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UPDATES FROM LOCAL HISTORY SERVICES

CULTURAL HERITAGE ORGANIZATION SURVEY
Local History Services is participating in a national survey to collect data and feedback that will help Field Services offices like us better serve local history organizations.

If you are a heritage organization (museum, historical society, library or archive), please take a couple of minutes to fill out the survey by Feb. 29. If you have any questions, contact us at localhistoryservices@indianahistory.org or (317) 233-8913.

Click here to take the survey. Thank you for your input!

BEST PRACTICES TIP OF THE WEEK
THIS WEEK: EXHIBIT LABELS - CONTENT

Museum exhibit labels, when done well, can serve as a powerful tool for communication. The best labels answer questions, evoke emotions, prompt reflection and encourage a closer look at the object or image. And, labels don’t always have to be written by the museum - consider community curation for more in-depth and diverse perspectives. For further reading, see this article from MuseumNext. Next week, we’ll discuss label design and format.

If you have a question about this or other tips, or if there’s anything you’d like to hear more about, please contact us at localhistoryservices@indianahistory.org.

WHAT WE’RE READING THIS WEEK

social history through a new dimension and gain the tools to become your history’s storyteller. Free; registration required.

Jan. 28:
Women’s Suffrage and Indiana Webinar
This webinar will engage educators with content and activities to connect Indiana to the national narrative on this topic.

Feb. 6:
How Do I Count? Gerrymandering
Learn the basics of gerrymandering through Indiana’s history, ask questions of a scholar, and then try your hand at drawing your own redistricting lines. $5.

Feb. 8:
Determined to Rise: Ladies and Liquor
Join panelists for a conversation on the intersection and complexities of two movements: the fight for women’s right to vote and prohibition. $13.

JOBS

Mrs. Stallard Working in the Bond Drive Office (Indiana Historical Society)

REGIONAL

Community Engagement Archivist
Chicago, Ill.: Black Metropolis Research Consortium.

Director of Interpretation
Springfield, Ill.:
AUDIENCE & COMMUNITY
Learn about some of the barriers that hinder people with disabilities from fully enjoying museums. (MuseumNext)

FUNDRAISING
Millennials donate to cultural organizations for different reasons than other generations. (Know Your Own Bone)

Everything you need to know about in-kind donations. (Wild Apricot)

LEADERSHIP & INTERACTION
Twenty-two signs your board meetings suck. (Joan Garry Consulting)

Check out this handy infographic on how to manage work stress. (Harvard Business Review)

MARKETING & SOCIAL MEDIA
Strategic ways to grow your nonprofit social media followers this year. (Julia Campbell)

MUSEUMS
Here’s how your museum can get involved with the 2020 Census. (AAM)

 These pictures show how easily things are worn down over time. (Absolutely Connected)
**TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

**FREE WEBINARS**

On-demand: [Accessibility and Disability Micro-Learning Series](#) - These short e-courses share foundational concepts of accessibility and disability. (proValens Learning, Indiana University)

- **Part 1** - *Historical Perceptions of Disability*
- **Part 2** - *Disability Etiquette & Interaction Guidelines*
- **Part 3** - *Accessibility vs. Usability*
- **Part 4** - *Regulations for Service Animals & Mobility Devices*

Jan. 29: [Security for Collections](#) - This webinar provides an overview of collections security with a focus on protection from theft and vandalism. (CCAHA)

**ONLINE TRAINING**

Starting March 2: [AASLH Online Courses](#) - These courses are typically four to six weeks long and offer student a chance to engage deeply with subject material at their own pace. Cost varies.

- *Museum Education and Outreach*
- *Financial Structures and Strategy*
- *Leadership and Administration for History Organizations*
- *Collections Management*

**ONSITE TRAINING**

*March 18 through 21, Atlanta, Ga.:* [Annual Meeting of the National Council on Public History](#) - Explore more than 70 sessions and working groups, as well as workshops and tours at the 2020 conference. Cost varies.

*April 14 through 17, South Bend:* [Preserving Historic Places](#) - Indiana’s Statewide Preservation Conference offers lectures, sessions, tours and networking. $150 early-bird registration by March 6; $75 students.

**REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS**

Submit a proposal by Jan. 31 for the [Ohio Local History Alliance’s 2020 Annual Meeting](#) on the theme of *History is Happening Now!*

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**ORPHANS CORNER**

Do you have an item you would like to donate to an Indiana museum or nonprofit? We’ll list it here! Email us the information and we’ll list it for you!
FUNDING AVAILABLE

Apply by Jan. 31 for a Recordings at Risk grant from CLIR to preserve rare and unique audio, audiovisual and other time-based media.

Apply by Feb. 1 for the Collections Assessment for Preservation (CAP) program from AIC which provides small and mid-sized museums with partial funding toward a general conservation assessment.

Apply by Feb. 14 for a NAGPRA grant from the National Park Service for consultation and documentation projects regarding Native American cultural items.

Apply by March 5 for an Arts Project Support grant from the Indiana Arts Commission for up to $5,000 to support arts activities and programs.

NEWS & INFORMATION
As we commemorate the 100th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote, the National Trust invites you to share photos of places and women to help tell the full story.

Use the free Race Matters: Organizational Self-Assessment from the Annie E. Casey Foundation to size up staffing and operational aspects, and then see next steps based on how your organization scores.

Learn about the requirements of duty to care and premises safety that owners, managers, and employees are required to provide when the public visits privately-owned property - for example, a festival or haunted house.

EVENTS AROUND THE STATE
Jan. 27, Bloomington: **Memory Walk** - Spark up a conversation with your loved one living with dementia on a guided gallery tour at the Monroe County History Center.


Feb. 8, Franklin: **Valentines Workshop** - Visit the Johnson County Museum to learn about the history of Valentine’s Day and create a one-of-a-kind card. Free.

Feb. 14, Bloomington: **Loving our History! Annual Gala** - This year marks the Monroe County History Center’s 40th Anniversary, and this fundraiser event celebrates their ruby anniversary with dinner, jazz and history. $85.

Feb. 26, Carmel: **Votes for Women!** - At the Museum of Miniature Houses, see a dramatic presentation by MaryAnne Mathews on the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment. Free.

**EXHIBITS**
Horseless Carriage with Fringed Canopy (Bass Photo Co. Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

Through March 1, South Bend: **Reaching the Masses: Studebaker Companion Models** - At the Studebaker Museum, learn about the stories behind “companion” automobiles and how competitors attempted to broaden their market share.

Through April 19, South Bend: **Indiana University: 200 Years in the Making** - At the History Museum, learn about the 200-year history of IU, including the growth of IU South Bend and other outlying campuses.

Through May 30, Bloomington: **Where Hoosiers Found Hysteria: Monroe County High School Basketball** - At the Monroe County History Center, learn about the rich basketball tradition in Monroe County.

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