



Look Into the Past  
To Discover the Future

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## The Historian -- Keeping the Public Informed

### Volunteers Needed

Workshop every Monday from  
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the building,  
309 South Fifth Street

Join us!

**Always things to do on  
Mondays between 1 and 3. If  
you can help out, we'll  
appreciate it.**

- Help with exhibits
- Preserve newspaper articles
- Preserve collections and photographs
- Help with housekeeping
- Help with fundraising
- Help with keeping the grounds neat and weed free
- Proofreading the obituary information, family history and marriage information

We're looking for yearbooks from 1943 to 1949 to fill in our collection's gaps? If you have one to donate, we'd appreciate it!



### Sunday, April 13, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.



William Hazelgrove returns to present his program

***160 Minutes: The Race to Save the RMS Titanic***

*This program is sponsored by the Kirkland Public Library.*

One hundred and sixty minutes. That is all the time rescuers would have before the largest ship in the world slipped beneath the icy Atlantic. There was amazing heroism and astounding incompetence against the backdrop of the most advanced ship in history sinking by inches with luminaries from all over the world. It is a story of a network of wireless operators on land and sea who desperately sent messages back and forth across the dark frozen North Atlantic to mount a rescue mission. More than twenty-eight ships would be involved in the rescue of Titanic survivors along with four different countries.

At the heart of the rescue are two young Marconi operators, Jack Phillips 25 and Harold Bride 22, tapping furiously and sending electromagnetic waves into the black night as the room they sat in slanted toward the icy depths and not stopping until the bone numbing water was around their ankles. Then they plunged into the water after coordinating the largest rescue operation the maritime world had ever seen and thereby saving 710 people by their efforts.

The race to save the largest ship in the world from certain death would reveal both heroes and villains. It would begin at 11:40 PM on April 14, when the iceberg was struck and would end at 2:20 AM April 15, when her lights blinked out and left 1500 people thrashing in 25-degree water. Although the race to save Titanic survivors would stretch on beyond this, most people in the water would die, but the amazing thing is that of the 2229 people, 710 did not and this was the success of the Titanic rescue effort.

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[kirklandhistoricalsociety.com](http://kirklandhistoricalsociety.com)

Also visit us on Facebook at Kirkland Historical Society



**Mark Your  
Calendar**

- Apr 13    2 pm    General Meeting – The Race to Save the Titanic
- Apr 24    5 pm    Culinary History with the University of Illinois Rare Book Department
- May 14            Board of Trustees Meeting
- June 11           Board of Trustees Meeting
- July 9             Board of Trustees Meeting
- July 26    5 pm    Fundraiser –Treasures from Our Past – Resource Bank
- Aug 13            Board of Trustees Meeting
- Sept 14   1 pm    General Meeting - Denny Rehn's Corn Crib Museum/  
                         Guest Speaker – Carolyn Law
- Oct 8              Board of Trustees Meeting
- Nov 9     2 pm    Annual Meeting -- Native American Women in Illinois History
- Dec 10            Board of Trustees Meeting

**Join or Renew Your Membership**



**Support Kirkland Historical  
Society through  
GIVE DeKalb County**

Donors can give online from  
midnight to midnight on May 1, 2025,  
at [GiveDeKalbCounty.org](http://GiveDeKalbCounty.org)

Between April 17 and May 1, those who prefer to donate by check can print a donation form from the website and give by mail.

Give DeKalb County is coordinated by the DeKalb County Nonprofit Partnership, a program of the DeKalb County Community Foundation. The previous nine giving days raised over \$6.8 million through 38,651 donations combined.

A Bonus Pool of funds is being raised and each donation made during Give DeKalb County is boosted by a percentage of these funds. The Bonus Pool is made possible by the generous support of Community Partners.

## Follow us on Facebook and Check Out our Webpage

Every Sunday morning a postcard is published on our Facebook page. These postcards bring back memories to many who grew up in Kirkland. Comments are made and replied to and many are interesting and enlightening. Below is a postcard that was sent to the Kirkland Historical Society to add to the collection. Many had never seen this pictorial scene of children playing in the middle of Main Street.



If you have pictures, postcards, or memorabilia that relates to Kirkland, consider donating it to the Kirkland Historical Society.

Also, be sure and visit our website at [www.KirklandHistoricalSociety.com](http://www.KirklandHistoricalSociety.com) where you will find an amazing amount of information. Also on this website are all the back issues of our newsletters.

Contact us at [kirklandhs309@gmail.com](mailto:kirklandhs309@gmail.com) with any questions.

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Open by appointment  
and Mondays 1-3 pm

**Look for our  
banner  
this spring!**

The Greater Kirkland Chamber of Commerce has offered their members an opportunity to display banners along Main Street. Being members, we took advantage of this opportunity to promote KHS. Spread the word!

*Kirkland Public Library has supported the Kirkland Historical Society by providing many of the guest speakers at our monthly meetings. Now it's our turn to support them. On Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 pm, a tea party will be hosted by the Library at the Kirkland Lutheran Church. Part of the cost is offset by the Friends of the Library and tickets are available for \$10 at the Library. There is a limit of 80 tickets, so don't delay. This is not a fundraiser – Friends of the Library will have their fundraiser on May 29<sup>th</sup> – Join us then also!*





**July 26,  
2025**



**Save the Date**

**Annual  
Fundraiser to  
be held at  
Resource  
Bank  
Community  
Room**

## Hiawatha Hall of Fame

Many thanks to KHS Trustee Connie Worden for the presentation at our February meeting explaining the Hiawatha Hall of Fame. Connie was a member of the committee that reviewed the nominations for the inaugural inductees. The five honored at the inaugural ceremony were Logan Damiani, Eugene Michael Henry, Gene Lamont, Burdette Jerome Thurlby, and the 1964-65 football team.



Connie explained the program and the nominating process so we all can easily nominate our own hometown favorites for induction this coming year. In addition to this great presentation, Connie also treated us to several types of her homemade cookies.



Thank you Connie!



## SPECIAL PROGRAM – April 24<sup>th</sup> 5 p.m.

### Culinary History with the University of Illinois Rare Book Department

Join us for an engaging exploration of culinary history where you'll discover the evolution of recipes and cooking traditions from around the world. Connected to the History Center's "Food" exhibit, the University of Illinois Library's Rare Book Department is taking a road trip to DeKalb County!

Dive into the rich tapestry of culinary history at our upcoming event, where food, culture, and history intertwine. This program features a fascinating collection of historical cookbooks and recipe manuscripts, including a 17th-century English cookbook and a 1920s Mexican culinary student's compilation. Highlights include the Gwendolyn Brooks Recipe Box and the unique 3D "More Slice of Pie" book. Perfect for history buffs, food enthusiasts, and families, this event offers a unique opportunity to connect with the past and understand how food traditions shape our identities and communities.