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**Heritage Support Grants for Indiana
History Organizations**

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Updates from Local History Services



[Beekeepers Picnic at Deming Park, 1940](#) (Martin Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

JOIN US FOR A REGIONAL MEETING IN TERRE HAUTE JULY 20

[In Your Neighborhood Meeting](#)

July 20: Terre Haute, Noon to 1:30 p.m. (EST) – Join us 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 Vigo County History Center)

REMINDER! NOMINATIONS DUE JULY 15 FOR IHS AWARDS

Do you know an individual or organization who does outstanding work in Indiana's state and local history? [Nominate them for an Indiana Historical Society Award!](#) **We have extended the deadline to July 15, 2026.**

MINI GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE JULY 31

Due July 31 – [Heritage Support Mini Grants of \\$500 to \\$4,999](#) are available for projects that will help Indiana's local history organizations meet high-priority needs in areas of Collections Stewardship, Capacity Building, Sustainability, and Planning. *Heritage Support Grants are provided by the Indiana Historical Society and made possible by Lilly Endowment Inc.*

Around Indiana



[Women and Girls Sitting on an Arched Tree. ca. 1900](#) (Gift of Samuel E. Perkins, IV, Indiana Historical Society)

NEWS

Indiana Humanities introduces [new President and CEO Shelley Hunter](#).

Preserving community in Cedar Lake – The Cedar Lake Historical Association [offers visitors a tangible connection to community history](#). (Indiana Landmarks)

The Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library announces the [Evansville Oral History Archives](#), a new digital collection that captures stories that preserve and share the history of Evansville and the region. (WSO)

North Manchester Public Library announces [July Ancestral Knowledge workshop series](#). (Times-Union)

High school sports journalists across five Indiana newspapers announce their [Indiana high school basketball 'America 250' project](#). (South Bend Tribune)

Remembering the forgotten heroes of [Hoosier Hysteria](#). (Courier Press)

Indiana University helps uncover, preserve [poignant Black history in Indiana](#). (Indiana Public Radio)

Researchers look for historic [long-lost burial ground](#) in Southern Indiana. (WHAS 11)

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:

[175 Series: 175 Years of Railroads in Elkhart](#)

July 11, Elkhart – Learn about the 175-year history of rail in Elkhart. (National New York Central Railroad Museum)

[Miami Indian Heritage Days: The Miami Artist](#)

July 11, Fort Wayne – Cathy Mowry will present this month's program. (Chief Richardville House, or *akima pinšiwā awiki*)

[A Famine of Cadavers: Inside Indy's 1902 Graverobbing Syndicate](#)

July 11, Indianapolis – Public historian Chris Flook will examine the "ghouls" who robbed graves for cadavers needed by the city's medical colleges and the trials related to the scandal. (Indiana State Library)

[Woodruff Place Neighborhood Walking Tour](#)

July 11 and 25, Indianapolis – Stroll the historic tree-lined esplanades of Indianapolis's Woodruff Place on a guided tour of the city's first planned residential suburb. (Indiana Landmarks)

[Second Saturday Speaker Series: The Revolution & Beyond](#)

July 11, Vincennes – Learn what happened when the revolution ended. (Territorial Capitol, Vincennes State Historic Site)

[Mass Ave Walking Tour](#)

July 12, Indianapolis – Discover the unique history of Indianapolis's Massachusetts Avenue, a flourishing cultural and commercial corridor. (Indiana Landmarks)

[Fairland Walking Tours](#)

July 13, Fairland – Meet under the shelter at the Fairland Community Park to visit, enjoy

some refreshments, and join one of the tours. (Fairland Historical Society)

[Follow the Pipes](#)

July 14-16, Fort Wayne – The History Center and American Guild of Organists present a tour of Fort Wayne pipe organs.

[The House of Tomorrow Today](#)

July 15, Indianapolis and Online – Hear from the expert team tasked with exterior restoration of the 1933 House of Tomorrow in Indiana Dunes National Park. (Indiana Landmarks)

[The History and Legacy of Roberts Settlement](#)

July 16, Indianapolis – Bryan Glover shares the history of the Hamilton County community founded in 1835 by free people of color seeking freedom, opportunity, and self determination. (Freetown Village; event at Indiana Landmarks Center)

[Northern Indiana Power from the Past](#)

July 16-19, Winamac – Step back in time at this joyful celebration of antique farm machinery and rural heritage. (Winamac Power Show)

[Indiana Automotive Speedway Tour](#)

July 17 and 18, Indianapolis – Indiana Automotive explores Speedway on a two-day tour highlighting automotive heritage. (Indiana Landmarks and Indiana Automotive)

[18th Annual Old Car Show](#)

July 18, La Porte – Stop by the Museum to see classic cars. Cars 30 years or older can enter the car show for \$20 which includes prizes! (La Porte County Historical Society Museum)

[Monument Circle Historic District Walking Tour](#)

July 19 and Aug. 9, Indianapolis – Experience the heart of the Circle City on a half-mile guided walking tour. (Indiana Landmarks)

Plan Ahead:

July 23-26, New Haven – [Maumee Valley Antique Steam & Gas Engine Show](#)

July 25, Frankfort – [Genealogy Program: Exploring New Trails with AI](#)

July 25, La Porte – [Ceremony of Remembrance and Dedication Honoring Civil War Nurses](#)

July 26, Corydon – [James "Jimmy" Best 100th Birthday Film Clip Tribute and Exhibit](#)

July 26, Indianapolis – [Heart of the Heartland: Riley Hospital for Children](#)

July 28, Corydon – [Jessica Whitehead Presentation on Harlan Hubbard](#)

July 28, Syracuse – [Special Screening of Blind Logic: The Ralph R. Teetor Story](#)

Aug. 4, Muncie – [Tales of the Mississinewa and White River Settlement](#)

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.

From Pencils to Pixels: Hoosier Cartoons and Comics

Through Aug. 6, Mooresville ([Mooresville Public Library](#))

Indiana Historical Society Spotlight

STATEWIDE CONCERT SERIES

[Of the People – A Concert for America at 250](#)

The Indiana Historical Society invites Hoosiers to experience America's story through music with Of the People, a statewide concert series featuring the acclaimed Visions Jazz Ensemble.

Performance Schedule:

- > **July 17, Columbus** – Bartholomew County Public Library
- > **July 18, New Harmony** – Thrall's Opera House
- > **July 19, Indianapolis** – Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center
- > **July 29, South Bend** – Merriman's Playhouse
- > **Aug. 2, Madison** – Historic Eleutherian College
- > **Aug. 4, Franklin** – Historic Artcraft Theatre

UNBOUND PODCAST

[We're Gonna Need a Bigger Boat: Indiana Maritime History](#)

On this episode, Casey and Regan are hitting the high seas... or the Great Lakes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Hands-On History – Research 101](#)

July 15 – Learn the basics of research: how to decide on a research topic, find primary and secondary sources, and how to navigate a research facility.

[Concerts on the Canal – Brenda Williams, Classic R&B](#)

July 16 – Unwind by the Canal with live performances in a relaxed, open-air setting.

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

July 18 – This tour will highlight and reflect on the often-unsung heroes of war – including the female soldiers, nurses, and first responders.

What We're Reading This Week



[Perry Family Scrapbook No. 2 \(B&W Photographs Box 1, Folder 13\), ca. 1948](#) (Gift of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Indiana Historical Society)

RESOURCES AND NEWS FROM THE FIELD

On Sept. 26, [We Want More History](#) is a coordinated national day of programming to strengthen civic health, build community trust, foster democratic dialogue, and showcase the vital role of history in public life. [Find the toolkit here](#).

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY, & INCLUSION

Improving the experience of visitors who are nonverbal, non-speaking, or minimally verbal – Creating [museum-specific communication boards](#) for visitors. (Museum 411)

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Institutional use – [How to create a nonprofit AI policy](#). (Nonprofit Risk Management Center)

Forecasting the AI future: [What's the best that could happen?](#) (AAM Center for the Future of Museums)

When students know more than teachers: [AI in museum learning](#). (MuseumNext)

AUDIENCE & COMMUNITY

Listening at the edge of memory: challenges in [documenting traumatic pasts through](#)

[oral history](#). (ICOM)

EXHIBITS

Achieving the unforgettable: engaging the senses with [whole-body learning](#). (AAM)

FUNDRAISING

Boost gift-giving with these [5 donation page improvements](#). (Clairification)

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

LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Respond, don't react – [Three questions every leader should ask](#) before making a tough call. (Leadership Now)

Eight ways to [stay true to the behavior you meant to change](#). (Suzi McAlpine Leadership)

NEED A BREAK?

Remember the simple joy of [climbing trees](#) in summer? (Active for Life)

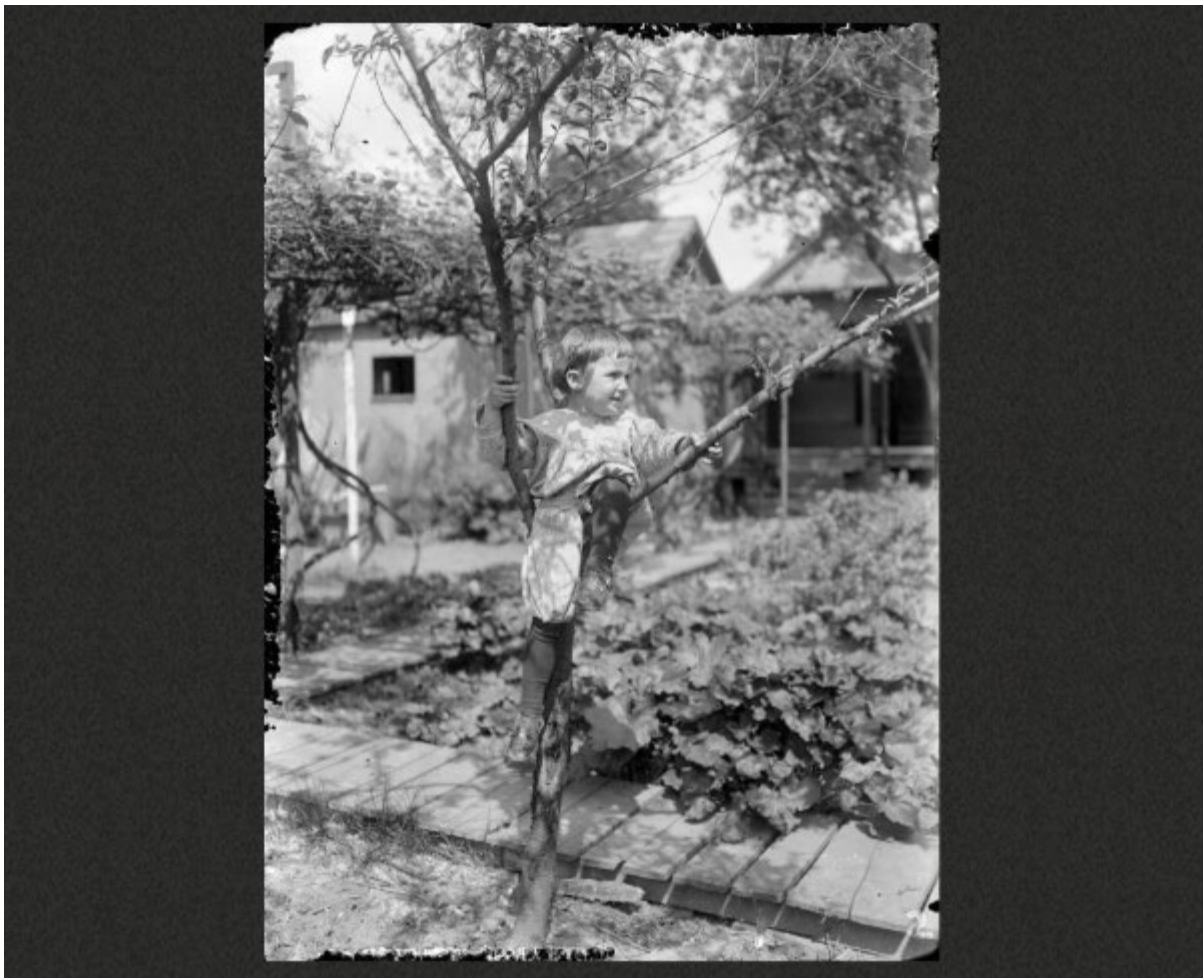
See delightful images from a new publication – '[Women in Trees](#)' celebrates a quirky collection of anonymous historical snapshots. (This is Colossal)

Learn about some of the women, past and present, [who tell the forest's stories](#). (National Forest Foundation)

Grab a branch and explore a secret garden in the sky in this fascinating podcast episode, '[Forests on Forests](#).' (Radiolab)

The world's coolest trees – [Nature's living masterpieces](#). (B&C Tree Service)

Learning Opportunities



[Toddler Sitting in a Small Tree, undated](#) (Gift of Rheta Eversman, Indiana Historical Society)

IN INDIANA

Upcoming:

[Indiana Main Street 101 Training](#)

July 16, Indianapolis – 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. (Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs)

FREE WEBINARS & VIRTUAL LEARNING

Upcoming:

[Know Your Donors: Designing and Leveraging Insights from the Perfect Donor Interview](#)

July 13 – Make a plan for how to engage your donors in interviews, get the most out of your donor meetings, and leverage key insights. (Nonprofit Learning Lab)

[Running Lean Without Running Empty](#)

July 13 – Learn how to use a clear prioritization framework and a set of practical tools to build systems that reduce chaos when full-time operations staff is out of reach. (GrantStation)

[Main Street Founders Roundtable: Reflection & Celebration](#)

July 15 – Three founders of the Main Street movement will discuss some of their most impactful tools, strategies, and more. (National Trust for Historic Preservation)

[Heritage Now!: Heritage-Informed Decarbonization Around the Globe](#)

July 16 – This webinar highlights practical examples and case studies demonstrating how preservation and climate goals can work together. (National Trust for Historic Preservation)

[Inside the HBCU Radio Preservation Project](#)

July 16 – Join field archivists for an overview of The HBCU Radio Preservation Project and insights on what they are discovering in the field. (NEDCC)

Recorded:

[Responsible AI for Museums: From Policy to Practice](#)

See what professionals in GLAMP – galleries, libraries, archives, museums, and performing arts – shared about AI, policy gaps, and what needs to happen next. (Terentia)

Plan Ahead:

July 20 – [Beyond the Report: Turning Your Evaluation Data into a Fundraising Asset](#)

July 21 – [Practical Approaches to Immersive Digital Experiences in Museums](#)

July 28 – [AASLH History Hour: Civic Practice](#)

July 30 – [From Collections to Connections: Facilitating Access and Activation](#)

VIRTUAL TRAINING

Upcoming:

[Effective Communications on a Shoestring Budget](#)

July 13 and 20 – Learn how to build a comprehensive, cost-effective communications plan that advances your mission and supports your strategic goals. \$200; discounts for members. (Nonprofit Learning Lab)

[Caring for Scrapbooks](#)

July 14 – Learn about the structure of scrapbooks, the types of materials commonly found in them, methods of attachment, and more. \$80. (NEDCC)

[From Fragmentation to Alignment: Project Management in Museums](#)

July 15 – This session explores the conditions of museum project work, the project life cycle, and cross-project patterns that inform institutional alignment. \$40; free for members. (AAM)

[Unlocking Your Site's Membership Potential](#)

July 16 – Learn ways to improve membership systems, add value (without adding expenses!) to membership, and how to involve your board in these efforts. \$45; \$25 members. (AASLH)

Plan Ahead:

July 22 – [AMM Conference Virtual Day](#) *Register by July 13

July 23 – [Makerspaces for Museums and Historic Sites](#)

Aug. 13 – [Basics of Fundraising](#)

Aug. 24-Oct. 18 – [Leadership and Administration for History Organizations](#)

IN-PERSON TRAINING

Upcoming:

[Smithsonian National Education Summit](#)

July 14-16, Washington, D.C. and Online – This free event brings together leading education experts to explore instructional strategies and resources that empower educators and their learners. (The Smithsonian)

Plan Ahead:

July 26-29, Chicago, Ill. – [AMM Conference](#) *Register by July 13
Sept. 16-19, Providence, R.I. – [AASLH-NCPH 2026 Joint Conference](#)
Oct. 27-29, Welch, Minn. – [Great Lakes Region NAGPRA Training](#)

Funding Available



[Three Young Women Standing in the Crook of a Tree, ca. 1900](#) (Gift of Richard Pickering Ratcliff, Indiana Historical Society)

FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Indiana Humanities Mini-Grants](#)

Due on a rolling basis, the last day of each month – These mini grants provide tax-exempt organizations with funds to present humanities programs for their communities. (Indiana Humanities)

[UPS Louisville Community Care Fund \(Southern Indiana and Kentucky\)](#)

Due Aug. 14 – Funding supports nonprofit organizations focused on disaster relief, education, environmental resilience, first responder support, and mental wellness. Eligible organizations and projects in Indiana must be located in Clark, Floyd, or Harrison Counties. (The UPS Foundation)

[Cleveland-Cliffs Foundation Grants](#)

Letter of Inquiry due Aug. 31 – The Foundation offers funding for projects that support education, improve the environment, and/or support healthy and vibrant communities. Projects should be implemented in the communities where Cleveland-Cliffs has operations

(including Indiana). (Cleveland-Cliffs Foundation)

UPCOMING DEADLINES

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

Due July 12 – Grants are available for planning, including Historic Preservation Plans, Downtown Revitalization Plans, Feasibility Studies, and more. (Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs)

[Tru Vue Conservation & Exhibition Grant](#)

Due July 13 – Small heritage institutions are invited to apply for grant funding up to £3,000 (approximately \$4,000 USD) to support the delivery of conservation projects that enable the safe display of an object in their collection. (Icon)

[2026 People-First AI Fund](#)

Due July 15 – Funds are available for organizations working with AI across three areas: community support services; community arts and cultural organizations; and community journalism and media. (OpenAI Foundation)

[CenterPoint Energy Foundation Grants](#)

Due July 17 – This cycle is open to organizations in Indiana, Minnesota, Ohio, and Texas for Community Vitality proposals, including environmental stewardship & outdoor recreation, and affordable housing. (CenterPoint Energy)

PLAN AHEAD

Due July 31 – [Heritage Support Mini Grants](#)

Due July 31 – [New Dollars/New Partners Program for Sacred Places Indiana](#)

Local & Regional Job Openings



[Crow's Nest, Tippecanoe Lake, Indiana, 1912](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0408)

LOCAL

The Indiana Historical Society is hiring!

See open positions [here](#).

[Collections Manager and Curator](#)

Columbus – Bartholomew County Historical Society

[Executive Director of Freetown Village](#)

Indianapolis – Freetown Village, Inc.

[Early Childhood Senior Program Manager](#)

Indianapolis – Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites

REGIONAL

[Historic Preservation Coordinator](#)

Frankfort, Ky. – Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

[Public Programs Coordinator](#)

Detroit, Mich. – Detroit Historical Society

[Exhibition Curator](#)

Grand Haven, Mich. – The Tri-Cities Historical Museum

[Managing Director of Philanthropy](#)

St. Louis, Mo. – Missouri Historical Society

[Senior Registrar and Archivist](#)

Lima, Ohio – Allen County Museum and Historical Society

Orphans Corner

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