

In historic school year, students can find more history online

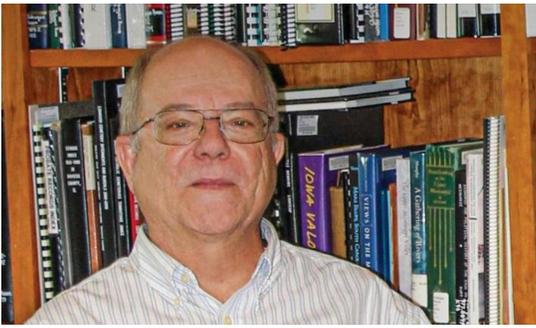
As Iowa students return to school this month – virtually, in person or a combination of both – they can learn about Iowa history with more online resources than ever before.

- [The map](#) (pictured) Iowan Carrie Chapman Catt color-coded to show which Iowa counties supported women’s suffrage in 1916.
- [The letter](#) Jack Trice wrote before his fateful Iowa State University football game in 1923.
- [A drawing](#) a Meskwaki artist drew in about 1830, as well as a powwow [video](#) from 2018.

These are just a click away, with more than 1,200 other primary sources from the State Historical Society of Iowa and the Library of Congress. They’re part of an array of educational tools the historical society has developed to help K-12 teachers meet the Iowa Core Standards for social studies, along with digital artifact kits, history lessons that promote literacy, and more.

“It’s remarkably more engaging to see actual sources, to read real newspaper articles from 200 years ago, versus what somebody else said happened in a textbook,” Johnston Middle School teacher **Jake Wager** explained in [a recent Iowa History blog](#). “The days of memorizing random facts are gone. Why teach them that when they can Google it?”

DISCOVER MORE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES



Hats Off to History Award Winners

The State Historical Society of Iowa recently bestowed a lifetime-achievement award on **Michael Gibson**, who founded the Center for Dubuque History at Loras College nearly 40 years ago and has dedicated his career to Iowa history. The award was one of several [Excellence in History Awards](#) the society presented last week to several individuals and groups, including the **Iowa City Community School District**, **Jerry Harrington** of Iowa City, **Mary Beth Costello** and **Beverly Dashner** of Malvern, and several others. Congratulations to one and all!

[SEE FULL LIST OF WINNERS](#)



National History Day in Prime Time

A student-made documentary about the origins of the Special Olympics premiered statewide last week on Iowa PBS. "One Woman's Vision: Eunice Kennedy Shriver and the Special Olympics," by ninth graders **Eshaan Chandani** (left) and **Anjali Kumar** (right) of Johnston, placed fourth in the [National History Day finals](#) earlier this summer, besting hundreds of other documentaries from all over the United States.

[WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

[LEARN MORE ABOUT NATIONAL HISTORY DAY](#)



Iowa History 101 Webinar Series

The "Iowa History 101" webinar series with State Curator **Leo Landis** continues on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Tune in to learn about women's suffrage, Aug. 13, and World War II, Aug. 27 – and check out recent sessions about the Iowa State Fair, baseball, corn and more.

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Explore the Museum

Ready to learn more about Iowa? The State Historical Museum of Iowa in Des Moines is open to the public, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, with extra protocols to keep everybody safe. Admission is free, as always, so why not stop in for a visit?

[PLAN YOUR VISIT](#)

New COVID-Related Recovery Fund Offers Grants Up to \$25,000

Volunteer Iowa and the Iowa Economic Development Authority have rolled out a new short-term relief program for nonprofits. The [Iowa Nonprofit Recovery Fund](#) offers up to \$25,000 in grants to nonprofit organizations that have seen

reduced revenue and/or increased costs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The program has \$10 million available from the federal CARES Act funds.

ELIGIBILITY AND HOW TO APPLY



Upcoming Events & Programs

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Aug. 13: [Iowa History 101: Women's Suffrage](#)

Aug. 27: [Iowa History 101: World War II](#)

Grants

Aug. 12: [Public Humanities Projects](#), National Endowment for the Humanities

Ongoing: [Barn Preservation Grants](#), Iowa Barn Foundation

Please check our [online calendar](#) for more events and opportunities across the state.