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Celebrate Iowa History Month

The State Historical Society of Iowa's celebration of **Iowa History Month** continues with more opportunities to learn about our state's rich and colorful past and the Iowans who have influenced the course of history.

We kicked off the month-long celebration with a [proclamation](#) from Gov. Kim Reynolds and invite you to tune in for **online presentations**, sign up for **activities designed for family and children**, browse the **new Iowa History Collection Catalog** and take **guided tours of exhibits** at the State Historical Museum of Iowa in Des Moines.

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

Be sure to share your own **#IowaHistoryMonth** stories, discoveries and activities throughout the month to help spread the word.

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Guided Museum Exhibit Tours



Join State Curator **Leo Landis** at the State Historical Museum of Iowa this week for three guided exhibit tours. Each 45-minute tour will explore a different 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. today, March 15

TOUR IS FULL

Iowa and the Civil War

2 p.m. Wed., March 16

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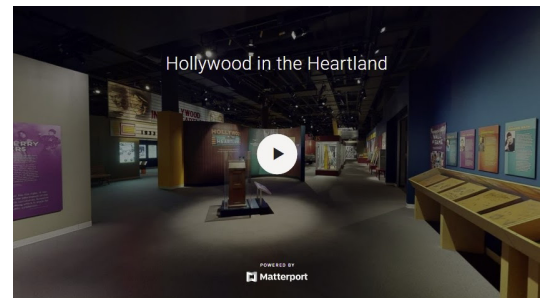
Iowa History 101

2 p.m. Thur., March 17

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

'Hollywood in the Heartland' Virtual Tour

NEW: Experience Iowa's connections to the silver screen with a new virtual tour of the State Historical Museum of Iowa's "**Hollywood in the Heartland**" exhibit. Learn about **Phil Stong's "State Fair," Meredith Willson's "The Music Man"** and other iconic films. You can also discover fascinating information about Black filmmaker **Oscar Micheaux**, early **20th-century film projectors**, **historic theaters** and much more.



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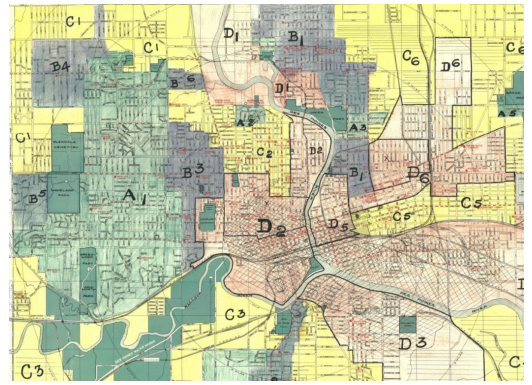
Iowa History 101 Programs

Tune in online at noon every Thursday this month for a new, engaging 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.





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

LEARN MORE ABOUT IOWA HISTORY 101 PROGRAMS

Iowa History Shirts & Stickers

Why not commemorate Iowa History Month with a T-shirt? A portion of the proceeds from the sales from **Raygun** supports Iowa history educational programs, so **order yours today!**

BONUS: Pick up an "Iowa 175" sticker during your next visit to the State Historical Museum of Iowa.

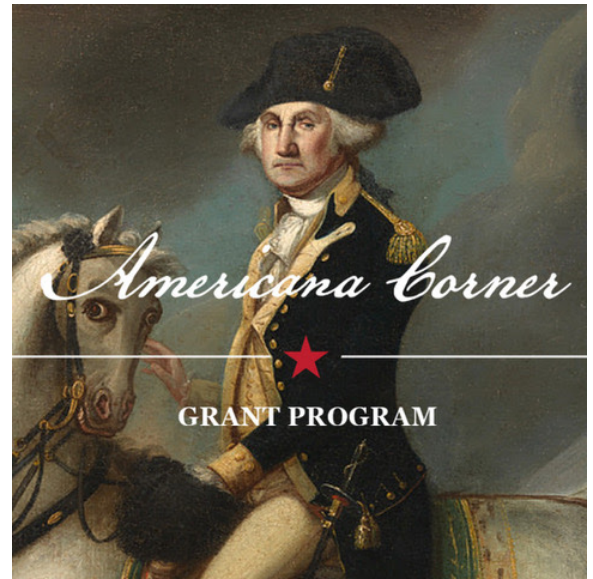
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Iowa Historical Foundation Receives

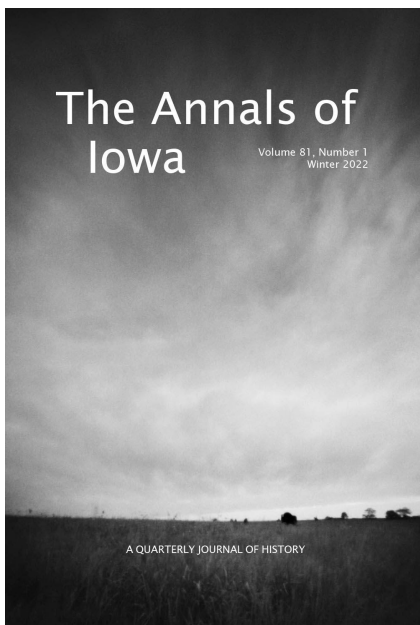
Americana Corner Grant

The Iowa Historical Foundation is proud to announce that it has been selected as a **2022 Americana Corner Grant Program** recipient. The program assists non-profit organizations in the telling of the incredible story of America, from its founding era through its first century as a nation. **The grant will support conservation of a drum in the State Historical Museum of Iowa's collection** that was used in the War of 1812 by Moses Littlefield, drum-major of a Boston regiment.



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Subscribe to The Annals of Iowa



Enjoy the best essays about Iowa's past with **The Annals of Iowa**, our thought-provoking history journal that has racked up nearly two million downloads worldwide. Subscribe and receive the most recent issue, which includes articles about **American Indian Resistance to Settler Colonialism** by Patrick J. Jung and the **Welsh in Mahaska County** by Robert Lewellyn Tyler, plus more than 20 reviews of recent books about Iowa and Midwestern history.

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Other Events

[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

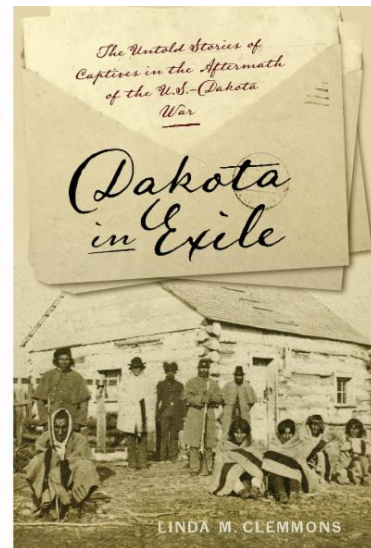
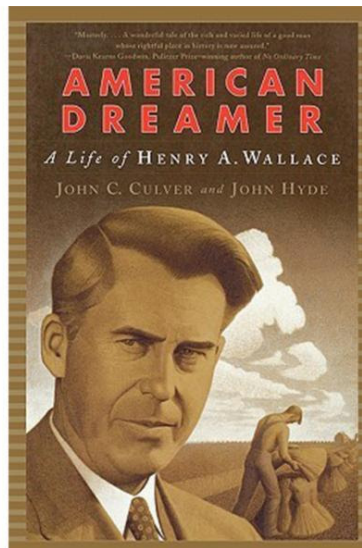
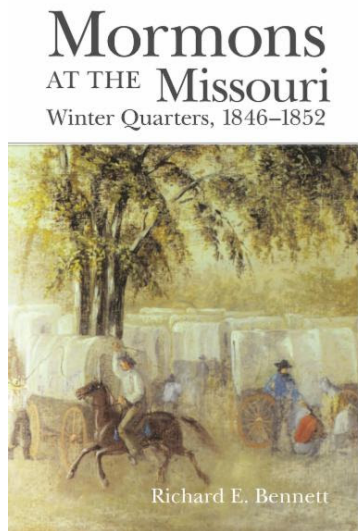
June 22, July 13, Aug. 3

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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The **Iowa History Book Club** continues 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**, editor of The Annals of Iowa.

REGISTER IN ADVANCE

New Round of History Grants Now Open

The State Historical Society of Iowa has opened a new **round of grant opportunities** that support the preservation of Iowa history. Iowans are encouraged to apply for the following programs:

Research Grants for Authors

Up to \$1,000 each is available to support original research related to the history of Iowa, or Iowa and the Midwest. If you apply and receive a grant, you'll also produce an annotated manuscript to be considered for publication in The Annals of Iowa, our scholarly history journal. **Application deadline: April 15.**

Country School Grants

Up to \$5,000 each is available to preserve or maintain a one- or two-room country school in Iowa, or provide historical interpretation or educational activities related to the school. **Application deadline: May 2**

Historical Resource Development Program Grants

Up to \$50,000 each is available to help preserve, conserve, interpret, enhance and educate the public about historic preservation, museum collections and documentary collections. **Application deadline: May 2**



Building Preservation

Museum Collections

Documentary Collections

Applicants are highly encouraged to review the guidelines and note the deadlines for the program to which they are applying.

LEARN MORE AND APPLY



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

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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Lyla, 10, Scott County



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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From left: Maria Stewart, Coralie Franklin Cook and Sue Wilson Brown, a member of the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame.

Portrait Exhibit Reframes History in Cedar Rapids

Cedar Rapids artist Kathy Schumacher's new portrait series of two dozen Black women who championed suffrage and civil rights fills an exhibit called "Freedom's Daughters" at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art. It's on display now, which is Women's History Month, and will remain on view through May 1.

[READ THE BLOG](#)

Take the AASLH Visitation Survey

American Association for State & Local History has opened the fourth annual "**National Visitation Survey for History Organizations.**" This yearly effort helps assess engagement with public history institutions and provides museums, historical societies and related organizations with context for their own visitation numbers. The **survey** takes about 10 minutes to complete and closes March 18.



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