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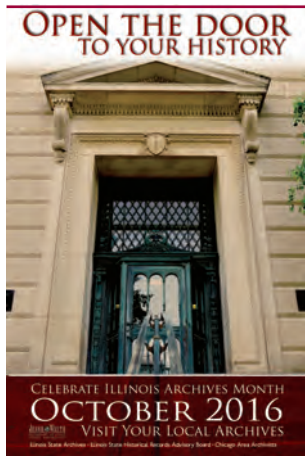


Archives Month



As Secretary of State and State Archivist, I am pleased to present this poster announcing the celebration of the annual Illinois Archives Month in October. The Office of the Secretary of State, the Illinois State Archives, the Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board (ISHRAB) and the Chicago

researchers, government employees and the general public. Preserving and maintaining these resources for future generations is a key mission of archival organizations across the state.



Area Archivists are again joining together to promote this event in conjunction with the Society of American Archivists' national Archives Month.

Illinois historical documents are an important link to our past and provide a wealth of knowledge for genealogists,

Archives, libraries, museums, historical societies and other institutions which regularly maintain historical collections are encouraged to plan special events during October to help tell the many stories told by these materials, and to promote their programs and services. Event ideas include creating exhibits, hosting receptions, giving tours, writing articles and developing educational programs on the use of archival and historical resources. To assist in publicizing Illinois Archives Month events, ISHRAB is hosting an online Events Calendar.

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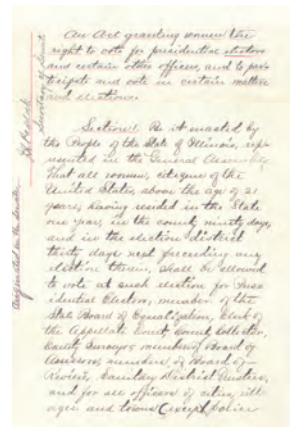
200 years of Illinois history (1818–2018)

In 2018, Illinois will celebrate its 200th birthday. In anticipation of this bicentennial celebration, *For the Record* is featuring a document from the State Archives' holdings relevant to a significant event in Illinois history in each issue. The seventh featured document concerns the passage of the Illinois Suffrage Act.

Suffrage movements began in Illinois as early as the 1860s. In 1873, a statute was passed giving women the opportunity to run for any school office not created by the constitution. However, women did not secure any kind of voting rights until almost two decades later when, in 1891, women were given the right to vote for school officers. Women who voted were given a separate ballot and ballot box in which to vote. With the continued work of several organizations – including the Illinois Equal Suffrage Association, the Illinois Federation of Women's

Clubs and the Chicago Political Equality League – women in Illinois finally secured the right to vote as presidential electors. On June 26, 1913, Governor Edward Dunne signed the suffrage bill into law giving women the right to vote for president as well as local officers. This made Illinois the first state east of the Mississippi River to give women the right to vote for president. While this marked a significant step forward, women still could not vote for state legislators or statewide officers, such as governor.

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The Illinois Suffrage Act was signed into law on June 26, 1913. The bill passed the Senate by a vote of 29-15 and the House by a vote of 83-58.

DATES & REMINDERS

Chicago Home Movie Day 2016

(co-hosted by the **Chicago History Museum, the
Chicago Film Archives, and the Northwest
Chicago Film Society**)

October 15, Chicago (Chicago History Museum)

[http://www.chicagofilmarchives.org/current-events/
chicago-home-movie-day-2016](http://www.chicagofilmarchives.org/current-events/chicago-home-movie-day-2016)

Society of American Archivists/National Archives at Chicago

Workshop, "Implementing 'More Product,
Less Process'"

November 4, Chicago

<http://www2.archivists.org/>

**ISHRAB scholarships available to
Illinois archivists for this class.

American Historical Association

131st Annual Meeting

January 5-8, 2017, Denver, CO

<https://www.historians.org/annual-meeting>

Downstate Local Records Commission meeting

1st Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m.

(unless otherwise noted)

Margaret Cross Norton Building, Springfield

www.cyberdriveillinois.com

Cook County Local Records Commission meeting

2nd Tuesday of the month, 11 a.m.

Video Conference Room, 9th floor

Thompson Center, Chicago

or Capital City Center, Springfield

130 W. Mason St.

www.cyberdriveillinois.com

State Records Commission meeting

3rd Wednesday of every month, 9:30 a.m.

Margaret Cross Norton Building, Springfield

www.cyberdriveillinois.com

Digitization education opportunity – coming soon!

The Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board (ISHRAB) will be offering scholarships to Illinois archivists and archival volunteers to take a Digitization for Small Institutions class conducted by Lyrasis. This live class covers the basics of project planning, equipment selection, digitization preparation, and technical information relevant to starting a digitization program or project.

The board expects to offer the course in late January or early February 2017. More information will be available soon on the board's website at www.cyberdriveillinois.com (click on Departments, Illinois State Archives, Illinois Historical Records Advisory Board).

Funds for these scholarships are provided by a State Board Programming Grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

ISHRAB updates strategic plan

At its May 24th meeting, the Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board approved an update to its strategic plan. It was revised to more fully address issues related to electronic records, to emphasize the acquisition and preservation of records relating to the diversity of Illinois, and to encourage building institutional capacity. The new plan can be viewed at http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/ard157.pdf.

The board's previous plan, Preserving the Records of Illinois' Past for the Benefit of the Present and the Future: A Strategic Plan Produced by the Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board, was created in 2001 with funding provided by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

Archives receives NHPRC State Government Electronic Records Grant

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) has awarded a \$197,130 State Government Electronic Records grant to the Illinois State Archives. Collaborating with the University of Illinois, the ultimate goal of this project is to develop a reliable and sustainable method of identifying and providing appropriate access to state agency email records that have enduring value.

The grant, which runs for three years beginning October 2016, will support the activities necessary to collect email messages for testing purposes, assess the efficiency of existing Continuous Active Learning tools, modify the tools as needed, and create workflows to better support the preservation and access of state agency email. The Archives and university plan to process at least 20 GB of state agency email.

2016 ISHRAB Historical Records Preservation Grants

The Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board has awarded Historical Records Preservation Grants totaling \$26,217 to six Illinois historical records repositories to develop and/or carry out projects that will lead to enhanced online access. Funding for the grants was provided by a State Board Programming Grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC). The following organizations received grants for their historical records projects:



Chicago: The Adler Planetarium

Webster Photography Arrangement and Description Project - \$5,000 to arrange, describe and archivally rehouse the Webster Photographs. The Webster Photographs complement the Webster papers, which have already been processed.

Chicago: Southeast Chicago Historical Society

Milltown Histories: Processing the Southeast Chicago Historical Museum Collection - \$5,000 to help with the ongoing archival processing and descriptive work necessary to ensure greater accessibility and in anticipation of creating a future website of museum materials.

Chicago: Loyola University Chicago, Women and Leadership Archives

Mundelein College Paper Records Project - \$5,000 to create a finding aid for paper records from the Mundelein College Collection to be published online and cataloged into the world wide library catalog (OCLC). The records document Mundelein College, Illinois' last all women's college, that operated from 1930-1991.

Des Plaines: Des Plaines History Center

Des Plaines History Digital Repository - \$4,000 to digitize a large percentage of photographs in the Des Plaines History Center's collection, which are a key primary source and significant component of historical research, programs and exhibits.

Lisle: The Morton Arboretum, Sterling Morton Library

May Theilgaard Watts Collection Digitization - \$4,317 to purchase digitization equipment to extend a current project to digitize and catalogue unique artwork and archival resources related to author, artist, educator and ecologist May Theilgaard Watts (1893-1975).

Oak Park: Oak Park Public Library

Engagement Through Access: Promoting Oak Park History Through Online Finding Aids - \$2,900 for the implementation of ArchivesSpace, an archives information management application with hosted service and support from Lyasis. This will ensure that ArchivesSpace will be launched in the most effective way for internal workflows and greatest public access.

Since 2010, the ISHRAB has awarded grants through the NHPRC to 66 institutions in 31 counties for the preservation and access to archival records.

ISHRAB members visit grant sites

Members of ISHRAB and the board coordinators made site visits this spring to the 2015-2016 Historical Records Preservation Grant recipients. During the visits, grant recipients gave tours of their facilities, spoke about their collections and gave updates on the progress of their projects. All projects include activities that will lead to enhanced online access, including the development of plans to identify, preserve and facilitate online discovery of collections and create online finding aids and inventories.

In 2015, ISHRAB awarded six Historical Records Preservation Grants totaling \$15,750. Grant recipients were Augustana College, the University of Saint Mary of the Lake, Batavia Public Library, Evanston History Center, Peoria Historical Society and Cherry Valley Public Library District. Funding for the ISHRAB Historical Records Preservation Grant program was provided by a State Board Programming grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.



ISHRAB board member Neil Dahlstrom (left) and Board Coordinator David Joens receive a tour of Augustana College's Special Collections from Librarian Samantha Crisp.



ISHRAB board members Alison Eisendrath (left) and Janet Olson discuss the Evanston History Center's oral history digitization project with Lori Osborne (seated), Director of Archives and Outreach at EHC.

2016–2017 IRAD interns selected

The Illinois Regional Archives Depository (IRAD) system, a program of the Illinois State Archives, is dedicated to the preservation of local governmental records. The IRAD depositories, located at seven universities throughout the state, preserve the official records of local governmental agencies that have permanent legal, administrative, historical or other research values. Each year graduate students are selected to serve as interns at the depositories.

The IRAD internships introduce graduate students to the functions of an archives institution and allow them to develop basic archival and research skills. Duties include arranging and processing records, preparing descriptive inventories and providing reference service to the public.

The following graduate students were selected to staff the IRAD depositories for the 2016–17 academic year:

Eastern Illinois University

Andrew Daily.....History
Cayla Wagner.....Historical Administration

Illinois State University

Ethan Levi Ingram.....Sociology &
Anthropology
Chamere Poole.....English

Northeastern Illinois University

Justin Cochran.....Political Science

Rene Delgado.....History
Paul M. Hughes.....History
Martha Pack.....Political Science

Northern Illinois University

James Godowic.....Political Science
William Wojtkiewicz.....History

Southern Illinois University

Emily Humbert.....Philosophy
Jared Kemling.....Philosophy

Scott Sparrow.....Philosophy

University of Illinois at Springfield

Cara Crane.....Public History
Corinne Mayfield.....Public History

Western Illinois University

Jonathan Schulze.....History
Jillien A. Zudell.....History

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The 2016 Archives Month poster is now available online. For a downloadable poster and information on showcasing your institution's collections and activities or promoting your institution's Archives Month activities on the Events Calendar, please visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com (click Departments, Illinois State Archives, Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board) or call 217-524-9844.

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On June 4, 1919, the US Congress passed the Susan B. Anthony Amendment giving women the full right to vote. Just six days later, along with Wisconsin and Michigan, Illinois ratified the amendment. With Tennessee's ratification on August 20, 1920, the 19th Amendment was added to the US Constitution.