



Bicentennial Arts Contest Research Resources



Monroe County Public Library

303 E. Kirkwood Ave., 812-349-3050

- The library is open Monday-Thursday 9am to 9pm, Friday and Saturday 10am to 6pm, and Sunday 12pm to 6pm. Please check with the second floor help desk for assistance.
- The Library suggests starting with the Monroe County Timeline <https://timeline.mcpl.info/> then bringing ideas and questions to the librarians.
- Available materials include local news articles, yearbooks and maps, several featuring women and African Americans.

Mathers Museum of World Cultures

416 N. Indiana Ave., 812-855-6873

- The Mathers Museum is open Tuesday through Friday 9am to 4:30pm and Saturday and Sunday 1pm to 4:30pm. Please ask the help desk for the Bicentennial Arts Contest materials.
- Available materials will include information on Elizabeth Bridgwaters and the Bridgwaters Collection, featuring photographs documenting Bloomington's African American community.

Wylie House

307 E. 2nd St., 812-855-6224

- The Wylie House Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10am to 2pm, and the education barn where the information is located is open most days until 4pm. Materials will be available in a purple binder on a table in the education barn behind the house (it's address is 317 E. 2nd St.). If you cannot locate the binder, feel free to ask for help or ring the bell if no one is present. If you have specific questions please call or email Carey Beam, the Director, at 812-856-2353; crbeam@indiana.edu.

You can also find information online at <https://libraries.indiana.edu/wylie-house-museum>

- Available materials will include information related to Elizabeth Breckenridge, an African American woman who was employed as a domestic servant for the Wylie family for more than fifty years (1856-1910). She came to live with them at the age of only 13. We know very little about her but what we do know is interesting, and we have several pictures of her.

Monroe County History Center

202 E. 6th St., 812-332-2517

- The History Center is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10am to 4pm. Ask the welcome desk for assistance. No admission is charged to use the research materials.
- Available materials will include articles and printed materials on a variety of people and groups.

Kinsey Institute

Morrison Hall 313, 1165 E. 3rd St., 812-855-7686

- Materials at the Kinsey Institute may be viewed weekdays from 9am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm. Go to the 4th floor of Morrison Hall to access the library reading room, the staff can assist with any questions. Feel free to email the institute with questions, libknsy@indiana.edu.
- Students who produce artwork portraying LGBTQ individuals or groups may submit a copy of their work to the Kinsey Institute to be archived as part of their collection.
- Available materials include newsletters and pamphlets from local LGBTQ advocacy groups and books on Alfred Kinsey.
- The Kinsey Institute contains research materials that some might find sensitive, therefore adult permission and accompaniment is encouraged.

IU Archives

Wells Library, E460, 812-855-1127

- IU Archives is open weekdays 8am to 5pm and by appointment on Saturdays. Email archives@indiana.edu to make an appointment or for assistance.
- Available materials include information on the 1988 Little 500 Women's race, Carrie Parker (IU's first African American female student), oral histories from Burmese and Indian-American immigrants, and more.