplifting stories and programs of our nation's museums. (Council of Museum Regional Associations)

VIRTUAL TRAINING

[Developing Cohesive Teams](#)

Nov. 17 – Propel your team to the next level with this high-energy, high-impact training session. \$20; \$15 members. (Ohio Museums Association)

[Ethical Quality Control: Avoiding Plagiarism and Reducing Bias with AI](#)

Nov. 17 – Learn why plagiarism occurs in the AI context, how bias shows up, and what you can do to reduce these risks. \$39. (GrantStation)

[Moving Beyond “We’ve Always Done It That Way”](#)

Nov. 20 – Learn how to rewire three major levers that can keep your team spinning their wheels: board management, fundraising events, and supporter engagement. \$69. (GrantStation)

[10 Practical Steps for Getting Started with Digital Preservation](#)

Dec. 4 – Learn about 10 tips to help move your program and its practices forward. \$110. (NEDCC)

IN-PERSON TRAINING

[GIS Day](#)

Nov. 18, Indianapolis – This free event will feature presentations from state agencies and organizations that use Geographic Information Systems in their work. Free. ([Indiana Geographic Information Office](#))

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

ALHFAM seeks session proposals for the 2026 Association for Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums [Annual Meeting and Conference: Community, Conflict, Conversation](#). **Proposals are due Nov. 15.** (ALHFAM)

Funding Available



[S.S. Kresge Company Window Display, 1930](#) (Martin Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPOTLIGHT

[Hank and Dottie Rosso Scholarships](#)

Due Nov. 17 – The Fund Raising School is accepting scholarship applications for 2026 courses. (IU Lilly Family School of Philanthropy)

[Historic Fraternal Lodges Grants \(Indiana\)](#)

Applications reviewed quarterly, starting January 2026 – This new grant program is available for both lodges in active use by fraternal organizations and buildings no longer used for lodge functions. Historic fraternal lodge buildings that are either listed in or eligible to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places are eligible for the program, which will award matching grants of up to \$5,000 per property for qualified rehabilitation expenses and \$2,000 per property for planning grants. (Indiana Landmarks)

UPCOMING DEADLINES

[Greenways Foundation Grant Funding for Trails \(Indiana\)](#)

Due Nov. 30 (Greenways Foundation, Inc.)

[Pacers Foundation Grants for Indiana Communities](#)

Due Dec. 15 (Pacers Foundation)

[National Digital Newspaper Program](#)

Due Jan. 15 (NEH and the Library of Congress)

Local & Regional Job Openings



[Carl L. Rost Diamond Merchants Storefront, ca. 1900s](#) (Indiana Historical Society, M1050)

LOCAL

The Indiana Historical Society is hiring!

See open positions [here](#).

[Architectural Historian](#)

Indianapolis – Indiana Department of Transportation

[Development and Database Manager](#)

Indianapolis – Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites

[Director of Human Resources](#)

Muncie – Minnetrista Museum and Gardens

[Assistant Curator](#)

South Bend – The History Museum

REGIONAL

[Consulting Archivist](#) (Temporary)

Chicago, Ill. – Illinois Humanities

[NAGPRA Specialist](#) (Temporary)

Davenport, Iowa – Putnam Museum and Science Center

[Director of Tour Operations](#)

Lexington, Ky. – Ashland, The Henry Clay Estate

[Digital Archivist](#)

Lincoln, Neb. – Nebraska State Historical Society

[Exhibits Manager](#)

Lincoln, Neb. – Nebraska State Historical Society

[Preparator](#)

Madison, Wis. – Nancy M. Bruce Center for Design and Material Culture, University of Wisconsin–Madison

Orphans Corner

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