December 11, 2020

UPDATES FROM LOCAL HISTORY SERVICES

ENJOY A GOOD READ THIS WINTER
Settle in with a good book from our Lending Resource Center! Indiana history organizations can borrow these and other books at no charge, and we'll even ship them to you!

- Big Gifts for Small Groups: A Board Member’s 1-Hour Guide to

Little Girl Mailing a Letter to the Christmas Seal Association, 1970 (Martin Collection, Indiana Historical Society)
Securing Gifts of $500 to $5,000 by Andy Robinson

- Caring for Your Family Treasures by Jane S. Long and Richard W. Long
- Defining Memory: Local Museums and the Construction of History in America’s Changing Communities edited by Amy K. Levin
- The Little Book of Gold: Fundraising for Small (and Very Small) Nonprofits by Erik Hanberg
- Spaces that Tell Stories: Recreating Historical Environments by Donna R. Braden
- Story Bridges: A Guide to Conducting Intergenerational Oral History Projects by Angela Zusman

WHAT WE’RE READING THIS WEEK

Christmas and Birthday Cards, 1909-1988 (Indiana Historical Society)

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION
Inclusivity in museum storytelling. (MuseumNext)

FUNDRAISING
12 quick tips for better grant writing. (Firespring)

Attracting charitable giving through education programs. (AAM)

LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT
Living through the terrible, horrible, no-good year okay. (Museum 2.0)

Indiana’s Statehood Day.

Through Dec. 22:
- Holiday Cheers
  Gather your family around the computer and join us for a bit of holiday fun during the holiday season. Each holiday cheers event includes a live virtual program, and a kit with hands-on activities, recipes, games or festive elements to enjoy during the event.

Dec. 30:
- History Happy Hour: The Purpose of Kwanzaa
  Join Mashariki Jywanza and Sibeko Jywanza of the Indianapolis Kwanzaa Committee for a conversation on the traditions and history of this event

Through Jan. 9:
- Hoosier Holidays at Home
  Your family is invited to pick up an activity packet while visiting Festival of Trees on Saturdays. If you’re not able to join us in person, check out our online activities and create at home.

JOBS

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

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For leaders, **a trying holiday season is no time for compassion fatigue**. (HFMA)

**MARKETING & VIRTUAL ENGAGEMENT**

*How museums can tell stories online* that people want to hear. (MuseumNext)

**Video length best practices** for social media. (Sprout Social)

**MUSEUMS**

10 unique **ways museums can connect with their community**. (AASLH)

**A new kind of museum is emerging** - here’s what the future holds. (The Art Newspaper)

**PRESERVATION, COLLECTIONS & HISTORY**

*Feeling connected to objects* is a fundamental - and fraught - part of human nature. (Aeon)

**NEED A (HOLIDAY) BREAK?**

Before Amazon and Etsy, **people used these beautiful holiday shopping bags** to hold their purchases. (Smithsonian)

**Wander through the virtual** *Holidays on Display exhibit* that explores the art and industry of holiday display. (National Museum of American History)

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

**LOCAL**

**Museum Director**

Muncie, Ind.: National Model Aviation Museum.

**REGIONAL**

**Contract Archivist/Project Manager**

Chicago, Ill.: Getty Research Institute.

**Environmental and Historic Preservation Specialist**

Des Moines, Iowa: Iowa Economic Development Authority.

**Library Manager**

St. Paul, Minn.: Minnesota History Center.

**Project Imaging Archivist**

Northfield, Minn.: Norwegian-American Historical Association, St. Olaf College.

**NATIONAL**

**Executive Director**

Hyattsville, Md.: Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Inc.

**Education Coordinator**


**Historic Preservation Contracts Specialist I**

Denver, Colo.: History Colorado.

**Outreach Coordinator**

FREE WEBINARS
Dec. 15: Can You Weather the Storm? Tips on Budgeting, KPIs, and Reviewing Financial Statements - Hear some budgeting dos and don’ts as well as key points of interest while reviewing your organization’s financial statements. (Texas Historical Commission)

Dec. 15: Museums and COVID: How to Use the Latest Research to Your Advantage - Learn about scientific information on the virus’s behavior on materials commonly found or used in museums. (IMLS)

Dec. 16: Rethinking Migration Exhibitions Around the Globe - Learn about the process of rethinking permanent exhibitions to more fully reflect current issues around migration. (International Coalition of Sites of Conscience)

Dec. 16: How to Keep All Those Donors You Worked So Hard to Get - Learn simple, actionable steps that you can take to boost donor retention in your organization. (Productive Fundraising)

Dec. 17: Grantseeking in 2021: Tips & Trends - Experienced grantseekers will share their plans, tips and advice for grantseeking in 2021. (Foundant)
REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS
Due Dec. 18: The American Association for State and Local History is accepting session and workshop proposals for the 2021 Annual Meeting. The theme is Doing History/Doing Justice.

FUNDING AVAILABLE

Applications are due Jan. 14 for Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions that help small and mid-sized institutions improve their ability to preserve and care for their significant humanities collections. (NEH)

Indiana Humanities’ 2021 grant deadlines are set and application booklets are now available.

NEWS & RESOURCES
The Wabash River Enhancement Corporation has launched a regional planning project to develop a Wabash River Greenway Corridor Master Plan through Fountain, Warren, Tippecanoe, Carroll and Cass counties, and is looking to partner with corridor residents, businesses and governments.

This year, the DNR Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology has awarded fourteen federal Historic Preservation Fund grants totaling more than $481,000 for historic preservation and archaeology projects in Indiana communities. (DNR)

Indiana Humanities has awarded a total of nearly $125,000 to 31 Hoosier nonprofits to support public humanities programs in communities throughout the state. (WISH-TV)

Lilly Endowment Inc. has awarded $8 million to four museums in Indiana to fund exhibits and programming that focus on religion's role today and in the past. (Indy Star)

ORPHANS CORNER
Two sofas from the Indiana Theatre in Indianapolis are available to an Indiana nonprofit. The sofas are believed to date from the early days of the theatre, and are large and heavy. The sofas must be picked up at the Indiana Repertory Theatre, and elevator access is available.

Items are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. To claim these items and arrange for pick up, contact Jane at jrobison@irtlive.com.

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

AROUND INDIANA

Winter View of Hollweg Home, 505 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, ca. 1895 (Indiana Historical Society)

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS


Dec. 18: Fashioning Suffrage - Discover how clothing and appearance became much more than a mere fashion statement during the suffrage movement.
Free. (Indiana State Museum)

On Demand: Our Fair House - Learn about Beverly Shores’ famed Century of Progress houses. (Indiana Landmarks)

IN-PERSON EVENTS AND EXHIBITS
PLEASE NOTE: For in-person programs, please check with the hosting organization regarding any COVID-19 restrictions and/or requirements.

Through Dec. 23 (extended), Fort Wayne: Festival of Gingerbread - See new creations crafted this year by gingerbread artists of all ages and skill levels. A virtual tour is also available. (The History Center)

Through Dec. 30, Elkhart: A Merry Little Christmas Holiday Tours - Tour both houses on the Ruthmere Museum Campus to see traditional period holiday décor. (Ruthmere)

Dec. 26, Delphi: Annual Day After Christmas Walk - Enjoy the season with a free outdoor trail walk. Shorter and longer walks available. (Canal Center)

TRAVELING EXHIBITS
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 regarding any on-site COVID-19 restrictions.

Through Jan. 6, Fairmount: Securing the Vote: Women’s Suffrage in Indiana (Fairmount Public Library)

Through Jan. 6, Marion: Securing the Vote: Women’s Suffrage in Indiana (Marion Public Library)

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