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Updates from Local History Services



[Meridian Street Book Shop and Downyflake Donut Shop, 1947](#) (Gift of Reba A. Weaver, 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. LEUs are available for librarians. (Hosted by the Fort Wayne History Center; an additional workshop will be held in [Franklin](#))

[REGISTER HERE](#) – Please register by June 8

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



[Salvation Army Women Serving Donuts in Lobby at Terre Haute House. 1945](#) (Martin Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

NEWS

Crawfordsville's Ben-Hur building earns Indiana's top restoration honor – Indiana Landmarks has awarded the [2026 Cook Cup for Outstanding Restoration](#) to AP Development LLC for its \$13 million transformation of the building. (Indiana Landmarks)

The Indiana DHPA has released a new version of [SHAARD and the IHBBC Map](#) – The State Historic Architectural and Archaeological Research Database (SHAARD) allows users to search for information on known historic resources in Indiana.

The Indiana Arts Commission has announced that [ten Indiana communities have launched Creative Convergence Projects](#) after receiving training and grant funding through the program. (IAC)

Across Indiana visits Stone's Tavern in Ligonier, where the [annual Hearthside Dinner](#) brings history to life. (WFYI on YouTube)

How Purdue students are making sure [Indiana Avenue's history lives on](#) – Purdue honors students published a study of the former neighborhood last year. (Mirror Indy)

The historic 'Big Boy' locomotive [chugs its way across northern Indiana today](#) on its coast-to-coast tour to the East Coast. It will come back across Indiana on July 16. See the complete schedule [here](#). (WANE)

The Mishawaka Historic Preservation Commission unveiled a [new historical marker](#) honoring the former historic Tivoli Theater. (WSBT)

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:

[Traveling Exhibit – Driftwood: The Life of Harlan Hubbard](#)

Now-July 11, Corydon – The Historical Society of Harrison County is sponsoring this traveling exhibit about Hubbard's journeys as an artist, musician, author and traveler. (Harrison County Artisan Center)

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

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

[Deer-Crone Cabin Dedication](#)

June 6, Delphi – Explore the cabin in its new home within the Canal Park's Pioneer Village. (Wabash & Erie Canal Park)

[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)

[Coffee on the Piazza](#)

June 6-Aug. 29, Elkhart – Ruthmere's popular Coffee on the Piazza series on Saturday mornings is all about fun, music and Rise n' Roll donuts. (Ruthmere)

[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)

[The Last Adieu: Lafayette's Farewell Tour and the Carriage That Carried a Nation's Memory](#)

June 11, South Bend – Hear the story of the Marquis de Lafayette's remarkable 1824–1825 grand tour of United States, then see one of the carriages he used during his travels. (Studebaker National Museum)

[Genealogy Workshop](#)

June 12, Frankfort – Attendees may use all library research resources, and genealogy staff will be on-hand to answer questions and to give suggestions for getting past those brick walls. (Frankfort Community Public Library)

[Colonial Fair 2026](#)

June 12-13, Indianapolis – Step back in time to experience life in a village during the period of the American Revolution. (Caroline Scott Harrison Chapter, DAR)

[History Bites: Stories of the White River at Muncietown](#)

June 12, Muncie – Join Chris Flook for a journey along the White River through Muncie's past. (Minnetrista Museum & Gardens)

[Speaker Series: Laughing with Lincoln](#)

June 13, Vincennes – Created by professional historian and Lincoln specialist, Warren Greer, this show blends laughter and vitality to reveal Lincoln not as a monument, but as a man. (Red Skelton Performing Arts Center)

[History Hour: Plowing Through the Competition: The Olivers and the Chilled Plow](#)

June 14, Michigan City – Learn about the history of the Oliver Chilled Plow Works of South Bend. (Barker Mansion)

Plan Ahead:

June 18, La Porte – [The Underground Railroad in Northwestern Indiana](#)

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

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June 20, Elkhart – [Lincoln Penny Story Hour with with Zanzer Anderson](#)

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

June 24, Michigan City – [Mansion After Hours: Conservation Conversation](#)

June 27, Zionsville – [Gardens of Zionsville: Century Homes in Bloom](#)

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.

Indiana Through the Mapmaker's Eye

Through June 30, Bristol ([Bristol Public Library](#))

Auto Indiana

Through June 29, Whiting ([Whiting-Robertsdale Historical Society](#))

From Pencils to Pixels: Hoosier Cartoons and Comics

Through July 1, La Porte ([La Porte County Historical Society Museum](#))

Hoosiers and Their Hooch: Perspectives on Prohibition

Through July 1, Lowell ([Buckley Homestead](#))

Indiana Historical Society Spotlight

UNBOUND PODCAST

[Let's Go Girls: Stories of Hoosier Women](#)

On this episode Casey and Regan are discussing the stories of two women who blazed a trail for themselves and helped others along the way.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 2026 INDIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY AWARDS

Nominations for the 2026 [Indiana Historical Society Awards](#) are due **July 1, 2026**. Start your [nomination](#) today!

UPCOMING EVENTS

[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.

[Walking with History: Moving Forward with Pride](#)

June 11 – Join us as we celebrate and commemorate Pride and the LGBTQ+ community by exploring both iconic and lost spaces that contributed to the Pride movement in Indianapolis.

[T is for Transportation](#)

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

[Concerts on the Canal – Steel Petals | James Taylor, Adult Contemporary, Country](#)

June 18 – Make music part of your summer rhythm at Concerts on the Canal, presented on the Kruse Family Stardust Terrace.

[Juneteenth Celebration – FREE Admission](#)

June 20 – Join us as we honor freedom, resilience, and the rich contributions of African Americans throughout Hoosier history.

What We're Reading This Week



[Red Skelton Dunking Donuts. 1938](#) (Gift of the Red Skelton Museum Foundation, Indiana Historical Society)

RESOURCES & NEWS FROM THE FIELD

The inaugural [National Survey of Museum Collecting Practices](#) aims to develop a comprehensive picture of how U.S. collecting institutions acquire, borrow, deaccession, resolve ownership questions about, and conduct provenance research on cultural objects. **Take the survey by Aug. 20.** (Penn Cultural Heritage Center)

U.S. 250 NEWS & UPDATES

The National Flag Foundation has launched [Light to Unite](#), a national call for cities, towns, and buildings across America to light landmarks red, white, and blue on the evening of July 4, 2026.

AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL's [Recipe Box](#) is a series of easily adaptable how-tos that introduce various offerings for engaging in civic activities with a dose of creativity.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY, & INCLUSION

Website tips for your cultural organization's [accessibility page](#). (Cultural Content)

AUDIENCE & COMMUNITY

Can I take a picture? What [museum photography policies](#) reveal about visitor experiences. (Engaging Places)

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

How the Cincinnati Museum Center built an [AI learning community](#): The process and lessons learned. (MuseumNext)

When AI Sounds right but isn't: [Simple verification habits](#) every information professional needs. (Lucidia)

FUNDRAISING

What donors are actually telling you: Here's [what the data says](#) about what motivates people to give. (Bloomerang)

Engaging Gen Z: What nonprofits [need to know](#) about the generation reshaping generosity. (Candid)

LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Why every nonprofit needs couples therapy: Inside the [executive director-board chair relationship](#). (Blue Avocado)

3 lessons for leaders to [navigate conflict](#). (Suzi McAlpine Leadership)

NEED A BREAK?

It's national donut/doughnut day! Learn the [surprising history](#) behind this sweet annual celebration, plus [15 delicious facts](#) about doughnuts. (Time Magazine; Mental Floss)

Explore the fun virtual collection of [donut history, art, and ephemera](#) from the Smithsonian's Food History Project.

Why do we love [coffee with our donuts?](#) (Feast and Field)

The mysterious and fascinating [history of sprinkles](#). (Food and Wine)

Learning Opportunities



[Porch Party](#), 2020 (Gift of Rhonda Clark, Indiana Historical Society)

IN INDIANA

Upcoming:

[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:

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

June 8 – Learn essential formulas and tools that make reporting faster, cleaner, and more decision-ready – without requiring advanced technical expertise. (Nonprofit Learning Lab)

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

June 9 – Join a virtual town hall style gathering to discuss the state of our field, federal funding cuts and anything else that's on your mind. (New England Museum Association)

[America at 250 - Just in Time Resources You Can Use at Science Centers and Children's Museums](#)

June 9 – Hear about ideas and resources available to help museums celebrate America's 250th. (National Informal STEM Education Network)

Plan Ahead:

June 16 – [Handling Photographs for Digitization](#)

June 16 – [Burnout, Boundaries, and Belonging](#)

June 19 – [What is \(Not\) Repatriation & Go Big When the Ancestors Go Home](#)

June 22 – [Make Your Case Compelling!](#)

June 24 – [Hidden Supports: The Art and Practice of Mountmaking](#)

VIRTUAL TRAINING

Upcoming:

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

June 8 – This panel will explore how museums could navigate and shape the futures of education outlined in KnowledgeWorks' most recent forecast. \$40; free for members. (AAM)

[Creating a Staff Safety Plan](#)

June 9 – This webinar will provide recommendations and practical takeaways for improving workplace culture and protecting co-workers as well as the organization. \$45; \$25 members. (AASLH)

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

June 9 – Learn how to stop chasing algorithms and start meeting people where they actually are: in the real world. \$69. (GrantStation)

[Basics of Archives Management](#)

June 10 – This virtual workshop provides an overview of the basic concepts and strategies for successful archives management. \$150; \$100 members. (AASLH)

[Sustaining Engagement after Commemorations](#)

June 11 – The session will provide a framework for shifting from one-time celebration planning to sustained place-based engagement. \$45; \$25 members. (AASLH)

[Introduction to Financial Management Online Course](#)

June 15-July 13 – This four-week course provides an accessible, clear, and even fun introduction to financial concepts. \$299; \$199 members. (AASLH)

Plan Ahead:

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

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

June 24 – [Strengthening History Communication: Reframing the Value of History and Your Institution](#)

IN-PERSON TRAINING

Upcoming:

[Risk Assessment and Disaster Plan Development Workshop](#)

June 16, Canton, Ohio – Join your fellow heritage professionals to ensure your site is fully prepared and ready for the next possible emergency. \$50; register by June 8. (Pro Football Hall of Fame)

Plan Ahead:

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

July 14-16, Washington, D.C. and Online – [Smithsonian National Education Summit](#)

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS & INSTRUCTOR APPLICATIONS

The National Council on Public History is [accepting proposals](#) for the 2027 NCPH Conference. Proposals are **due June 15**. (NCPH)

Funding Available



[Governor Ralph Gates with Camp Fire Girls, 1946](#) (Gift of Reba A. Weaver, Indiana Historical Society)

UPCOMING DEADLINES

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

Due June 12 – The Cinnamon Catlin-Legutko Memorial Scholarship, the Douglas Evelyn Diversity Fellowships, and Small Museums Scholarships are the three programs that AASLH offers to assist 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)

[Sacred Places Indiana Fund](#)

Due June 15 – Historic churches that have identified significant capital needs, have the support of their judicatories, and are ready to undertake a capital campaign could be candidates for the Sacred Places Indiana Fund. The SPI Fund awards matching grants in a competitive process. (Indiana Landmarks)

[American History and Civics – National Activities Grants](#)

Intent to Apply due June 15 – This grant program promotes new and existing evidence-based strategies to encourage innovative American history, civics and government, and more for teachers, principals, or other school leaders. (U.S. Department of Education)

[Save America's Treasures Grants](#)

Due June 16 – This grant program offers funding for preservation projects (for properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places or designated a National Historic Landmark.), or for collections projects, including artifacts, museum collections,

documents, sculptures, and other works of art. (National Park Service; IMLS)

PLAN AHEAD

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

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

Due June 30 – [APIAHiP Placekeepers Fund](#)

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

Local & Regional Job Openings



[East Washington Street, ca. 1965](#) (City of Indianapolis, Department of Metropolitan Development, Indiana Historical Society)

LOCAL

[Exhibits Coordinator](#)

Fort Wayne – The History Center

[Archaeology Specialist](#)

Indianapolis – Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites

[Director, Eastern Regional Office](#)

Richmond – Indiana Landmarks

REGIONAL

[Executive Director](#)

Arthur, Ill. – Illinois Amish Heritage Center

[Senior Visitor Services Representative](#)

Skokie, Ill. – Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center

[Director of Curatorial Affairs](#)

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

[Review & Compliance: Standing Structures-Preservation Associate](#)

Lincoln, Neb. – Nebraska State Historical Society

[Exhibitions Coordinator](#)

Madison, Wis. – Wisconsin Historical Foundation, Inc.

[Director of Development](#)

Racine, Wis. – Racine Heritage Museum

Orphans Corner

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