

DAYS OF LEARNING



A project 175 years in the making!

Today the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs is proud to unveil a new [Days of Learning](#) online collection to commemorate [Iowa's 175th statehood anniversary](#)!

These authentically Iowan stories and resources feature some of the state's remarkable history makers, creative visionaries and diverse traditions — all curated by the department staff and other experts from cultural organizations across the state.

We invite you to [explore the new resources](#), pass them to your friends and colleagues, and learn something new about the great state we call home.

To get you started, here are just three of nearly 50 multimedia features in the new collection, including videos, photo albums, articles and book recommendations.



A traditional Norwegian tapestry featured in a video by Vesterheim instructor Robbie LaFleur.

Folk Art in the Classroom

A new [video series](#) features 18 short demonstrations that **folk and traditional artists** produced during a workshop the Iowa Arts Council offered this summer in partnership with the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum and Folk Art School in Decorah.

Native Nations

Native nations inhabited the land that would become Iowa long before it became a state in 1846. In a new [webinar](#), Lance Foster from the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska provides an **in-depth overview of early Native history**.



Na Na Wa Che at the Meswaki Settlement, around 1905.



The Malek Theatre in Independence Iowa, around 1959.

Iowa's Film History

Iowa's film industry goes way beyond Donna Reed and "Field of Dreams." Dig in and explore **Iowa's connections to Hollywood** in an [online book](#) authored by Morningside University professors John Lawrence and Marty Knepper.

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