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Kentucky Archives Month

Planning for Kentucky’s annual celebration of Archives Month is well underway. The Archives Month Coordinating Committee, under the direction of the Kentucky State Historical Records Advisory Board, met in February to begin preparations for this year’s celebration in October 2013. The theme for this year is Folklore and Superstition. The Archives Month Coordinating Committee works with the Kentucky Council on Archives and other repositories in the state to plan for Archives Month.

The Kentucky Archives Month web address is http://archivesmonth.ky.gov. Please check the website for listings of events that will be held throughout the state in celebration of Kentucky Archives, or use the site to submit an event. The site also has a Planning Guide to assist in planning Archives Month activities. All Kentucky archival and manuscript repositories can plan to commemorate Archives Month in some way, with an open house, a workshop, a featured speaker, an exhibit, a tour, or any other type of event.

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