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Beat the Winter Blues with Iowa History

Beat the winter blues by staying connected to Iowa history through a variety of programs and activities available to Iowans of all ages:

- Examine artifacts, documents and more by tapping into the online [Iowa History Collection Catalog](#).
- Help the young historians in your family join [Goldie's Kids Club](#).
- Register for our [Iowa History 101](#) programs and the [Iowa History Book Club](#).
- Enjoy specially curated online resources in the [Days of Learning](#) program.
- Browse millions of pages of [historic newspapers](#), and get complimentary access to [newspaperarchives.com](#).

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Black History Month

February is **Black History Month**, and you can explore a wide range of videos, information and more online about the history of Black Iowans, including the following:

Museum Exhibitions

- **"Iowa and the Civil War"**
- **"Iowa People & Places"** virtual tour, which includes a **Civil War Battle Flag for the 1st Colored Regiment of African Descent** (60th U.S. Colored Infantry) and a **medical bag used by Dr. Edward Carter**, the first African American graduate from the University of Iowa medical college and much more.



Gertrude Elorza (Durden) Rush, the first Black woman in Iowa to practice law and co-founder of the National Bar Association, in 1925.

Primary Source Sets

- **Abolitionist Movements and John Brown**
- **African Americans and the Civil War**
- **Buxton: A Lost Utopia**
- **Civil War**
- **Enslavement to the Great Migration**
- **Reconstruction**
- **Reconstruction and Its Impact**
- **Right to Vote: African-American Suffrage**
- **School Desegregation**

Goldie's History Kits

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Civil Rights in Iowa

Underground Railroad in Iowa

The Bystander newspaper

Past Iowa History 101 webinars

- **Camping While Black: African American Experiences in Iowa Summer Camps, 1925-1950**
- **Forever Free: Rediscovering Heroes, Heroines & Helpers on Central Iowa's Underground Railroad**
- **Iowa's Black Migration**,
- **Prairie Fires: Urban Rebellions in the Midwest**
- **"We Came Home Together": Black Civil War Veterans and Community Building in Iowa**

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Iowans Preserve Historical Assets with Grants

From Sioux City to Muscatine, the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs (IDCA) is investing in projects to preserve the state's historical assets.

The department **announced today** it has **awarded \$118,626 in grants for 14 historic preservation projects** through the IDCA's State Historic Preservation Office Certified Local Government program.



Iowa has **one of the largest Certified Local Government programs in the country, with 90 cities and counties** that rely on this state-local partnership for training and technical assistance to stabilize historic neighborhoods and revitalize downtowns. Through this program, the State Historic Preservation Office collaborates with local governments on preserving historic properties, establishing historic preservation commissions, and enacting supportive local codes and ordinances.

Photo: Adams County Pioneer Cemetery.

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Upcoming Events

Iowa History Book Club: Storm Lake: Change, Resilience and Hope in America's Heartland
7 p.m. Feb. 3

The Iowa History Book Club kicks off its second year this week when **Art Cullen**, the Pulitzer Prize-winning editor and co-owner of the Storm Lake Times, will talk about his book "**Storm Lake: Change, Resilience and Hope in America's Heartland.**" The Cullen family and their paper are also the subjects of "**Storm Lake,**" an award-winning documentary about their fight to save Iowa's small-town newspapers.



Photo: Art Cullen, by Tom Wallace.

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Later this year, the **book club will feature** Richard Bennett's "**Mormons at the Missouri**" in April, John C. Culver and John Hyde's "**American Dreamer: A Life of Henry A. Wallace**" in September, and Linda Clemmons' "**Dakota in Exile**" in December.

Each online discussion will be led by **Andrew Klumpp**, editor of *The Annals of Iowa*, the quarterly history journal published by the State Historical Society of Iowa, a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs.

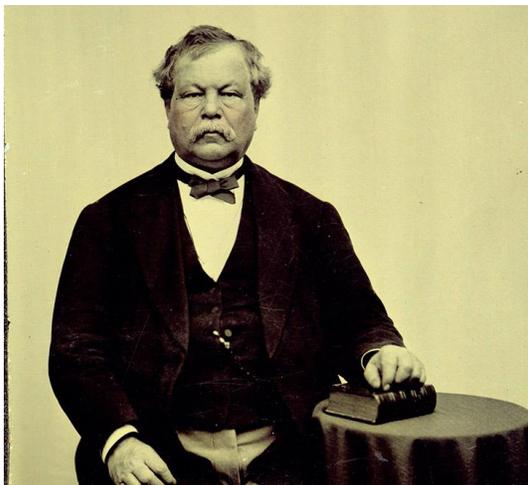
Iowa History 101: Bread for My Enemies: The Friendship Train in Iowa
Noon Feb. 10

Join **David Mills**, associate professor at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, as he shares the story of the Friendship Train, which collected food for Europe following World War II.



The Friendship Train.

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David W. Kilbourne.

Iowa History 101: David W. Kilbourne: The Creation of an Iowa Anti-Mormon
Noon Feb. 24

Join **Brady Winslow**, secondary school history teacher, as he discusses the forces that created conflict between the Mormons who settled in Nauvoo and in southeastern Iowa and David W. Kilbourne, an early settler and land agent in the area.

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Spring Break Kits, Workshops & Day Camps, Classes

Spring Break Kits

Bring activities from the State Historical Museum of Iowa right into your home by **requesting a free Spring Break Kit** from Goldie's Kids Club. Members can **register** by March 6 for a free kit (one per household) that includes exclusive previews of future Innovative Iowans and Storytime activities. Kits will be mailed in mid-March.



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NEW: Innovative Iowans Day Camp

9 a.m.-4 p.m. March 16

Based on the museum's popular Innovative Iowans program, this **new day camp** helps young historians (entering 4-6th grades) learn about historically significant Iowans through interactive activities. Become a detective and investigate

Iowa's past through engaging activities connected to **STEAM education – science, technology, engineering, art, and math** – while at the State Historical Museum of Iowa. **Registration** is required.



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Young Writers' Workshop

June 13-17

The Young Writers' Workshop is a **week-long program for middle and high school students** (in 7-12th grades) offered each summer. Students will work with a **nationally known young adult author** to sharpen and refine their writing skills in a creative

environment. Throughout the week, students will participate in a variety of writing activities with award-winning author Stephanie Hemphill.

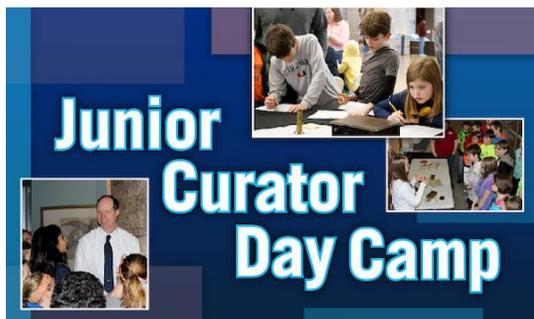


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Junior Curator Day Camp

June 22, July 13, Aug. 3

What does it take to create and run a museum? Young historians (entering 4-6th grade) will explore the roles of curators, conservators and exhibit designers with the unique experience offered through the **Junior Curator Day Camp**. Students will investigate **historic artifacts**, explore the **museum's collection vault** and learn about Iowa's exciting history with museum staff. **Students also will design and**



Register for the **June 22, July 13, or Aug. 3** day camp. The activities are the same for

arrange their own themed exhibit featuring objects from the State Historical Museum's collection.

each camp, so pick the date that works for you and your young historian.

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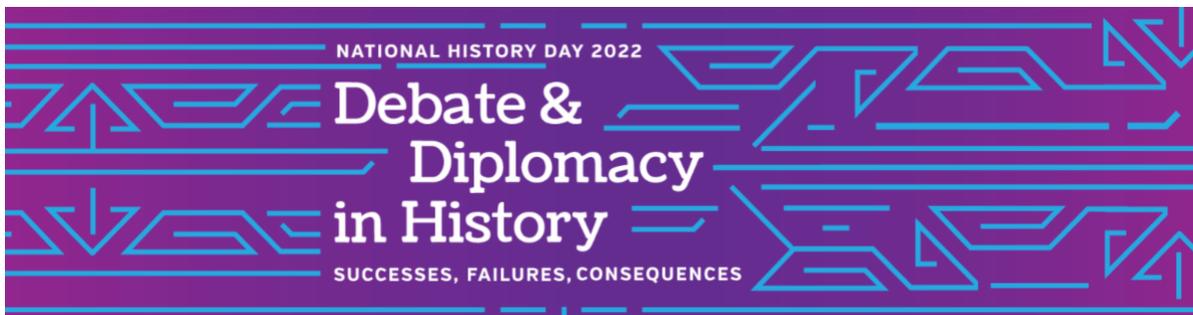
Teacher Professional Development Classes

June 20-21

Teachers are invited to enroll in a **new in-person professional development course** led by State Historical Museum of Iowa staff as well as elementary- and middle-school teachers. Scheduled for June 20-21, the course will lead participants through **best practices for integrating inquiry and primary sources** into their K-12 classrooms and will create a single-day or multi-day lesson plan using compelling or supporting questions and relevant primary sources. A small stipend will be paid to each participant who successfully completes the training with a grade B or higher. Lunch is provided each day.



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National History Day District Contests Go Virtual

The State Historical Society of Iowa has made the difficult decision to **switch to a virtual format for the National History Day in Iowa District Contests**. The decision came after district coordinators and venues expressed concerns about recruiting enough judges who are able to attend the contests in person, and teachers shared their uncertainty about securing transportation to contest locations. The NHD in Iowa team is reconfiguring contest schedules and will share the information with teachers this week via email, the **NHD in Iowa website** and on each contest page in zFairs.

NHD in Iowa is planning for the **State Contest to take place in person April 25** at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines. Please contact NHD in Iowa at **NHD.Iowa@iowa.gov** should you have any questions or concerns.

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Preserve Iowa Summit in Mason City June 2-4

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs and its State Historic Preservation Office, the City of Mason City, and the Mason City Historic Preservation Commission will present the **9th annual Preserve Iowa Summit June 2-4 in Mason City.**

The **state's premier conference for professionals and volunteers involved in historic preservation** will showcase some of Mason City's extraordinary historic preservation projects, which have attracted national and even international attention. **Condé Nast Traveler** listed Mason City among the **world's 20 best cities for architecture lovers**, and locals are justly proud of their **Prairie School landmarks**, including **Frank Lloyd Wright's iconic hotel.**

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Nominations for the Board and Statewide Awards



Gov. Kim Reynolds and Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg with members of the Pella Historical Society and the Wallace Winkie Foundation during the Excellence in Iowa History Award ceremony in 2018.

The State Historical Society of Iowa is seeking nominations for its **12-member board of trustees**, as well as its **Excellence in Iowa History Awards**, which honor individuals, organizations and communities that made outstanding contributions to Iowa history in 2021. The awards recognize publications, local history initiatives and major achievements in Iowa history.

Nomination deadlines:

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Feb. 1 (today!) for history awards.

March 1 for board nominations.

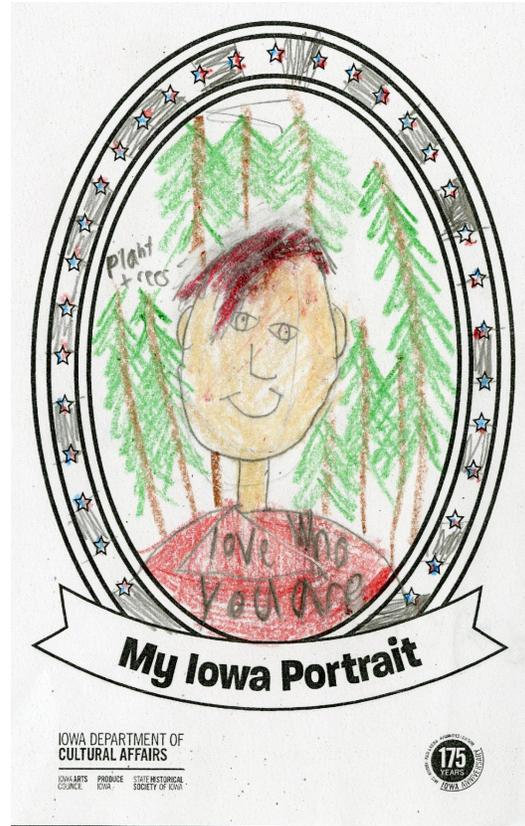
Portraits of Iowans Photo Album

To commemorate Iowa's recent **175th statehood anniversary**, we asked Iowans like you to create and submit self-portraits to celebrate the people who shape the state today. And you responded in big numbers! You can **see the collection** online.

SEE THE COLLECTION

There's still time to **submit a self-portrait**, and if you belong to an organization that would like to request 25 or more self-portrait postcards, just **let us know** and we'll send you a stack in a single envelope.

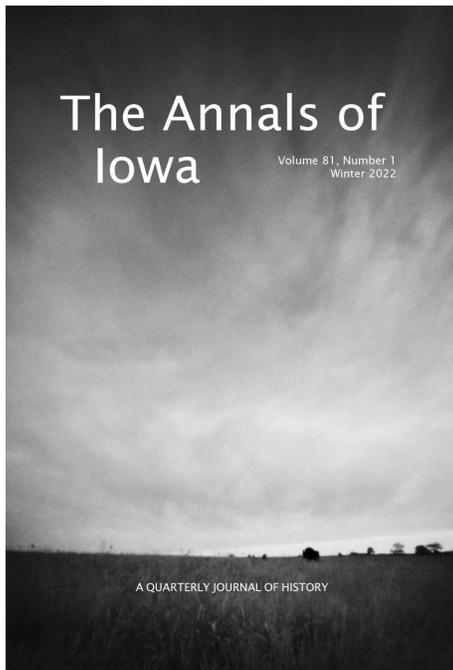
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Cormac, Age 10, Scott County.

Research Grant for Authors

Need support for an upcoming research and writing project? Our **Research Grant for Authors** program awards up to 15 research stipends of \$1,000 each to support authors who want to research and write about overlooked topics or take a new approach to familiar topics about Iowa history. If awarded a grant, you will also produce an annotated manuscript that will be considered for publication in *The Annals of Iowa*. The Research Grant for Authors program is supported by a grant from the State Historical Society, Inc., of Iowa City. **Submission deadline: April 15.**



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The Society's Archives & Library Research Centers

The **Iowa History Collections Catalog** makes researching our vast collection of historic documents and artifacts, genealogical records, newspapers and images easier than ever. Available to anyone with an internet connection, the system allows researchers to search across all cataloged collections or just within the society's museum, libraries, archives and special collections. Staff are adding existing and new collection holdings to the catalog weekly, and exploring it is a great way to discover more about Iowa's rich history.

Visit the Research Center

The Research Centers in Des Moines and Iowa City are now open by appointment only, 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. Please **visit our website** for more information and to make an appointment.

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Leadership in History Awards

The **American Association for State and Local History** is accepting nominations for its **Leadership in History Awards**, which establish and encourage standards of excellence in the collection, preservation and interpretation of state and local history in order to make the past more meaningful to all people.



Application deadlines:
Feb. 1, Award of Distinction.
March 1, all other award categories.

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National Fund for Sacred Places



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Offered by the **National Trust for Historic Preservation** and **Partners Sacred Places**, the **National Fund for Sacred Places** provides training, planning grants, technical assistance, capacity-building support, and capital grants up to \$250,000 to congregations of all faiths. This program is offered as changing demographics and inadequate resources impact historic houses of worship, which are important assets of the nation's cultural heritage.

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