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Heritage Support Grants for Indiana History Organizations

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Updates from Local History Services



[Camp Fire Girls, 1983](#) (Indianapolis Recorder Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

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

Aug. 13, Franklin – The [full-day Collections Conundrums 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



[Picnic Scene Around Michigantown, Indiana, 1880s](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0576)

NEWS

Indiana Humanities is accepting applications for scholars and experts to participate in the next round of the [Civics and Democracy Speakers Bureau](#). **Applications are due by Aug. 14.**

READI 2.0 grants totaling \$65M have been [awarded to Indiana communities](#), including funding for a number of museums and historic theaters. (Ink Free News)

St. Mark AME Zion Church in East Chicago has [received a grant through the](#)

[Conserving Black Modernism program](#) of the National Trust for Historic Places.

Evansville Living profiles lasting landmarks: [historic homes and buildings in Evansville](#) that offer snapshots of generations of American life.

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:

[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)

[Jessica Whitehead Presentation on Harlan Hubbard](#)

July 28, Corydon – Jessica Whitehead of the Filson Historical Society will present on "Driftwood: The Life of Harlan Hubbard." (Historical Society of Harrison County; event at the Harrison County Government Center)

[CCGS: A Trip to Watch the Antelopes Play Presentation](#)

July 28, Frankfort – Rex Bowman will give a presentation sharing the highlights of his trip through the beautiful states of Colorado, Utah, and Arizona. (Frankfort Community Public Library; Clinton County Genealogical Society)

[Special Screening of Blind Logic: The Ralph R. Teetor Story](#)

July 28, Syracuse – See the documentary that chronicles the remarkable life of Ralph R. Teetor, a blind inventor, engineer, and automotive pioneer. (Chautauqua-Wawasee and the Syracuse-Wawasee Historical Museum)

[Miami Indian Heritage Days: Miami Harvest](#)

Aug. 1, Fort Wayne – The August program will be Miami Harvest: Edible and Usable Plants and Materials with Dani Tippmann. (Chief Richardville House, or *akima pinšiwawiiiki*)

[Free Family Sunday and Ice Cream Social](#)

Aug. 2, Elkhart – Hang out on Ruthmere's porch and grounds as you enjoy music from a barbershop quartet and delicious ice cream. (Ruthmere)

[Wendell Wilkie Returns to Elwood](#)

Aug. 2, Madison – County Historian Stephen Jackson will present "Wendell Wilkie

Returns to Elwood." (Madison County Historical Society)

Plan Ahead:

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

Aug. 5, Elkhart – [The ABCs of Indiana Glass](#)

Aug. 8, Delphi – [Historical Songwriting Workshop](#)

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

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

Aug. 11-13, Indianapolis – [Old Speedway City Neighborhood Walking Tours](#)

Aug. 12, Muncie – [Collections Tour: Back to School](#)

Sept. 8, Indianapolis – [Hosted Digital Collections and Indiana Memory](#)

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.

Faces of the Civil War

Through Aug. 18, Brownstown ([Jackson County History Center](#))

Securing the Vote: Women's Suffrage in Indiana

Through Aug. 23, South Bend ([St. Joseph County Public Library River Park Branch](#))

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 29, South Bend** – Merriman's Playhouse

> **Aug. 2, Madison** – Historic Eleutherian College

> **Aug. 4, Franklin** – Historic Artcraft Theatre

UPCOMING EVENTS

[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!

[Flavors of the Heartland – Ukrainian Society of Indiana, making Borsch & Pampushky](#)

Aug. 12 – Take a break to enjoy the stories and smells of the dishes that make up our food heritage.

What We're Reading This Week



[*Boy Scouts Camp Fire Program at the 1940 Indiana State Fair*](#) (Gift of Center for Agricultural Science and Heritage, Indiana Historical Society)

RESOURCES AND NEWS FROM THE FIELD

The Association of Midwest Museums announces the [2026 AMM Awards recipients](#). Congratulations to this year's honorees!

[How museums could use models and miniatures](#) to interpret ruins, archaeological sites, altered buildings, landscapes, inaccessible spaces, or historic interiors that have lost much of their original appearance. (Engaging Places)

An idea for teachers (and museums): how to spark student interest with [history hooks](#). (Edutopia)

AUDIENCE & COMMUNITY

Cooking for groups: [a volunteer's guide to food safety](#). (USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service)

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY, & INCLUSION

[Digital inclusion in nonprofits](#): meaning, barriers, and what to measure. (Blackbaud)

FUNDRAISING & FINANCES

Don't wait for a crisis to [talk about your cash reserve](#). (Joan Garry Consulting)

[Build a donor onboarding journey](#) for first-time event guests. (Nonprofit Learning Lab)

SOCIAL MEDIA & MARKETING

How [strategic PR](#) boosts long-term sustainability. (AAM)

LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

[4 hidden traps](#) of team dynamics. (Harvard Business Review)

5 ways nonprofits can [balance creativity and structure](#). (Blue Avocado)

Key strategies to [give meaningful nonprofit work feedback](#). (Clairification)

NEED A BREAK?

“Tell me s’more!” All about our [favorite summer campfire treat](#), plus the [scientific quest](#) for the perfect s’more. (Smithsonian Magazine)

Why does smoke [follow you around a fire?](#) (Ted-Ed Video)

[8 old-school picnic foods](#) that were big in the 1950s. (Food Republic)

[23 memories](#) that prove you camped in the 1970s. (Outdoors.com)

Learning Opportunities



[Girl Scouts Brownies Camp, 1945](#) (Gift of Reba A. Weaver, Indiana Historical Society)

IN INDIANA

Plan Ahead:

[Fall Nonprofit Series](#)

Sept. 5-26, Indianapolis – This series of free, in-person workshops will cover a variety of nonprofit management topics including developing a board of directors, strategic planning, fundraising, volunteer recruitment, and more. (Indianapolis Public Library)

FREE WEBINARS & VIRTUAL LEARNING

Upcoming:

[AASLH History Hour: Civic Practice](#)

July 28 – Explore the unique role that history organizations can play in supporting and expanding civic practice, especially at the local level. (AASLH)

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

July 30 – This webinar will discuss MOA's Collections Access Program, provide practical information to support the activation of collections in museum and community settings, and more. (Connecting to Collections Care)

[Mold in Collections: Key Considerations](#)

July 30 – Learn how to identify and understand the risks of mold, and how best to address them and tackle mold most effectively. (Conserv)

Plan Ahead:

Aug. 3 – [Our Board is Useless! – The Staff Don't Use Me!](#)

Aug. 6 – [What It's Like to Participate in Museums Advocacy Day](#)

Aug. 10 – [Archival Value](#)

Aug. 12 – [Preserving the Now: Archiving in Times of Crisis](#)

VIRTUAL TRAINING

Upcoming:

[Planning and Budgeting for Fundraising Success](#)

July 27 – Learn about tools and best practices to create achievable goals and budgets based on giving histories, probabilities, and the current climate. \$20; \$15 members. (Ohio Museums Association)

[Nonprofit Finance 101 for Grant Pros](#)

July 28 – This webinar will walk you through the fundamentals of nonprofit finance from the key terms and concepts to the reports funders actually review when evaluating your application. \$69. (GrantStation)

Plan Ahead:

Aug. 6 – [Strategies for Born Digital Collections](#)

Aug. 13 – [Basics of Fundraising](#)

Aug. 13 – [Blended Financing: Impact Investing for Nonprofits](#)

Aug. 18 – [Building an A-List Board](#)

Aug. 20 – [Organizational Culture: The Unwritten Rules Make the Decisions](#)

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

Aug. 25-26 – [Every Place Has a Story: Communications that Inspire Support](#)

IN-PERSON TRAINING

Plan Ahead:

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

**Early-bird registration deadline is Aug. 3.*

Funding Available



[Campsite with Tents, ca. 1910](#) (Ross Family, Indiana Historical Society)

FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Robert Lehman Foundation for Visual Arts Exhibitions and Programs](#)

Due Sept. 15 – Grants are available to museums, arts organizations, educational institutions and other cultural organizations working to enhance the role of the visual arts within American and world culture. (Robert Lehman Foundation)

UPCOMING DEADLINES

[New Dollars/New Partners Program for Sacred Places](#)

Due July 31 – In this intensive training program, congregations learn how to engage their communities in fresh ways, find new uses for underutilized space and identify assets for fundraising and financial sustainability. The program offers the opportunity to apply for planning grants up to \$25,000 and capital grants up to \$500,000. (Indiana Landmarks)

PLAN AHEAD

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

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

Draft Application Due Aug. 24 – [Arts Project Support Grants](#)

Due Aug. 14 – [UPS Louisville Community Care Fund](#)

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

Due Sept. 16 – [Scholarly Editions and Translations Grants](#)

Due Sept. 30 – [Historic Preservation Education Grants](#)

Local & Regional Job Openings



[CCC Men and Tents. ca. 1938](#) (Gift of George Thomas Gifford, Indiana Historical Society)

LOCAL

The Indiana Historical Society is hiring!

See open positions [here](#).

[Collections Assistant](#)

Indianapolis – Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art

[Manager of Exhibition Design](#)

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REGIONAL

[Cataloging Archivist \(term\)](#)

Naperville, Ill. – BMO US Corporate Archives

[KHS Genealogy Engagement Specialist](#)

Frankfort, Ky. – Kentucky Historical Society

[Polar Archivist](#)

Columbus, Ohio – The Ohio State University

Orphans Corner

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