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2021 Preserve Iowa Summit June 3-5

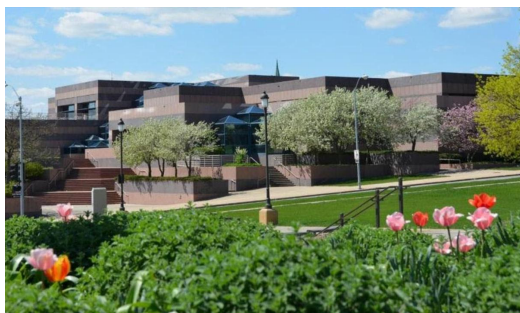


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REGISTER FOR THE SUMMIT

Join us at the virtual **2021 Preserve Iowa Summit**, Iowa's premier conference for professionals and volunteers involved in historic preservation. Presented by the State Historic Preservation Office and co-hosted by Council Bluffs, **this year's summit theme, "The Trail Ahead," looks two ways at once:** Back to Council Bluffs' colorful history as a trailhead for explorers and settlers and forward to a bright future where Iowa communities use history to create a unique sense of place and shared identity. Check out this [video](#) about Council Bluffs' railroad history and [register for the summit](#).

Research Centers and Six Historic Sites to Open



The State Historical Society's Historical Library and Archives Research Centers in Des Moines and Iowa City are preparing to partially reopen in early June, by appointment only. More information and updates will be announced soon [at iowaculture.gov](http://iowaculture.gov) and on the society's [Facebook](#).



The State Historical Society of Iowa will resume **summer visitor hours at six of its historic sites beginning Memorial Day weekend**, including the Montauk Historic Site (pictured), American Gothic House, Matthew Edel Blacksmith Shop, Toolesboro Mounds, Blood Run National Historic Landmark and the Abbie Gardner Sharp Cabin. The Western Historic Trails Center and the

Plum Grove Historic Site will remain closed until further notice.

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Explore Iowa History Online

Join the thousands of Iowans who have tuned in online for the [Iowa History 101](#) and [Iowa Stories](#) webinars this year. You can watch four new programs in the next few weeks or catch up on recordings of previous webinars from both popular series.



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Iowa History 101

The State Historical Society of Iowa's Historic Sites

May 27

Join Michael Plummer, the State Historic Sites manager for the State Historical Society of Iowa, to **learn about the sites and hear a few stories and highlights** visitors can discover when they experience them in person.

Iowa History 101

Iowa's Borders: Evolution and Controversy

June 10

Join Paul F. Anderson, professor emeritus at the Iowa State University College of Design, as he discusses **the evolution of Iowa's state borders**, a process that began long before Iowa joined the Union in 1846.

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Iowa History 101

Iowa's County Fairs

June 24

Join Leo Landis, the state curator for the State Historical Society of Iowa, as he discusses the



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history and heritage of Iowa's beloved county fairs.



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Iowa Stories

Iowa Women's Corrections

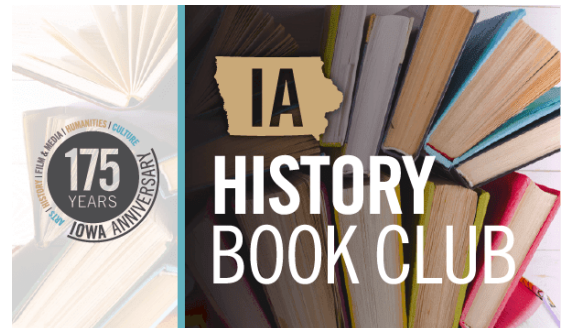
June 24

In the nearly 170 years since the first woman arrived at Iowa's oldest penitentiary, in Fort Madison, women and juvenile females have been held in some of Iowa's most well-known facilities. Join Erica Spiller for this discussion about Iowa's prison history.

Join the Iowa History Book Club

Take a deep dive into Iowa history by joining **the new statewide Iowa History Book Club**, with quarterly online discussions led by guest scholars and Andrew Klumpp, the editor of **The Annals of Iowa**.

The next discussion is set for 7 p.m. June 10, with a look at **"Equal Before the Law: How Iowa Led Americans to Marriage Equality"** by former Des Moines Register reporters Marc Hansen and Tom Witosky.



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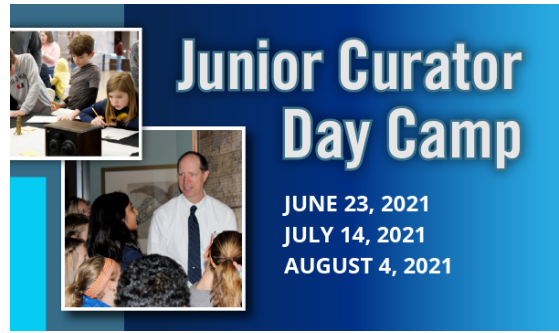
Youth & Family Programs

Do you have an aspiring curator or writer in the house? Well then, sign them up for Junior Curator Day Camp or the Young Writers' Workshop! Participants in these programs get to **explore the State Historical Museum of Iowa, examine historical artifacts, practice historical research and learn skills** they can apply to school and future careers.



Young Writers' Workshop is for students entering 7th-12th grades and offers a chance to learn about Iowa history with unique educational experiences. The workshop will take place **June 14-18**.

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Junior Curator Day Camp is for students entering 4th-6th grades and gives them opportunities to learn about museums and the role of curators. The camps will be offered **June 23**, **July 14** or **Aug. 4**.

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