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Heritage Support Grants for Indiana History Organizations

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Updates from Local History Services



[Girl Scout Day Camp, 1944](#) (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)

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.*

COLLECTIONS CONUNDRUMS WORKSHOP IN FRANKLIN

[Collections Conundrums](#)

Aug. 13, Franklin – 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. [REGISTER HERE](#) – Please register by Aug. 10. (Hosted by the Johnson County Museum of History)

Around Indiana



[Children at Swimming Pool, 1970](#) (Gift of Rachel K. Pannabecker, Indiana Historical Society)

NEWS

September is [Indiana Archaeology Month](#), and the Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology coordinates the event to encourage learning about Indiana archaeology. If your organization will be hosting an archaeology-related event, submit an [event host form](#) to the Indiana DHPA to be included in the official calendar. (DHPA)

'We were selling it out.' The history of [Indiana's high school big gyms](#). (The Herald Times)

Analyzing girls basketball's place in [Indiana high school sports history](#). (South Bend Tribune)

A shop in Lebanon connects people to their [colonial heritage](#) on America's 250th. (WISH-TV)

Add a touch of nostalgia to a classic car – The Indiana BMV allows owners of classic cars to [use a vintage plate](#) from the car's model year through the [Authentic Model Year License Plate Program](#). (Fox 59)

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:

[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)

[Afternoon Tea: Fashionable History with Guest Speaker Rhiannon Cizon](#)

July 19, Salem – Enjoy an Afternoon Tea featuring historian Rhiannon Cizon and her engaging presentation, "To Top It Off: Our Fashionable History." (The John Hay Center)

[Quilters Hall of Fame Celebration 2026](#)

July 23-25, Marion – The event features hands-on classes and fascinating lectures, stunning quilt shows, a vendor mall, and the unforgettable Luncheon and Induction Ceremony. (Event at multiple locations in Marion)

[Maumee Valley Antique Steam & Gas Engine Show](#)

July 23-26, New Haven – The event features tractors, a car show, quilt show, food, demonstrations, and more. (Maumee Valley Antique Steam & Gas Association)

[July History Dinner: Music Memories](#)

July 24, Scottsburg – Enjoy a live musical program by Vikki & Mike featuring timeless favorites from the Frank Sinatra era and other beloved classics. (Scott County Heritage Center and Museum)

[Trees & Bricks: The Charm Club Biennial Quilt Exhibition](#)

Opening July 24, Zionsville – This exhibition celebrates the beauty of place through the artistry of quilting. (SullivanMunce Cultural Center)

[Genealogy Program: Exploring New Trails with AI](#)

July 25, Frankfort – Learn about practical ways AI can enhance and streamline your genealogy research. (Frankfort Community Public Library)

[Ceremony of Remembrance and Dedication Honoring Civil War Nurses](#)

July 25, La Porte – A ceremony of remembrance and dedication will honor Mary Jane Andrew, Mary L. Robinson and Viola H. Andrew Cochran. (Event will be held at Pine Lake Cemetery)

[James "Jimmy" Best 100th Birthday Film Clip Tribute and Exhibit](#)

July 26, Corydon – The event will include a film fest showing clips from Best's films and television appearances as well as an exhibition of paintings by Best. (Historical Society of Harrison County; event at the Harrison County Government Center)

[Heart of the Heartland: Riley Hospital for Children](#)

July 26, Indianapolis – This in-person lecture explores the history of Riley Hospital for Children and examines how philanthropy has shaped its mission and growth. (Indianapolis Public Library)

Plan Ahead:

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

July 28, Frankfort – [CCGS: A Trip to Watch the Antelopes Play Presentation](#)

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

Aug. 1, Fort Wayne – [Miami Harvest: Edible and Usable Plants and Materials with Dani Tippman](#)

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

Aug. 5, Elkhart – [Gallery Talk: Affordability, Beauty, Collectability: The ABCs of Indiana Glass](#)

Aug. 8, Indianapolis – [Combining Land and Probate Records to Get the Full Story](#)

Aug. 8, Thorntown – [Genealogy Lock-In: Finding Female Ancestors](#)

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.

Who is a Hoosier

Through Aug. 18, Petersburg ([Pike County Historical Society](#))

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.

> **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

[Hungry for the Vote: Hoosier Women and Civic Action](#)

Hear stories of Hoosier women who participated in the national suffrage movement and learn about the life and legacy of former Congresswoman Julia Carson.

UPCOMING EVENTS

[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.

[Concerts on the Canal – Touch of Grass Trio: Country, Light Rock, Vintage Oldies](#)

July 30 – Unwind by the Canal with live performances in a relaxed, open-air setting.

[History Lab Hang Out](#)

July 31 – History Lab Hang Out is a drop-in program designed for curious kids and their grown-ups – open to the young and young at heart!

What We're Reading This Week



[P.R. Mallory Co. Nursery, 1944](#) (Gift of Reba A. Weaver, Indiana Historical Society)

AUDIENCE & COMMUNITY

[Getting people INSIDE museums](#) when it's gorgeous OUTSIDE. (ExhibiTricks)

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY, & INCLUSION

[Accessible Communications Guidelines](#) from AAM offer recommendations and resources for incorporating universal design principles and accessible approaches into communications. (AAM)

EXHIBITS

When the museum becomes a [space for emotions](#) – Inside the Biosphère's Emolab. (MuseumNext)

FUNDRAISING

A thank-you note [worth remembering](#). (Engaging Places)

Give major donors [something they actually want to fund](#). (Clairification)

SOCIAL MEDIA & MARKETING

Rethinking [what museum marketing does](#). (Museum 411)

LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

[5 signs](#) your nonprofit needs a new strategic plan. (Funding for Good)

Do you know where your data is – [and how to protect it?](#) (Nonprofit Risk Management Center)

NEED A BREAK?

[7 smells that defined summer camp](#) in the 1980s. (Mental Floss)

The rise and fall of the [public sandbox](#). (JSTOR Daily)

The accidental [invention of the Slip 'N Slide](#). (Smithsonian Magazine)

A collection of images that illustrate [the simple pleasures of summer](#). (Smithsonian)

Learning Opportunities



[*Bethel A.M.E. Church. Boy Scout Troup #86. 1963*](#) (Gift of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Indiana Historical Society)

IN INDIANA

Plan Ahead:

[Indiana Constitutional Symposium](#)

Nov. 5, Indianapolis – Registration is now open for the Indiana Constitutional Symposium, a special event commemorating the 175th Anniversary of the Indiana Constitution of 1851. The event will be held at the new Indiana State Archives building. **Speakers sought!** – [Find more information here.](#) (IARA)

FREE WEBINARS & VIRTUAL LEARNING

Upcoming:

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

July 20 – Learn a structured process for identifying what your data is saying and translating findings into language that resonates with funders, donors, and boards. (Nonprofit Learning Lab)

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

July 21 – Members of the Alliance for Immersion in Museums project will talk about best practices, standards, and more. (NISE; Alliance for Immersion in Museums)

[Documenting America Wiki Scholars Courses](#)

Starting July 21, 22 and 23 – Wiki Edu is offering three 8-week courses to help you disseminate the history of your community, state, or region to a global audience through Wikipedia and Wikidata. (Wiki Edu with AASLH)

[Mapping Heritage: Tech Tools for Preservation Planning](#)

July 24 – This webinar explores tools such as GIS, field data collection, mapping, and visualization to support preservation planning and adaptive reuse. (National Trust for Historic Preservation)

Plan Ahead:

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

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

July 30 – [Mold in Collections: Key Considerations](#)

VIRTUAL TRAINING

Upcoming:

[Makerspaces for Museums and Historic Sites](#)

July 23 – Participants will gain insights into integrating makerspace activities that appeal to diverse audiences and foster collaboration, learning, and exploration. \$45; \$25 members. (AASLH)

[Personal Digital Archiving](#)

July 23 – This webinar prepares you to collect your emails, photos, videos, and text messages and create a personal plan to ensure they are cared for well into the future. \$55. (NEDCC)

Plan Ahead:

July 27 – [Planning and Budgeting for Fundraising Success](#)

July 28 – [Nonprofit Finance 101 for Grant Pros](#)

Aug. 13 – [Basics of Fundraising](#)

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

IN-PERSON TRAINING

Plan Ahead:

Sept. 16-19, Providence, R.I. – [AASLH-NCPH 2026 Joint Conference](#)

Oct. 27-29, Welch, Minn. – [Great Lakes Region NAGPRA Training](#)

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

The Indiana State Archives is accepting proposals for [Lightning Talks and Roundtable Panels at the Indiana Constitutional Symposium](#) to be held Nov. 5 in Indianapolis.

Proposals are due Aug. 5.

Funding Available



[*Boats on Lake Maxinkuckee. 1927*](#) (Gift of Wisconsin Historical Society, Indiana Historical Society)

FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

[About Arts Project Support Grants](#)

Due Sept. 3 (draft application review deadline for new applicants is Aug. 24) – These grants provide funding to support a public-facing short-term arts project or a series of arts activities. (Indiana Arts Commission)

[Scholarly Editions and Translations Grants](#)

Due Sept. 16 – This program supports collaborative teams who edit, annotate, and translate foundational humanities texts that are vital to generating new scholarship but are not available in adequate editions or translations. (NEH)

[Historic Preservation Education Grants](#)

Due Sept. 30 – Grants of up to \$3,000 are available to fund public programs that educate Hoosiers about historic places and properties – and particularly about the need to preserve and protect them. (Indiana Landmarks)

PLAN AHEAD

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

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

Due Aug. 14 – [UPS Louisville Community Care Fund](#) (Southern Indiana and Kentucky)

Due Aug. 31 (LOI) – [Cleveland-Cliffs Foundation Grants](#)

Local & Regional Job Openings



[*Boys Club Groups Leaving for Camp, 1944*](#) (Martin Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

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.

REGIONAL

[Public Programs and Marketing Manager](#)

Rockford, Ill. – Esta Barrett Manor & Gardens

[President & Chief Executive Officer](#)

Grand Rapids, Mich. – Grand Rapids Public Museum

Orphans Corner

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