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## Get Ready for Iowa History Month

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs invites Iowans of all ages to learn more about our state's past throughout **Iowa History Month in March**. Every year, this statewide tradition offers new opportunities to learn more about remarkable Iowans from all walks of life who have influenced their communities, their state, their country and, in many cases, the entire world.

The month will include an array of in-person and online programs organized by the State Historical Society of Iowa. Tune in to **online presentations**, take part in **activities designed for families with children**, browse the **new Iowa History Collection Catalog** and take **guided tours** at the State Historical Museum of Iowa in Des Moines.

This year, Iowans can also see a pop-up display about "**Iowa's People & Places**," which the museum sent to all 99 counties to mark Iowa's 175th anniversary of statehood. (Here's a [list of locations](#), but we suggest calling ahead to confirm.) Across the state, schools, libraries, museums and other organizations are hosting their own history events to add to the month-long celebration.

If you're on social media, consider sharing your own **#IowaHistoryMonth** stories, discoveries and activities throughout the month to help spread the word.

*Photo: Harvesting tomatoes on the Middleswart family farm in Warren County. Originally published in Wallace's Farmer on Sept. 1, 1945, the photo is part of the Pete Wettach Collection at the State Historical Society of Iowa Research Center in Iowa City.*

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## Sneak Peek: Iowa History 101 Programs

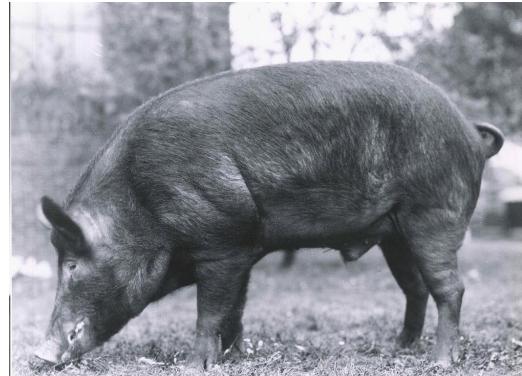
Tune in online at noon every Thursday during March for a new presentation in the [Iowa History 101](#) series, which examines history through a cultural lens. Register in advance for any or all of the programs listed below.

**BONUS:** Get a head start on Iowa History Month with a program on Feb. 24.



[David W. Kilbourne: The Creation of an Iowa Anti-Mormon](#)

Noon, Feb. 24



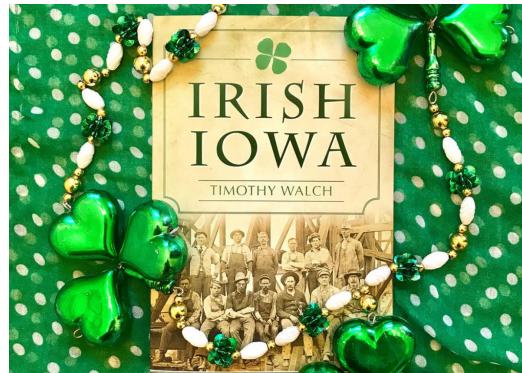
[Capitalist Pigs: Pigs, Pork, and Power in America](#)

Noon, March 3



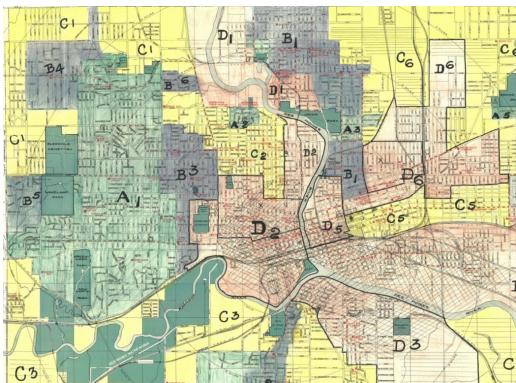
[Louise Noun and Mary Louise Smith, at the Iowa Women's Archives](#)

Noon, March 10



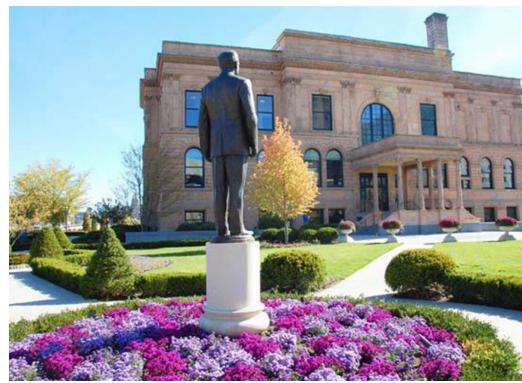
[Irish Iowa: The History of Pioneers and Progressives on the Prairie](#)

Noon, March 17



### Redlining in Iowa

Noon, March 24

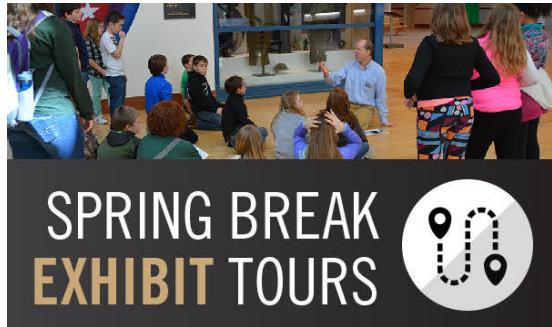


### Improving the Quantity, Quality, and Availability of Food for All: The Story of the World Food Prize Foundation

Noon, March 31

## Sneak Peek: Guided Exhibit Tours

Join State Curator Leo Landis at the State Historical Museum of Iowa for three guided exhibit tours during spring break. Each 45-minute tour will explore a different museum exhibit. The complimentary tours are open to children and adults alike, but children must be accompanied by an adult.



#### Iowa's People & Places

2 p.m., March 15

#### Iowa and the Civil War

2 p.m., March 16

#### Iowa History 101

2 p.m., March 17

See more events on the online [calendar](#).

## Iowa History Month T-Shirts

Why not commemorate Iowa History Month with a T-shirt? A portion of the proceeds from the sales from **Raygun** will support Iowa history education programs, so [order yours today!](#)

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## Goldie's Kids Club

### [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 invites young historians (in grades 4-6) to learn about famous Iowans. Participants get to **investigate Iowa's past** through engaging activities connected to **STEAM education** – science, technology, engineering, art and math – at the State Historical Museum of Iowa.



[REGISTER IN ADVANCE](#)

### [Goldie at Home: Innovative Iowans Activity](#)

Everybody knows you can read a book, but did you know you can "read" a photograph, too? Watch this [video](#) to learn how to spot clues in historic photos. It's all part of the newest [Innovative Iowans activity](#).

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### [Goldie's Kids Club: Storytime](#)

Feb. 16

Don't miss the new Goldie's Kids Club: Storytime, which will be posted online. Read "**A Weed is a Flower: The Life of George Washington Carver**," then learn how to make a torn-paper garden.

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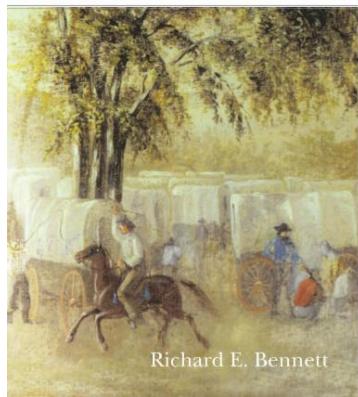
### Order a Spring Break Kit

Spring is just around the corner, so why not order a free Spring Break Kit from Goldie's Kids Club? Members can register today for a free kit (one per household), which includes exclusive previews of **Innovative Iowans** and **Storytime** activities featuring Iowa in springtime. The kit includes materials to spark young historians' curiosity in Iowa's past.

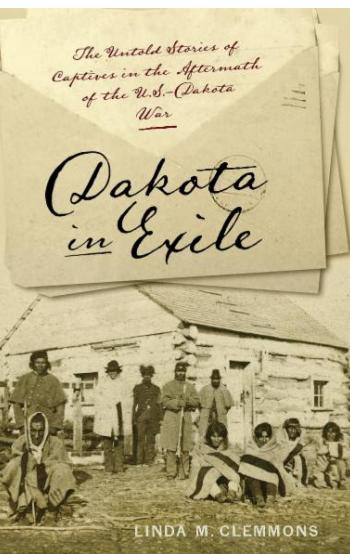
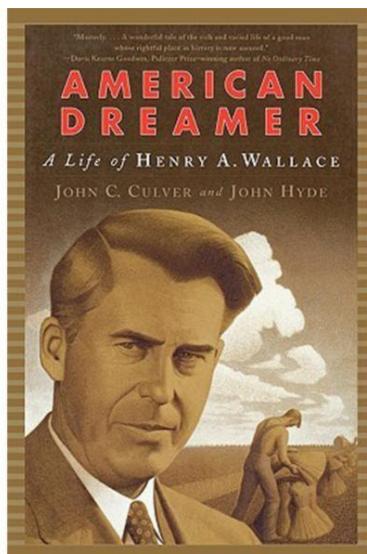
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## Other Events

### Mormons AT THE Missouri Winter Quarters, 1846–1852



Richard E. Bennett



LINDA M. CLEMMONS

The **Iowa History Book Club** will continue with Richard Bennett's "**Mormons at the Missouri**" on April 14, John C. Culver and John Hyde's "**American Dreamer: A Life of Henry A. Wallace**" on Sept. 22, and Linda Clemmons' "**Dakota in Exile**" on Dec. 1.

Each online discussion is led by **Andrew Klumpp**, who edits The Annals of Iowa.

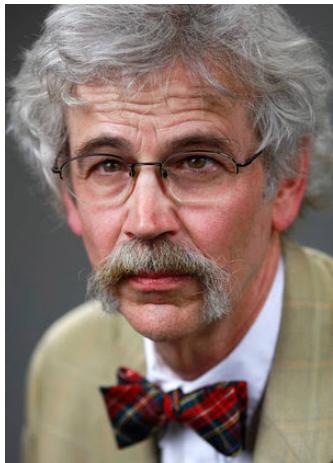
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### Watch the Discussion with Art Cullen

This year's book club kicked off earlier this month with **Art Cullen**, the Pulitzer Prize-winning editor of the Storm Lake Times, who discussed his book

**"Storm Lake: Change, Resilience and Hope in America's Heartland."**

[WATCH THE RECORDING](#)



*Art Cullen, photo by Tom Wallace*

**Young Writers' Workshop**

**June 13-17**

The Young Writers' Workshop is a **week-long program for middle and high school students** (in grades 7-12) offered each summer. Students will work with **award-winning young adult author Stephanie Hemphill** to participate in a variety of writing activities and sharpen their writing skills in a creative environment.



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**Teacher Professional Development Class**

**June 20-21**

Teachers are invited to a **new in-person professional development** opportunity led by State Historical Museum of Iowa staff along with elementary- and middle-school teachers. The course will lead participants through **best practices for integrating inquiry and primary sources** into K-12 classrooms and show how to create a lesson plan using compelling or supporting questions and relevant primary sources. Each participant who successfully completes the training with a grade B or higher will receive a **small stipend**, and lunch is provided each day.



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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 grades 4-6) will explore the roles of curators, conservators and exhibit designers. 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 their own exhibit** featuring objects from the State Historical Museum's collection.



Register for the camp on [June 22](#), [July 13](#), or [Aug. 3](#). The activities are the same for each camp, so choose whichever date works best for you.

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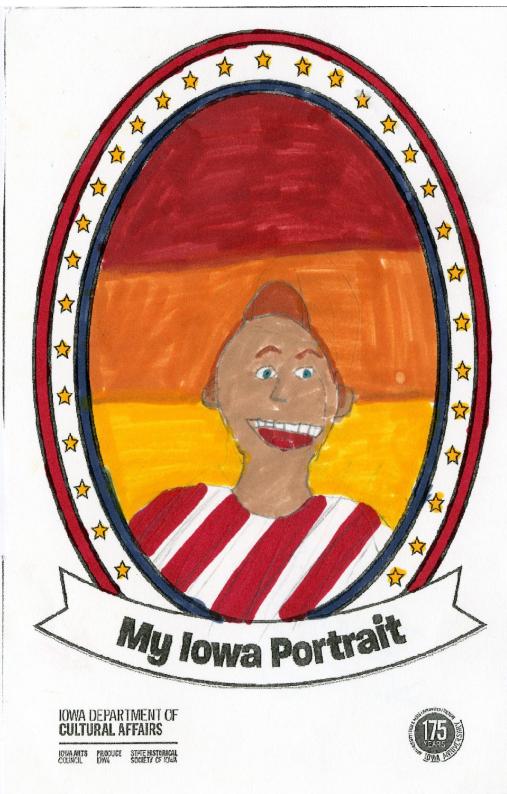


## Preserve Iowa Summit, June 2-4 in Mason City

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs and its State Historic Preservation Office, the City of Mason City, and the Mason City Historic Preservation Commission are proud to present the ninth annual Preserve Iowa Summit. 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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## Portraits of Iowans Photo Album



Kayla, 9, Boone

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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## The Society's Library & Archives Research Centers

The [Iowa History Collections Catalog](#) makes researching the state's 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.

### [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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