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**Heritage Support Grants for Indiana
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Updates from Local History Services



[St. Mary's - Print Shop, 1945](#) (Martin Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

COLLECTIONS CONUNDRUMS WORKSHOP IN FORT WAYNE

[Collections Conundrums Workshop](#)

June 11, Fort Wayne – This full-day workshop from Local History Services will focus on the decisions we make about our collections. Cost: \$35; \$30 IHS members; \$25 Local History Partner Members – [**REGISTER HERE**](#). (Hosted by the Fort Wayne History Center; an additional workshop will be held in [Franklin](#))

REGIONAL MEETING IN BLOOMINGTON

[In Your Neighborhood Meeting](#)

June 19: Bloomington, Noon to 1:30 p.m. (EST) – Join us on Monday for a free in-person regional meeting! We'll chat about developing exhibits, and there will be time for networking and a tour of the museum. You are welcome to bring your lunch; Drinks and desserts will be provided. Free to attend – [RSVP Here](#)! (Hosted by the Monroe County History Center)

Around Indiana



[Linotype Department at the Indianapolis Recorder. undated. cropped.](#) (Indianapolis Recorder Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

NEWS

For America's 250th, [discover your family history](#) with these tips from Indiana organizations. (Journal and Courier)

Mysteries of the not so deep: Digging into Indiana's [doomed canal period](#). (Journey Indiana, Indiana Public Media)

The Daily Heller: The true story of [Indiana's DIY senior cords](#). (Print Magazine)

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.

Upcoming:

[White River State Park Walking Tour](#)

May 30 and June 17, Indianapolis – Explore the cultural and historical significance of White River State Park, from the time of Indianapolis's settlement to the present day. (Indiana Landmarks)

[Patton Cemetery Walking Tour](#)

May 30, La Porte – Take a walk through history with museum staff to learn the history of Patton Cemetery and the people who are buried there. (La Porte County Historical Society Museum)

[Gallery Talk: William Tuffs: Elkhart County's Own Revolutionary War Patriot](#)

June 2, Elkhart – Learn about the life of William Tuffs, one of five Revolutionary Veterans buried in Elkhart County. (Ruthmere)

[Herron-Morton Place Neighborhood Walking Tour](#)

June 2 and 27, Indianapolis – Explore Indy's diverse heritage and architecture on a stroll through Herron-Morton Place. (Indiana Landmarks)

[The Thursday Parlay: Greetings from the Trail](#)

June 4, Wabash – David Nelson will share about his work as a photographer and journalist in Wabash County. (Wabash County Museum)

[Back to the Future: A Mid-Century Modern Home Tour](#)

June 6, Anderson – See five outstanding mid-century properties in Anderson. (Indiana Landmarks)

[Walking Tour: Waterways to Railways](#)

June 6, Elkhart – Discover Elkhart's origins as a small village at the confluence of three important waterways. (National New York Central Railroad Museum)

[Miami Indian Heritage Days: Cookware from Local Clays](#)

June 6, Fort Wayne – Learn about Cookware from Local Clays: Making and Using Replica Native-Style Pottery with Erik Vosteen. (Chief Richardville House, or *akima pinšīwa awiiki*)

[America 250: A Miami Perspective](#)

June 7, Fort Wayne – This presentation will look at Miami History in the area and the nuanced feelings that many Native Americans have about the 250th celebration of the United States within their traditional homelands. (The History Center)

Plan Ahead:

June 11, South Bend – [The Last Adieu: Lafayette's Farewell Tour and the Carriage That Carried a Nation's Memory](#)

June 12, Frankfort – [Genealogy Workshop](#)

June 12-13, Indianapolis – [Colonial Fair 2026](#)

June 12, Muncie – [History Bites: Stories of the White River at Muncietown](#)

June 13, Vincennes – [Speaker Series: Laughing with Lincoln](#)

June 19, Indianapolis – [Juneteenth Celebration](#)

June 23, Lebanon – [An Indianapolis Tail Gunner in World War II](#)

IHS TRAVELING EXHIBITS OPENING THIS WEEK

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 to confirm open dates and times.

Securing the Vote: Women's Suffrage in Indiana

Through June 25, Gary ([Gary Public Library](#))

Indiana Historical Society Spotlight

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 2026 INDIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY AWARDS!

Do you know an individual or organization who does outstanding work in Indiana's state and local history? Each year, the [Indiana Historical Society Awards](#) recognize outstanding individuals and organizations whose efforts have enriched the lives of others by conveying awareness and appreciation of Indiana's history on local, regional and statewide levels.

Nominations are due July 1, 2026.

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Walking with History: Remembering Women's Efforts](#)

May 30 – This tour highlights and reflects on the often-unsung heroes of war – including the female soldiers, nurses, and first responders.

[Concerts on the Canal – Jacket Required: Rat Pack Style](#)

June 4 – Make music part of your summer rhythm at Concerts on the Canal, presented on the Kruse Family Stardust Terrace.

[T is for Transportation](#)

June 5, 17, and 25 – Designed especially for children ages 2–5, this playful, hands-on program introduces early literacy, STEAM concepts, and social skills.

[Flavors of the Heartland – Temicka Moore, making Sincere Savory Shrimp & Grits](#)

June 10 – Take a break to enjoy the stories and smells of the dishes that make up our food heritage.

What We're Reading This Week



[Woman reading a letter at the table, ca. 1900](#) (Gift of David Stahl, Indiana Historical Society)

RESOURCES & NEWS FROM THE FIELD

Deciphering historical cursive: here's a [quick beginner's guide to reading 19th century cursive](#), plus [9 tips for reading old handwriting](#). Want a deeper dive? Watch this recorded webinar on [Reading Old Handwriting](#) from the Library of Virginia. (Glasgow Life; International African American Museum; LibraryofVa on YouTube)

The National Museum and Center for Service is offering a [ready-to-print exhibit](#) for schools, communities and museums to explore the role of service in our Nation's founding. (NMCFS)

How a museum put history [on the school menu](#). (MuseumNext)

Reminder! Applications are due June 1 for [CCAHA's National Collections Care Capacity Building Program](#). (Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts)

U.S. 250 NEWS & UPDATES

Main Street America has just released the [History Happens on Main Street website](#), and they are collecting and sharing stories from Main Street communities across the country in celebration of the 250th. (Main Street America)

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY, & INCLUSION

Create an accessible exhibit space: When it comes to visual displays, there are [four main aspects to keep in mind in terms of legibility](#). Want a deeper dive? Explore Section III: Label Design and Text in the [Smithsonian Guidelines for Accessible Exhibition Design](#). (Gaylord Archival; Smithsonian)

AUDIENCE & COMMUNITY

Why are visitor codes of conduct [suddenly everywhere?](#) (Engaging Places)

How nonprofits can respond effectively [during a PR crisis](#). (Nonprofit Learning Lab)

FUNDRAISING

New data reveals [Gen Z generosity](#) is hiding in plain sight. (GoFundMePro)

LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Are you overburdening your [most engaged employees?](#) (Harvard Business Review)

How to [feel less depleted](#) by the end of the workweek. (Self)

Interim executive directors are not just placeholders; they are [strategic stabilizers](#). (Blue Avocado)

NEED A BREAK?

The unexpectedly delightful origins of [15 common words](#). (Mental Floss)

Read all about the thrilling world of [19th century typesetting races](#), which drew crowds in the thousands, offered huge cash prizes, and helped women "Swifts" fight for workplace equity. (Public Domain Review)

You'll need a magnifying glass to read some of the [world's smallest books](#) at the V&A. (This is Colossal)

Explore this fascinating [archive of fonts](#). (Fonts in Use)

Learning Opportunities



Public School no. 12. interior. children setting type. working printing press. 1914 (Bass Photo Co. Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

IN INDIANA

Upcoming:

[Indiana Main Street 101 Training](#)

June 4, Seymour – Learn about Indiana Main Street, the role Main Street organizations play in economic development, and the requirements for becoming a recognized Indiana Main Street community. (OCRA)

[Indiana State Library Lunch and Learn: Help with Statistical Research](#)

June 9, Indianapolis and Online – Learn new sources and tips for finding, using, and citing the latest data for upcoming research, projects, or reports. (Indiana State Library)

Plan Ahead:

July 16, Indianapolis – [Indiana Main Street 101 Training](#)

FREE WEBINARS & VIRTUAL LEARNING

Upcoming:

[Rainbow Resilience: Self-Care for LGBTQIA+ Advocates and Allies](#)

June 2 – This workshop is for inclusion leaders, LGBTQIA+ identifying and allies, who are seeking advice on developing healthy advocacy practices. (New England Museum Association)

Plan Ahead:

June 8 – [Excel for Nonprofit Leaders: Turning Everyday Data into Clear, Actionable Insights](#)

June 9 – [Museums: Hope and Resilience for the Future](#)

- June 16 – [Handling Photographs for Digitization](#)
June 19 – [What is \(Not\) Repatriation and & Go Big When the Ancestors Go Home](#)
June 24 – [Hidden Supports: The Art and Practice of Mountmaking](#)

VIRTUAL TRAINING

Upcoming:

[Budget Strategy, Cost Justification and Financial Credibility](#)

June 1 – Learn how to align your financial story with your program strategy so every number reinforces impact, stewardship, and sustainability. \$39. (GrantStation)

[Planning for Reformatting Field Recordings](#)

June 2 – This webinar explores the special technical challenges presented in field recordings and offers solutions for caring for your one-of-a-kind recordings. \$55. (NEDCC)

[Demystifying AI for History Organizations](#)

June 4 – Learn about what AI actually is, what it can do in our field, and its limits. \$45; \$25 members. (AASLH)

Plan Ahead:

June 8 – [Charting a New Course for Education: Museum Edition KnowledgeWorks](#)

June 9 – [Go Analog: How Nonprofits Can Reach the Next Generation of Donors by Unplugging](#)

June 10 – [Basics of Archives Management](#)

June 11 – [Sustaining Engagement after Commemorations](#)

June 15-July 13 – [Introduction to Financial Management Online Course](#)

June 16-18 – [Writing a Disaster Plan](#)

June 23 – [10 Practical Steps for Getting Started with Digital Preservation](#)

IN-PERSON TRAINING

Plan Ahead:

June 16, Canton, Ohio – [Risk Assessment and Disaster Plan Development Workshop](#)

June 22-26, York, Pa. – [2026 Lincoln Highway Conference](#)

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS & INSTRUCTOR APPLICATIONS

Reminder! Proposals are due June 1 (deadline extended) for the [Owen-Maclure 2026 Conference](#), to be held Nov. 12-15 in New Harmony. (Owen-Maclure 200)

Funding Available



[Recorder Booth at Community Fair. November 1949. cropped.](#) (Indianapolis Recorder Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

[APIAHiP Placekeepers Fund](#)

Due June 30 – Grants are available for communities that are working to document, recognize, and preserve historic sites that are important to Asian and Pacific Islander American history. There are two types of grants available: Designation and Planning Grants, and On-Site Preservation Grants. (Asian & Pacific Islander Americans in Historic Preservation)

UPCOMING DEADLINES

[Historic Preservation Fund \(Indiana\)](#)

Due June 5 – The Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology is now accepting grant applications for the fiscal year 2026 Historic Preservation Fund. Eligible activities include Architectural & Historical, Archaeological, and Acquisition and Development (rehabilitation) projects. (Indiana DHPA)

[Amazon Web Services Imagine Grants](#)

Due June 5 – Amazon Web Services offers funding to empower nonprofit organizations to prioritize technology as a mission-critical component of their projects by providing support for organizations pursuing technology-driven goals. (AWS)

[Scholarships for the 2026 AASLH and NCPH Joint Conference](#)

Due June 12 – Scholarships are available for those who would like to attend the AASLH Annual Conference. The 2026 AASLH and NCPH Joint Conference will be held in Providence, R.I., Sept. 16-19, 2026. (AASLH)

PLAN AHEAD

Due June 25 – [Media Projects Grants](#)

Due June 25 – [Landmarks of American History and Culture and Summer Institutes Grants](#)

Due July 9 – [Grants For Arts Projects](#)

Local & Regional Job Openings



[Bryant & Stratton Indianapolis Business College Card, ca. 1890](#) (Indiana Historical Society)

LOCAL

[Construction Manager](#)

Indianapolis – Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites

REGIONAL

[Special Collections Assistant](#)

Rock Island, Ill. – Augustana College

[Historic Preservation Coordinator](#)

Frankfort, Ky. – Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

[Exhibit Fabricator](#)

Oberlin, Ohio – The Wilson Bruce Evans House

[Archivist 1](#)

Nashville, Tenn. – Collection Services, Tennessee State Library & Archives

Orphans Corner

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