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NEWSLETTER OF THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA



State Historical Museum of Iowa offers family fun during Winter Break

Bring your family to the State Historical Museum of Iowa **Dec. 27-30** for our **Winter Break** programs. We have a variety of activities planned for the week, including complimentary showings of two **family-friendly films**, a **family museum collection tour**, **guided exhibit tours**, **drop-in activity stations** and more. You can find details on our [website](#), but a few highlights are listed below:

Family Museum Collection Tours

Step inside the State Historical Museum of Iowa's collections storage area for a behind-the-scenes look at Iowa's past. The **Family Museum Collection Tours** take young historians (ages 9 and older) and their families on a 30-minute guided tour through the museum collection as we explore a small sample of 80,000 artifacts.



- 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27*
- 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28*

WAITLIST

*Both tours are full. [Click here](#) if you would like to add your name to the waitlist.

Please adhere to the age limits when registering young historians (ages 9 and older). Both tours are full. [Click here](#) if you would like to add your name to the waitlist.

Julia Franklin Drop-In Activity

Head to the museum on Wednesday, Dec. 28, for a fun hands-on art project for all ages of learners. Drop-in anytime 1–4 p.m. to meet Iowa Artist Fellow [Julia Franklin](#) and create a unique piece of art from paper. This drop-in activity does not require registration and all ages are welcome to participate.



Franklin is an installation artist who **uses old, worn objects to transform spaces into nostalgic settings** so strangers can connect with the past and each other by sharing their own stories and sparking new conversations.

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Video: The State Historical Society of Iowa's flagship journal, The Annals of Iowa, inspired Iowa Arts Council fellow Julia Franklin to create a multi-layered artwork for the Celebrate Iowa Gala on Dec. 9.

Family Films: 'Encanto' and 'Raya and the Last Dragon'

Join us on Wednesday, Dec. 28, at the State Historical Museum of Iowa auditorium for **complimentary showings of two family-favorite films**: "Encanto" and "Raya and the Last Dragon."



Kendra Vander Vliet, left, and Don Hall.

Iowan Kendra Vander Vliet served as a layout artist on "Encanto" and **Iowan Don Hall** co-directed "Raya and the Last Dragon."

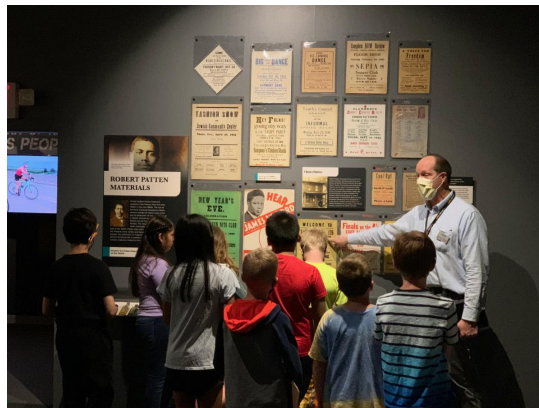
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The showtimes for each movie follows:

- "Encanto," 10 a.m.
- "Raya and the Last Dragon," 2 p.m.

Family Exhibit Tour: 'Iowa's People & Places'

On Thursday, Dec. 29, [register to join State Curator Leo Landis](#) at the State Historical Museum of Iowa for a special guided exhibit tour. **Offered at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m.**, each 45-minute tour will explore the "Iowa's People & Places" exhibit and **highlight objects from more than 13,000 years of history.**



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Advance registration is required to attend this program. The free tours are open to children and adults - children must be accompanied by an adult. Spots are limited for each tour. If the program becomes full, a wait list will be created.

PLEASE NOTE: You may notice some temporary changes to the State Historical Museum of Iowa during your visit. Renovations are taking place at the building through 2023. The exhibits remain open, and parking is available at the ramp on Grand and Pennsylvania avenues. Please use the Locust street entrance to enter the building, and be sure to check our [website](#) for the most up-to-date information.

SHSI calls for board and award nominations

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SHSI Board of Trustees

The State Historical Society of Iowa is calling for nominations for members to serve on its **board of trustees**.

Nominations can be submitted by any person, but nominees must be **society members** and willing to attend five meetings per year and serve on various committees. Self-nominations are also accepted.



Excellence in Iowa History Awards

The society is issuing a call for nominations for its **Excellence in Iowa History Awards**, which recognize outstanding publications, local history initiatives and major achievements in Iowa history.

Nominations for the Shambaugh Award (for books) are due Jan. 2

Nominations for SHSI's Board of Trustees are due March 1.

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All other nominations are due Feb. 1.

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2023 Iowa History 101 series programs

We're pleased to announce our first **Iowa History 101 programs for 2023**. Learn more about the series and sign up for the programs slated for January through March.



Hopping Freights and Harvesting Grain with Hobos in Iowa, 1870s–1910s

Noon Jan. 12

Image: On the Freights. National Archives

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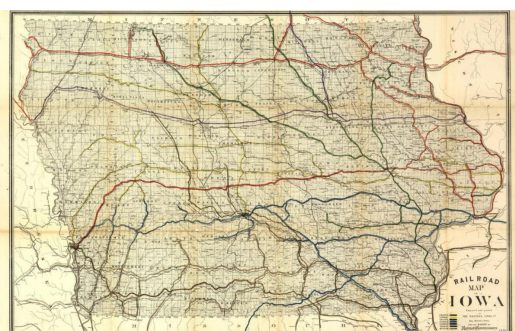


The Story Behind Frank Lloyd Wright's First Usonian House Built in Iowa: The Walter House in Cedar Rock

Noon Jan. 26

Image: Cedar Rock Garden Room. Friends of Cedar Rock

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Twilight Cluster: A Western Iowa Railroad Phenomenon

Noon Feb. 9



"Protector of the Poor": Iowa's Poor Farms and Midwestern Social Welfare

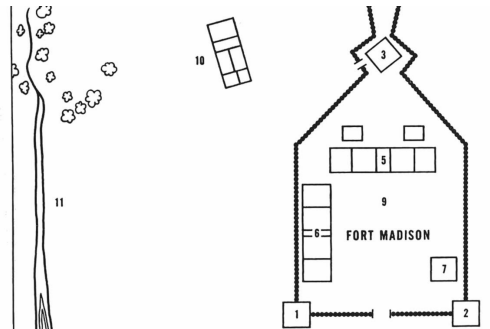
Noon Feb. 23

Image: Railroad map of Iowa, ca.1881. Library of Congress

Image: County Home near Vinton, Iowa. Benton County Historical Society

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Uncommon Ground: Grant Wood and Russell Lee's Divergent View of Iowa Noon March 9

Fort Madison in Pre-Statehood Iowa: The U.S. Army as a Predecessor to Anglo-American Settlement Noon March 23

Image: Lee Mike Maloney and his wife on a farm near Denison, Iowa. Library of Congress.

Image: Ft. Madison, 1810. State Historical Society of Iowa

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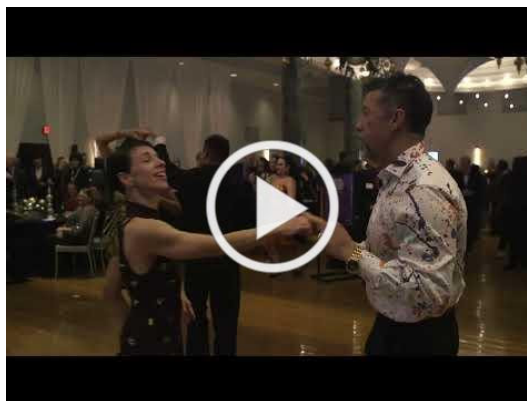
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Celebrate Iowa Gala is a huge success

With support from attendees, sponsors and donations, the 11th annual **Celebrate Iowa Gala** raised more than **\$150,000** for the State Historical Society of Iowa's **exhibits, educational programs and statewide projects.**

Held Dec. 9 at the Scottish Rite Consistory in Des Moines, the gala offered more than 550 attendees **a mix of new highlights and popular traditions** that celebrate



Iowa's creativity, diversity and community spirit, including the **finest music, art, entertainment, food and beverages** from across the state.

[SEE THE GALA VIDEO](#)



Visit 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 users 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 Centers

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

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