



LOCAL HISTORY DAY 2026
July 18 from 9-5 at the Dodgeville Town Square

Local History Day is a collaboration between three organizations that value our local history: The Iowa County Historical Society (ICHS), the Dodgeville Public Library (DPL) and the Dodgeville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC).

This year we have a lot to celebrate:

The 250th Anniversary of America

9:00 a.m. Welcome by Roxanne Reynolds-Lair

9:30 a.m. Sign up for PBS community conversations on America at 250 years.

10:00 a.m. View the Ken Burns film clip "American Revolution" at the theater

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. PBS community conversation on America@250

Iowa County Historical Society 50th Anniversary

11:45 a.m. Current ICHS President John Hess will share some thoughts and memories of the last 50 years of ICHS. Additional board members and volunteers will be present to answer questions about what ICHS has to offer, as well as provide books for sale on history in Iowa County.

12:15 p.m. ICHS contest winners will be announced and awards presented.

12:30 p.m. Enjoy a piece of the 50th Anniversary Cake

The New Dodgeville Public Library scheduled to open in Oct 2026

1:30 p.m. Architectural renderings of the new library design will be available for viewing as well as an update on the construction progress and some of the special features including a Local History Room. The current Dodgeville Public Library will have drop-in crafts available. Stop by to peruse beautiful handmade quilts, wood-turned bowls, and vases which will be available for sale by the Friends of the Dodgeville Public Library. Pick out something for yourself or to give as gifts! The Friends welcome new members; it's an exciting time to help the library!

The Historic Preservation Commission

2:30 p.m. Jeremy Peplinski, Joseph Peplinski and Mason Decker will have a presentation on "True Colors-Uncovering Historic Paint Schemes." HPC members will answer questions on the process for maintaining and renovating an historic building. The HPC will share how to complete a Certificate of Acceptance which is required prior to getting a building permit for any exterior work on a designated historic structure in the City of Dodgeville.

Refreshments will be available. Friends of the Library will be selling walking omelets, hot dogs, chips & floats all day, as well as **The Red Room** will be serving food & drinks all day.

9:00 to 5:00: Sluicing machine, local historians & Preservation Commission Members available for questions, sharing time for family history, Walking Tour Books for sale, along with items from the Friends of the Library and history books from the Iowa Co. Historical Society.

