

Volunteering with the Monroe County Historical Society

The Monroe County Historical Society (MCHS) is a not-for-profit, self-sustaining organization that depends on your support to operate the History Center. Help support the Society by becoming a volunteer.



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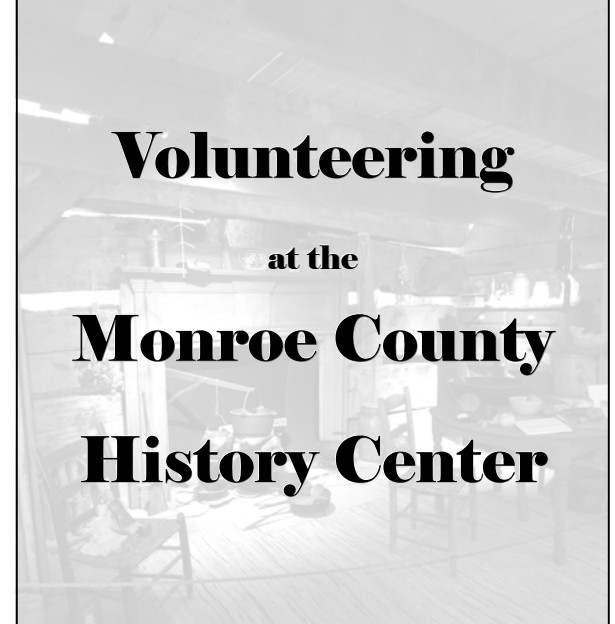
Hours

Tuesday - Saturday 10:00am - 4:00pm
Closed Major Holidays

Contact Information

For more information about becoming a volunteer for the Monroe County Historical Society, contact the History Center's Volunteer Coordinator.

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Volunteer Positions

- **Greeter**

Be the face of the History Center by greeting patrons as they arrive. This job is a great way to become familiar with our organization and still have some personal time for reading, exploring our book sale, or other activities.

- **Museum Store**

Volunteers are the best sales people. In fact, many Greeters will also help in the store during their shift. Duties include: customer assistance, straightening merchandise, and being a cheerful face.



Help in a variety of areas—including the store.

- **Library**

Become a history detective! Library volunteers work to find answers to the questions about our local past. Conscientious individuals who enjoy research and helping people solve problems are perfect for this fun and rewarding position.

- **Building & Grounds**

Gardeners and handypersons can have fun with their hobbies while helping the Center. Get involved by maintaining our garden beds or helping to paint a gallery wall. This creative position is always changing.

- **Collections**

Work hands-on with our artifacts! Jobs vary in duties, skill-sets, and duration. All training is provided to help you learn how to: photograph objects, use the database, clean artifacts, research histories, and learn how to care for items using proper archival and preservation techniques.

- **Technology**

Be a part of the ever-changing face of the MCHC. Technology changes every day and we need to keep on top of these changes. Help us with projects ranging from databases to interactive website design.

- **Office Help**

Help us keep our office running smoothly. This position can usually be done in conjunction with the Greeter job and may include: filing, assisting with mailings, or answering phones.

- **Special Events**

We need people to help with our many special events. This position is great for people who work during the day or anyone who likes planning a party.



The Center needs help throwing parties too!

Internships

- **About Internships**

Internships with the MCHS are set up through Indiana University or Ivy Tech. Internship duration, intensity, number of credit hours, and other requirements are determined by department needs. MCHS internships have the benefit of a nearby location, flexible hours, interdisciplinary subject material; and all work is hands-on.

- **Desirable Majors**

The majority of our interns come from disciplines other than History. We accept interns from: Business, SPEA, Education, SLIS, and from most of the arts and sciences. Check with our Volunteer Coordinator for details.

Why Volunteer?

- **Help us Fulfill our Mission**

“...to collect, preserve, research, interpret and exhibit the genealogy, history and artifacts of Monroe County...and to foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of Monroe County’s history, culture, and natural environment by all.”

- **Connect with the Community**

The MCHS is a part of the intricate world of local not-for-profits. We strive to create programs and exhibits that help us to collaborate with these other groups. From the Bloomington Garden Walk to the Week of Chocolate we strive to involve the History Center with the greater community.

- **Do Something For Yourself**

Volunteering will allow you to do something for yourself. By assisting the MCHS one can: gain new skills, meet new people, keep active, learn something new, and have a sense of accomplishment.