

# LANIER MANSION STATE HISTORIC SITE PREK-12 PROGRAMS



## FALL 2023-SUMMER 2024

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### *Heroic Story, Superb Architecture*

Experience history as it was in the 1840s when the United States was still young and the Ohio River was the gateway to the west. The Lanier Mansion tells the story of James F.D. Lanier, a businessman who worked in banking and finance and helped to ensure Indiana could stay in the Civil War on the side of the Union. Learn about the legacy still felt today throughout the Madison community.

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[indianamuseum.org/lanier](http://indianamuseum.org/lanier)

## SCHOOL GROUP TOURS

K-Grade 12

**Fee:** Admission is FREE for pre-registered, accredited schools or homeschool groups of 10 or more K-12 students. Free admission includes teachers and bus drivers, plus one additional adult chaperone per every five students. Additional chaperones pay the group admission rate of \$11/person.

Contact site for non-Indiana student rate.

Pre-registration required at least two weeks in advance.

Students will learn how Lanier helped to build Indiana's economy and finance the Civil War, as well as what everyday life was like for a wealthy family in a bustling 1840s river town. They will also discover Greek Revival architecture as they make their way through the mansion.

### EXPLORE

Whether it is at the site, outreach or virtual, we offer hands-on, exploratory and interactive programs on a variety of topics that provide your students a fun way to learn about Indiana's people, places, and things. All programs fulfill select Indiana Academic Standards.

On-site programs are available for groups of 15 or more. Please schedule with staff two weeks before planned visit.

### ARCHITECTURAL PATTERNS

Grades 3-8

Available: at site

Tuesday through Friday

Fee: \$55/session

When Francis Costigan designed the Lanier Mansion, he borrowed a variety of decorative patterns from New York architect Minard Lefever. Learn about how Lefever's pattern books influenced architects of the time and design your own Greek Revival building based on designs from the Lanier Mansion.

Indiana Academic Standards:

Visual Arts: VA:Cr1.2.3a, VA:Cr1.1.5a, VA:Cr2.1.3a, VA:Cr2.1.4a, VA:Cr2.1.5a, VA:Cr2.1.8a, VA:Cr2.3.3a, VA:Cr2.3.4a

### COMMUNICATION COLLAGE

Grades 3-8

Available: at site

Tuesday through Friday

Fee: \$55/session

Newspapers and magazines were key to spreading information in 19th-century America. Students will learn how different types of mass-media in the 19th century such as newspapers, magazines and cookbooks, spread ideas across large distances. They will use clippings from copies of 19th-century newspapers to create a collage of ideas that are meaningful to them.

Indiana Academic Standards:

Social Studies: 4.E.1, 8.H.19 Visual Arts: VA:Cr1.2.3a, VA:Cr1.1.5a, VA:Cr2.1.3a, VA:Cr2.1.4a, VA:Cr2.1.5a, VA:Cr2.1.8a, VA:Cr2.3.5a

## ANIMALS OF THE PREHISTORIC PAST

Grades 3-8

Available: At site, virtual

Tuesday through Friday

Fee: \$75/session

In the mid-19th century, fossils of prehistoric animals were a scientific sensation. Scientists and artists worked together to interpret how ancient animals looked based on fossils they left behind. Students will learn how to interpret fossils like a paleontologist and make their own drawing of a prehistoric creature based on fossil evidence.

Indiana Academic Standards:

Visual Arts: Cr2.3.3a Science: 3-LS4-1, 3-LS4-2, 4-LS1-1, 4-ESS1-1

## COLOR AND DYES

Grades K-12

Available: At site

Tuesday through Friday

Fee: \$75/session

Colorful carpeting, bedspreads and textiles of all sorts decorate the Lanier Mansion's interior. Colors in 19th-century fabric arts were bright, colorful, vibrant and, by modern standards, often quite bold! Students will decorate their own item using fabric pens to emulate the bright colors and patterns popular during the rococo revival movement.

Indiana Academic Standards:

Visual Arts: VA.CR.1.1Ka, VA.CR.1.1.1a, VA:Cr1.2.3a, VA:Cr2.1.1a, VA:Cr2.1.2a, VA:Cr2.1.3a, VA:Cr2.1.4a, VA:Cr2.1.5a, VA:Cr2.1.6a, VA:Cr2.1.8a

## LANIER MANSION VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP

Grades 4-12

Available: Virtual

Monday through Friday

Please register your date and time two weeks in advance.

Learn about the history of the Lanier Mansion, the Lanier family and their servants in this interactive virtual program.

Indiana Academic Standards:

Social Studies: 4.H.5, 4.H.6, 4.H.7, 4.E.1, 4.E.2, 4.E.4, 4.E.5, 4.E.6 8.H.19, 8.H.23, 8.H.24, IS.1.39 IS.4.1 IS.4.2 IS.4.3 IS.4.4 IS.4.6 IS.4.7 IS.5.2

# PLAN YOUR VISIT TO OUR STATE HISTORIC SITES

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The Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites is 12-location museum system. The museum is centrally located in Indianapolis and the 11 historic sites are scattered across the state. Each location has a unique story to tell and offers programs that satisfy many of the Indiana Academic Standards. [Click the name of the location to learn more about their PreK-12 educational offerings.](#)

## SOUTHWEST REGION

Angel Mounds, Evansville  
New Harmony, New Harmony  
Vincennes, Vincennes

## CENTRAL REGION

Levi and Catharine Coffin, Fountain City  
T.C. Steele, Nashville  
Whitewater Canal, Metamora

## NORTH REGION

Gene Stratton-Porter, Rome City  
Limberlost, Geneva

## SOUTHEAST REGION

Corydon Capitol, Corydon  
Culbertson Mansion, New Albany  
Lanier Mansion, Madison

