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About the Museum



The DuPage County Historical Museum is housed in what was formerly known as the Adams Memorial Library. The building was erected in 1891 by John Quincy Adams as a gift to the community of Wheaton in memory of his late wife, Marilla Phipps Adams. Designed by Charles Sumner Frost in the Richardsonian Romanesque style, the building was added to the National Register in 1981. In the 1960s, the DuPage County Historical Society recognized the availability of the building as a new and more spacious library was being erected. In 1967 the building opened as the DuPage County Historical Museum.



The Museum functions as the only institution dedicated to the collection, preservation and interpretation of the material culture documenting the county of DuPage, Illinois. The collections represent artifacts collected by the DuPage County Historical Society since 1929 as well as artifacts collected by the Museum since its founding in 1965.



The Margaret Adams Dunton Auditorium originally functioned as a space for graduation and theater productions for the community. The original oak wood ceiling was restored in the 1990s as well as the colored glass windows on the north and south walls.



Since being under the management of Wheaton Park District in 2008, the Auditorium space has been available for weddings, receptions, showers, business meetings, rehearsal dinners, holiday parties, class reunions, fundraisers and celebrations of all kinds. A list of pre-approved caterers is also available to help plan the perfect event.



Facts & Information

Can I visit the space in person?

We strongly recommend that you schedule an appointment to view the space. This will ensure that a member of Museum Staff will be available to meet with you and that the space will not be occupied. To schedule an appointment please call 630.510.4941.

Is the building accessible?

The Museum is accessible by elevator on all three levels. The building includes two single person restrooms, one on the first floor and an accessible restroom on the lower level. The elevator entrance is located on the south side of the building from Main Street.

Is parking provided?

The Museum is located in downtown Wheaton, Illinois. Street parking is available for customers and patrons with time limitations from 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Saturday. A parking garage is also available within walking distance of the Museum.

What do the rental fees include?

When renting the DuPage County Historical Museum Auditorium for a special event the entire Museum is available for your enjoyment. There are 100 black banquet chairs, 2-8 foot rectangular tables and 6-6 foot rectangular tables available for use in the Auditorium. All other equipment will need to be rented at the client's expense and coordinated with Museum Staff. Catering, linens, décor, event staff and personal planning staff are not included in any rental. Additional provisions are listed on the full rental contract.

What are the available rental times and hours?

The Museum is available for events from 7am to 11 pm.

Will the date of my event be held?

The Museum will temporarily hold the date of your event for 10 days. In order to permanently hold the date, the security deposit and 50% of the estimated cost of the event must be accepted by Museum Staff.

Rental rates for the Museum?

DuPage County Historical Museum rental rates are as follows: Monday-Friday – 7 am to 4:30 pm; \$120 per hour, \$90 per hour*

Weekday Evenings and Weekend Hours – \$200 per hour, \$120 per hour*

*These indicate rates for non-profit organizations. Proof of non-profit status must be submitted with completed contract.

Do you have audio/visual equipment for rental for my event?

The Museum has an updated sound system with wireless microphones and ipod hook-up as well as a screen and projector for additional fees.

Is my event the only one taking place at the Museum?

The Museum does not book more than one special event per day. The Museum will remain open to the public during regular open hours.*

*Regular open hours include: Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Saturday-Sunday, 12 to 4 pm.

What are food and beverage service policies?

An approved catering list is available through Museum Staff. Caterers that are not listed on the preferred vendor list may be used for an additional fee. All caterers must submit a certificate of insurance naming the Wheaton Park District as additionally insured.

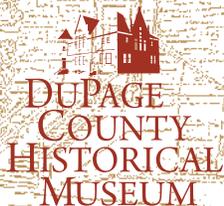
- All alcoholic beverages must be provided by Arrowhead Golf Club.
- Homemade food is not allowed at the facility.

Photography Service at the Museum

Photography is allowed at the Museum for your special day. However, photography is prohibited in exhibit galleries unless previously approved by Museum Staff.

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The DuPage County Historical Museum is operated as a facility of Wheaton Park District, owned by the County of DuPage by resolution of the County Board pursuant to state statute. Its principal purposes are to educate the general public through the collection, preservation, interpretation, and exhibition of materials which document the history of DuPage County and its relationship to Illinois and the nation, and to provide local history services for historical organizations and for scholarly endeavors.



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