IUPUI students travel back in time and tell Indiana's story as part of the Indiana Historical Society's (IHS) Community Work-Study
partnership with IUPUI.

Imagine "you are there," as part of the Eli Lilly polio vaccine packing line, standing at the front lines of the Civil War, or reading letters from the famous outlaw Billy the Kid. Just as its current tag line states, the Indiana Historical Society brings you "there" to the various eras that make up our state's rich history.

Community Work-Study provides eligible IUPUI students the opportunity to earn their Federal Work-Study awards at local non-profit agencies, gaining real world experiences alongside non-profit professionals in such areas as event planning, fundraising, volunteer coordination, and, in the case of the Historical Society, getting hands-on experience with cataloging and writing descriptions of historical items for the Society's collections while getting those collections ready to view and use in research.

Amanda Aird, Coordinator for Volunteer Services and Human Resources, has overseen the work-study program at IHS since this partnership began two years ago and finds the students valuable to the mission of IHS: "I love working with the students because I get to see them learn and grow. The students do so much to help us and it is great to see that they learn and enjoy it."

IHS is just one of many non-profit agencies partnering with the Center for Service and Learning as a Community Work-Study (CWS) agency. As a CWS agency, IHS only has to pay 25% of a student's wages during the academic year, which allows the organization to receive much needed assistance while providing students with one of a kind professional development experiences.