



Annual Report 2022

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Detail of exterior Museum turret. Larry Kmiecik

Recognizing Trailblazers: Confident and Courageous Women Who Shaped DuPage event in March 2022. Larry Kmiecik

DuPage County Historical Museum Annual Report

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Introduction

The DuPage County Historical Museum (Museum) functions as the only institution dedicated to the collection, preservation, and interpretation of the material culture documenting all of DuPage County. As a 501© 3 organization, the DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation (Foundation) raises money to support the Museum. The Museum is free to the public and open five days a week.

Mission Statement

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 stature. 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.

Stakeholders' Quotes

“Very interesting and informative displays.”

Donald Teske, Facebook review, January 14, 2022

“We had such a nice time at the event. It was very well organized, in such a beautiful space...”

Julia Jones, Email from Scout parent, March 20, 2022

“Thank you so much for putting together the presentation of ‘Women at the Turn of the Century’. It was very fascinating from beginning to end. It was put together really well...”

Lori Smerz, DuPage Valley Alpha Phi, November 22, 2022

For more testimonials, see Appendix 1.

Visitor Data

In 2022, the Museum served 4,220 visitors. This was an increase of 52% after 2021’s COVID-19 outbreak. See data in graphs on page 6.

COVID-19 Pandemic

In 2022, the Museum was not under any state or federal guidelines for closures. There was a state mask mandate until the end of February 2022. Numbers for visitors, birthday parties, rentals, etc. still remained lower when compared to 2019 numbers; however, they rebounded significantly compared to 2020 and 2021. The Museum expects more visitors in 2023 with a full return of visitors in 2024.



Temporary COVID-19 Hours

Tuesday-Friday

10:30A-4:00P

Saturday

12:00-4:00P

Serves over 30 Communities

Year	Visitors
2017	8,420
2018	7,301
2019	5,820
2020	1,326
2021	2,782
2022	4,220

2022 Visitors: 4,220

2022 Total Reach: 55,399*

Donations: \$5,993.33



Young visitors enjoy the model trains in October 2022. New marketing photographs were taken of the model train. Larry Kmiecik

*Total reach includes every person the Museum touched through the website, rentals, research, outreach event attendance, virtual programming, visits, programming and more.

Operating Budget

All 2022 calculations are preliminary and will be confirmed through a professional annual audit.

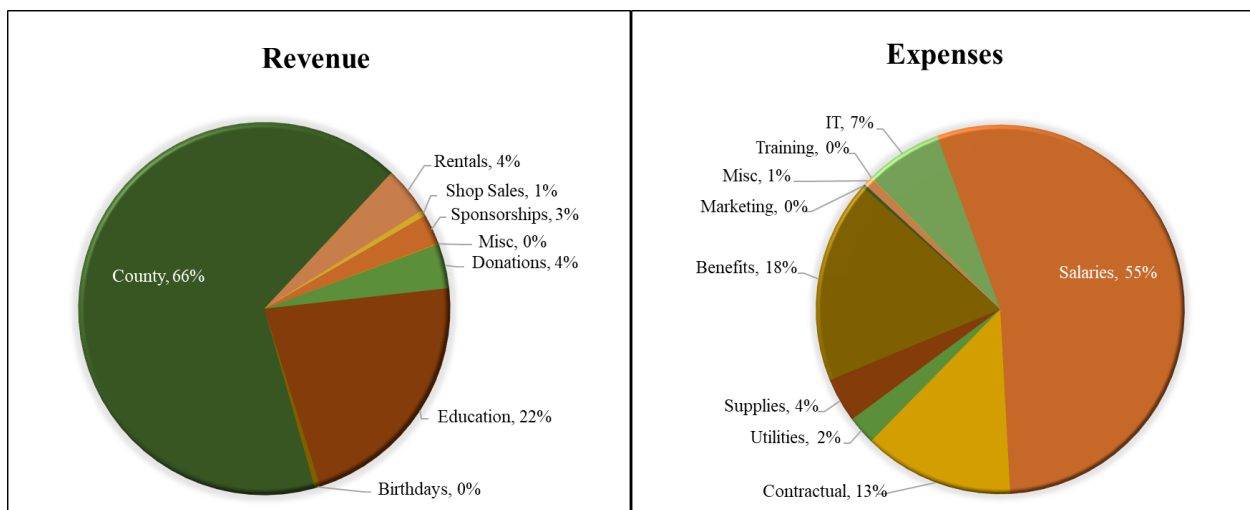
Revenues	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Sponsorships	\$5,750	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$3,000
Edu. Prog/B-day/Research	\$48,998	\$24,352	\$3,380	\$45,942	\$38,971	\$36,454
Special Events	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$28	\$0	\$0
Facility Rentals	\$9,072	\$7,536	\$1,875	\$10,290	\$4,925	\$4,520
Shop Sales	\$1,146	\$583	\$1,095	\$1,312	\$1,135	\$1,291
Grants & Donations	\$8,493	\$11,697	\$22,394	\$12,034	\$18,008	\$23,202
County	\$145,000	\$119,166*	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000
Revenue Sub Total	\$218,459	\$168,335	\$161,244	\$202,104	\$195,540	\$198,467

Expenses

FT Salaries & Insurance	(\$133,788)	(\$118,911)	(\$117,795)	(\$121,796)	(\$126,668)	(\$120,189)
Part Time Wages	(\$17,081)	(\$6,650)	(\$4,524)	(\$17,404)	(\$16,622)	(\$15,254)
Contractual	(\$27,505)	(\$13,605)	(\$2,330)	(\$23,457)	(\$18,773)	(\$21,089)
IT Services & Supplies	(\$14,066)	(\$8,808)	(\$9,855)	(\$15,889)	(\$11,639)	(\$12,835)
Utilities	(\$5,204)	(\$6,776)	(\$6,468)	(\$6,569)	(\$6,286)	(\$6,956)
Supplies & Equipment	(\$8,080)	(\$3,541)	(\$1,802)	(\$4,417)	(\$4,997)	(\$10,004)
Marketing	(\$576)	(\$548)	(\$550)	(\$3,695)	(\$2,735)	(\$1,663)
Fundraising	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$49)	\$0	(\$35)
Mileage Reimbursement	(\$56)	(\$22)	(\$45)	(\$368)	(\$525)	(\$292)
Dues and Subscriptions	(\$973)	(\$983)	(\$1,013)	(\$1,038)	(\$858)	(\$895)
Training	(\$93)	(\$35)	(\$100)	(\$2,068)	(\$734)	(\$1,738)
Capital Expense-Computers	(\$628)	(\$1,143)	(\$2,096)	(\$446)	(\$325)	(\$387)
Expense Sub Total	(\$208,050)	(\$161,022)	(\$146,578)	(\$197,197)	(\$190,163)	(\$191,338)

Report Totals	\$10,409	\$7,313	\$14,666	\$4,908	\$5,377	\$7,129
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*County funds increase beginning in 2022. Due to fiscal year differences between County and the Park District, financial protocols dictate a change in the way the County funds are recorded making 2021 show less then the normal annual amount. Funding will appear normal again moving forward.



**Educational & Birthday
Revenue: \$48,890.27**

**Total Educational Reach:
1,945**



*Tanks Support at D-Day
presentation with Steven
Fixler. Museum Staff*

Total Offerings: 87

- 23 In-Person Events
- 3 Virtual Events
- 29 Tours/Programs
- 4 Outreach Events
- 13 Camps
- 7 Presentations
- 6 Birthday Parties
- 2 Craft To-Go Kits

Museum Events

Type	Events	Attendees
Adult	13	235
Family	13	805
Total	26	1,040



Santa Express. WPD Staff



*Museum outreach table at
Cream of Wheaton in June
2022. Erin Fairhead*

Education

The Museum provides special events, programs, presentations, and tours to audiences of all ages as part of our mission. Programming explores people, places, and events that shaped DuPage County.

COVID-19 and Museum Education

The Museum continued to offer virtual tours of exhibits. These tours allow for a video to be created of the exhibit to add to the online exhibit archive. Three virtual programs were offered in 2022. Craft to-go kits continued to be offered as well for those who wished to pick up an activity to complete safely at home. Birthday parties and scout groups rebounded to pre-COVID numbers.

Museum Events

The Museum collaborated with local organizations (listed below) to provide engaging events and family workshops at little or no cost to the attendees. Total fees for presenters in 2022 were \$1,798.11. Event co-sponsors reimbursed \$100 and the DuPage Foundation grant covered \$1,675. Events are listed in Appendix 2.

Confident and Courageous Program of the Edward Hines Jr. VA
Culinary Historians of Northern Illinois (CHNI)
DuPage County Genealogical Society (DCGS)
DuPage County Historical Society (DCHS)
Marion E. Wade Center of Wheaton College
Wheaton Public Library (WPL)

Santa Express

The Museum hosted five Santa Express trips for 594 participants. Families enjoyed cookies and beverages while singing carols and reading holiday stories aboard the Metra train. Santa visited with each family. The program netted \$7,560.08. Arrowhead Golf Club sponsored the snacks and Smile Doctors sponsored the children's goodie bags.

Birthday Parties

The Museum offers birthday parties for children aged 4 to 12. Birthday parties are \$175 for 10 children. Additional children cost \$10 each. In 2022, the Museum hosted six birthday parties with 57 children. The average cost of a birthday party was \$180. Total revenue was \$1,080 with a profit margin of 93%.

Outreach Events

COVID-19 still continued to cancel many outreach events, however, staff attended four events talking directly to 140 visitors at the Museum tables. Staff also sets up outreach tables at Museum Foundation events reaching even more people. An estimated 12,978 people attended these events.

Presentations

The Museum staff provides presentations for groups and organizations. The number of inquiries for presentations increased in 2022. The Museum delivered seven presentations, reaching 139 participants at libraries, retirement communities, and an alumni group. Two of these engagements resulted in Museum staff creating new presentations that have been added to the list of speaking topics offered.

Camps

In 2022, 14 summer camp sessions were offered and 13 sessions ran with a total of 192 participants. Of the 13 sessions, 11 were contracted LEGO camps with Play-Well TEKnologies and two were staff-facilitated. Camps had a profit margin of 37%.

Craft To-Go Kits

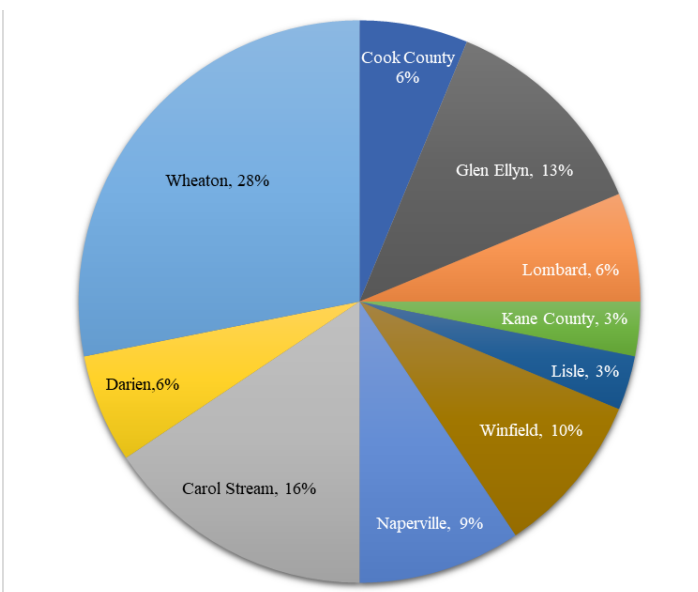
Staff created two craft to-go kits in 2022. The Museum offered curbside pick up for convenience and accessibility. Kits were \$15 each. Thirty-five kits were sold netting \$468.27.

Guided Tours, School, and Scout Programs

Tours are available for \$5 - \$10 per person. School and scout programs are available for \$5 - \$7 per student/scout. Virtual options for schools and scouts are also available. There were 29 paid tours and programs conducted in 2022, earning \$2,136. These tours and programs reached 482 participants. In addition, 13 organizations took advantage of self-guided tours bringing another 135 visitors to the Museum.

The listing of 2022 tour groups can be found in Appendix 2.

Tour and Program Group Locations



Dinosaur Birthday Party.
Courtesy of Parent

Camps

Year	Attendees
2017	121
2018	148
2019	167
2020	0
2021	109
2022	192

Tours and Programs

Year	#	Attendees
2017	21	330
2018	30	628
2019	53	763
2020	25	222
2021	21	304
2022	29	482



DCHS presenting an award.
Michelle Podkowa



Crafting from Grandma's Kitchen. Courtesy of CHNI



Of Mustaches and Men.
WPD Staff

31 Donors Gifted

200+ New Artifacts

Digitization Project

Type	Photos	Total
3D Objects	16,005	19,598
Images	2,379	9,775
Archives	370	12,101
Books	1,843	2,899
Totals	20,597	44,373

Research Requests

Year	Amount	#
2016	\$631	62
2017	\$217	72
2018	\$506	88
2019	\$569	85
2020	\$785	78
2021	\$115	100
2022	\$108	82



Stories of DuPage. Julia Meade

Collection

In 2022, 31 generous donors gifted the Museum over 200 artifacts to the permanent, education, and research collections. Staff continues to evaluate artifacts for deaccession following best practices of the American Alliance of Museums. The Museum continues making the photograph and artwork collection publicly accessible through the PastPerfect Online Database. Currently, 2,961 artifacts are uploaded for community members to view from the comfort of their homes.

Voices of DuPage

In Fall 2016, the Museum began an oral history initiative to record DuPage residents' stories for future generations. Since its inception, staff has collected 46 histories on themes of civil rights, veterans, agriculture, and local histories.

Museum Research and Reproductions

Museum staff provides research services for \$25 per hour with the first 30 minutes free. Reproductions of photographs are also available for a fee. In 2022, staff completed 82 research requests.

Exhibits

The Museum presented eight exhibits based on collection artifacts supplemented with items from private individuals and area museums.

- ◆ *Wheaton Park District: Celebrating 100 Years*
May 8, 2021 - April 16, 2022
- ◆ *Together We Win: DuPage in World War II*
July 17, 2021 - April 16, 2022
- ◆ *Ghost Towns of DuPage County*
September 18, 2021 - June 11, 2022
- ◆ *Agreeable Friends: Animals in History*
November 6, 2021 - July 9, 2022
- ◆ *Stories of DuPage: Reading Between the Lines*
June 11, 2022 – March 25, 2023
- ◆ *Of Mustaches and Men*
August 13, 2022 – June 3, 2023
- ◆ *Grandma's Kitchen*
September 17, 2022 – June 3, 2023
- ◆ *Beatles 4Ever4*
November 18, 2022 – November 23, 2022

In addition, *Wheaton, Illinois: Golf History Starts Here* remained on display at Arrowhead Golf Club. The Museum also displays the 36th Illinois Infantry National Colors and 8th Illinois Cavalry Guidon on loan from the Illinois State Military Museum.

Staff assisted William North to display historic photographs with his modern photography in *Wheaton's Historic Architecture: A Closer Look* at Wheaton Public Library.

Institutional Stewardship

Building Preservation

In 2022, the County of DuPage (County) continued working with staff to monitor and adjust storage conditions in the building for artifacts. The new humidifier from 2021 was adjusted to reach ideal levels for both patrons and artifacts.

In 2021, the Park District and County partnered to submit a proposal to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for their Museum Capital Grant Program. This project includes stabilization of the masonry and rebuilding the historic gutter system for the building. The grant was awarded in early 2022, plans were created with historic preservation in mind. Work is expected to begin late summer of 2023.

The Museum updated its small kitchenette on the second floor in late 2022-early 2023 to be more accommodating to rentals and educational program usage. The *Inside History Gallery* also received a fresh coat of paint, floor rewax, and a new clear protective coat on the train table.

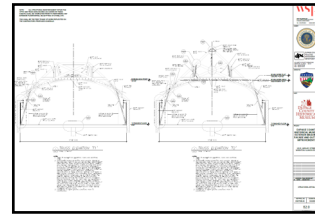
StEPs Program and Accreditation

The Museum continues to work towards future accreditation through the American Association of State and Local History's (AASLH) Standards of Excellence Program (StEPs). StEPs is a voluntary training program consisting of five sections of three sets of guidelines for best practices as laid out by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM). AAM is the accrediting body in the United States.

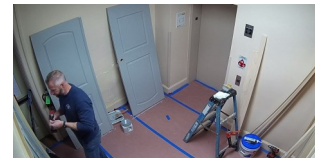
Since 2020, COVID-19 slowed progress in the StEPs program. In 2022, a new curator began and staff focused on the curators training. Best practices are being worked into new policies and in daily practice. This will continue as core policies are evaluated and for accreditation.

Staff began gathering information for how to train the two governing boards (County and Park Board) as well as the fundraising Foundation. Staff continues to work on accreditation necessities of building preservation, improving collection management, and continued improving environmental and security for artifacts. Staff started planning for the replacement of the permanent gallery as a necessary step before applying for accreditation.

Accreditation also requires the Museum to diversify its collections, programming, exhibit coverage, and other areas of operation. Staff has focused on building relationships within the community which will cultivate and attract more diversified donations into the collections. New programming including the beginning of the Trailblazers branding will focus on marginalized members and groups of society to highlight their importance throughout DuPage history. These initiatives will continue as preparation for accreditation continues.



Drawings for IDNR grant.
WSP USA Design



Kitchenette remodel. WPD Staff



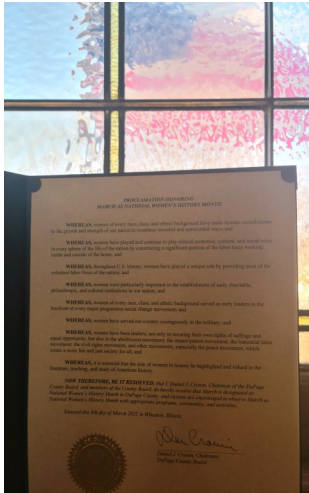
Finished kitchenette.
Michelle Podkowa



Foundation members Dan Wagner and Glennette Tilley Turner. Courtesy of Dan Wagner



Representative Costa Howard speaking at Recognizing Trailblazers. Larry Kmicik



County Proclamation for
Black History Month pre-
sented in February 2022.
Michelle Podkova

Grants for 2022: \$2,500

Grants for 2023: \$2,500

**Total Rental Revenue:
\$9,072**

Rental Attendance

Event Type	Attendees
Organizations	1,996
Private Rentals	350
Reindeer Run	1,000
WPD Meetings	1,355
Total	4,701



Private rental. Michelle
Podkova

Honors Grants

- ♦ Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Museum Capital Grant Program for Gutter Rebuild and Masonry Stabilization of the Building, \$750,000 for FY2023-2024.
- ♦ History DuPage Fund of DuPage Foundation, Community Needs Mini Grant for *Stories of DuPage: Reading between the Lines* exhibit, \$2,500 awarded in 2021 for FY2022.
- ♦ History DuPage Fund of DuPage Foundation, Community Needs Mini Grant for *The Roarin' Elgin: A Trip on the Chicago, Aurora, and Elgin Railway* exhibit, \$2,500 awarded in 2022 for FY2023.

See grant letters in Appendix 3.

Honors

- ♦ DuPage County Board presented the Museum with the February's Black History Month Proclamation for Recognizing Trailblazers.

Publications

- ♦ Bishop, Zachary. "Downers Grove" (updated chapter) and "Willowbrook". *DuPage Roots: Then and Now* 2nd edition. Edited by Robert Pruter and Richard A. Thompson. Wheaton, IL: DuPage County Historical Society, 2022.
- ♦ Former Curator Ashley Downing also updated/wrote three chapters of *DuPage Roots*, a project began while working at the Museum before her departure in 2018: "Bloomingdale" (updated chapter), "Clarendon Hills" (updated chapter), and "Oakbrook Terrace".



Museum Rentals

In 2022, the Museum hosted 26 private rentals for individuals and organizations. See details to the left. The Museum hosted over 50 Wheaton Park District meetings in 2022. Additionally, during Community Center renovations, the Museum hosted Children's Playhouse Theater. Thirty-three Children's Playhouse rehearsals, bringing in 1,155 people, moved to the auditorium.

Museum Event Co-hosts and Rental Partners:

Culinary Historians of Northern Illinois
DuPage County Genealogical Society
DuPage County Historical Society
Confident and Courageous Program of the Edward Hines Jr. VA
Milton Township
Republic Bank of Chicago
Wheaton Chamber of Commerce
Wheaton Community Relations Commission
Wheaton Park District Children's Playhouse Theater
Wheaton Public Library

Personnel

Wheaton Park District Administration

The Museum building functions as the Administrative Office for the Wheaton Park District. Museum Assistants serve in an administrative capacity for the Park District by answering phones, assisting with registration, finance paperwork, and other administrative tasks.

Staff Changes

Curator Zachary Bishop stepped down to pursue a position at the Schingoethe Center and moved to the weekend Museum Assistant position. Emily O'Brien became Curator in April 2022. The Museum also hired Museum Assistants Beth Frederick and Ben Bulpitt.

Staff Development

All staff is CPR/AED certified and takes yearly online training through the Park District's risk management company. The Museum continues to be listed on the Giant Steps Autism-friendly Directory. Museum Manager attends the Wheaton Chamber of Commerce's DEI Committee and sits on the American Association of State and Local History's History in our Parks Taskforce.

Volunteers

In 2022, ten individual volunteers served a total of 149.5 hours. These volunteers are listed to the right; to view a complete list of volunteer hours, see Appendix 4.

On March 6, for the Museum's Recognizing Trailblazers event, a Girl Scout troop volunteered to greet people at the event. A local Boy Scout, Peter Doro, volunteered his time to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. In total, they volunteered 12 hours.

The DuPage Society of Model Engineers (DPSME) continued to volunteer by maintaining the model train layout. On the third and fifth Saturdays each month they run the trains. They assist with members-only train hours for the children's Explorer's Club. The engineers also operate the train for special events at the request of our patrons. In 2022, DPSME volunteered a total of 680 hours.

A Selection of Projects that Volunteers Assist with:

- ◆ Digitization of archival objects and photographs
- ◆ Revising Disaster Plan
- ◆ Photographing three-dimensional collections and exhibits for archives
- ◆ Conducting research for patrons and exhibits
- ◆ Transcribing Voices of DuPage oral histories
- ◆ Serving on the Collections Committee
- ◆ Videography of events

829.5 Total Hours

Train Engineers: 680
Volunteers: 149.5

Total Value: \$24,843.53*

*Bureau of Labor Statistics rate, indexed by Independent Sector of \$29.95 per hour.

Volunteers

Ashton Bishop
Zach Bishop
Peter Doro
Larry Kmiecik
Sophia Moody
Craig Passley
Blake Podkova
Kent Smith
Avry Tower
Girl Scout Troop

DPSME Members

Forest Andrews
Michael Bauer
Norman Brockmeier
Mark Malik
William McGurr
Andrew Mueller
Tom Schneider
Daniel Taylor, Jr.
Bev Valentine
Kenneth Valentine
Keith Ward



DPSME member Keith Ward with Train Camp attendees. Courtesy of Camp Parent

First Trust

Virtual Videos

Video	Views
<i>Ballots of Power Exhibit</i>	2
Calligraphy	3
DPSME Train	2
<i>Home Grown Exhibit</i>	5
Recognizing Trailblazers	68
<i>Together We Win Exhibit</i>	261
Unique Artifacts	2
Victory Gardens	1
WPD 100 Anniversary	233
Total	577



Representative Stava-Murray touring the Museum. Courtesy of Rep. Stava-Murray's office.

← Page Check-ins



Representative Stava-Murray is at DuPage County Historical Museum.
May 17, 2022 · Wheaton, Illinois ·

I had the privilege to visit the DuPage County Historical Museum today. The museum has interesting artifacts and photos that provide wonderful glimpses about how the county developed throughout the years. I encourage everyone to make the time to visit this wonderful Blue Star Museum!

Thank you to the Wheaton Park District as well as Philip Buchanan (Museum Foundation Board Trustee) and Michelle Podkova (Museum Manager and Educator) for an amazing tour!



Rep. Stava-Murray's social media post on the Museum.

Marketing and Communications

In 2022, the Museum focused its attention and communication on new exhibits, programs, special events and Train Saturdays. Each year an annual marketing calendar is developed that guides marketing staff month by month through various initiatives, email blasts, social media posts, newsletters, and appeals.

In 2022, the marketing department distributed seven press releases featuring topics such as Casino Night, Night at the Museum, October Fest, and grant announcements including the \$750,000 grant awarded to fund masonry and gutter repairs on the Museum building received from the IDNR Museum Capital Grant Program.

Two annual newsletters were distributed by mail and email that included program and event listings, current Museum topics, staff or donor spotlights and exhibit announcements.

A total of 31 eblasts were distributed in 2022, with an average click through rate of 6%. These monthly eblasts ranged from promoting Foundation events, Foundation campaigns, summer camps, programs, exhibit openings and general Museum news.

Museum staff spoke with Naperville Magazine and West Suburban Magazine in 2022 to be featured in articles. Naperville Magazine published "Page Turners" in December 2022 and West Suburban Magazine's article appeared in January 2023. Museum Curator Emily O'Brien also spoke with two local radio stations, K-LOVE and WDCB, about upcoming exhibits and events.

New photographs were taken of the model trains and DuPage Society of Model Engineers for future marketing materials.

Sponsorship

The Museum was fortunate to receive renewed support from First Trust through a Community Engagement sponsorship which helped support annual programs, exhibits and special projects.

Additional sponsors in 2022 for events include Fairhaven Wealth, Inland Real Estate Group, Arrowhead Golf Club and Smile Doctors.



Social Media

Museum and marketing staff cooperatively maintain Facebook and Instagram. All platforms are updated two to four times per week. Posts focus on exhibits, artifacts, events, County history, and facility information. See statistics to the right for Facebook and Instagram.

Advocacy

In 2022, several elected officials visited the Museum. In March, County Board Member Greg Hart and Illinois Representative Terra Costa Howard attended the Recognizing Trailblazers event. That spring, Museum staff met with Illinois Representative Janet Yang Rohr and Illinois Representative Anne Stava-Murray. Staff provided research and a tour for County Board Member Dawn DeSart.

Museum Shop

The Museum Shop focuses on unique, hard to find, or local history objects. It also features items related to current exhibits. In 2022, the Shop made \$1,145.78, doubling 2021. Select Special attention has been devoted to the shop in ebcasts. New children's puzzles were added in 2022 with more plans to add items in 2023.



Manager Michelle Podkowa and Foundation member Philip Buchanan giving a tour to Representative Yang Rohr. Courtesy of Rep. Yang Rohr's Office



County Board Member Greg Hart at Recognizing Trailblazers. Larry Kmiecik

Facebook

Year	Page Likes	Average Views/Post
2018	1,274	286
2019	1,554	426
2020	1,734	646
2021	2,187	1,493
2022	2,793	945

Instagram

Year	Followers	Average Views/Post
2018	599	131
2019	1,012	232
2020	1,095	210
2021	1,238	193
2022	1,282	129

Website

Total website visits: 23,426

Most visited pages:

Home: 27,457
Santa Express Event: 9,678
Plan a visit: 5,832
Collections/Exhibits: 5,608
Calendar: 4,684
Train Saturdays: 2,418

Visitors linked from:

Mykidlist.com
Wheaton Park District
Facebook
Discoverupage.com
Calameo.com (digital guide)

PastPerfect Online

Total searches: 2,258

Most common searches:

Wheaton, Wheaton Bank,
Wheaton College, Wheaton
Christmas, Train, Lombard

2021 common searches:

Wheaton, Map, Downers
Grove, Winfield, Naperville

2022 Foundation

David Thiel, President
Marty Keller, Vice President
Mike Benard, Secretary
Bob Jacobsen, Treasurer
Philip Buchanan
Karen Bushy*
Melody Coleman
Emily Doyle
Bill Liu
Don Puchalski*
Troy Rodman
Samantha Russell
Glennette Tilley Turner
Dan Wagner

*Resigned mid-year 2022.

Membership

Year	Members
2018	196 [^]
2019	41 [#]
2020	24
2021	50
2022	59

[^]Membership with Casino Night tickets.
[#]Membership with \$50+ donation.



Foundation member Melody Coleman at Recognizing Trailblazers. Larry Kmiecik



4Ever4 Beatles team Foundation members Troy Rodman, Philip Buchanan, and Marty Keller with Cathy Keller. Emily O'Brien

DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation

The DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation is recognized as a 501©3 by the State of Illinois. The Foundation's primary function is to raise funds to support the Museum's mission. The Foundation meets monthly to review and discuss Museum initiatives. They work closely with the Development team and Museum staff members to solicit donations, grants, sponsorships, memberships and assist with the coordination of their signature fundraising events.

Casino Night was held, for the first time, at Arrowhead Golf Club. It was well-received and successful in securing net proceeds over \$16,000. October Fest was held, once again, in conjunction with the Light the Torch Run at the Central Athletic Complex and generated close to \$7,000.

The Foundation revenue generating events include concession proceeds from the Shakespeare in the Park held in August, Night at the Museum Halloween Party in October and the 4Ever4 Beatles Cocktail Hour and Trivia Night in November.

The Foundation also raises funds through the annual spring appeal, Giving DuPage Days and the year-end appeal. The appeal campaigns include mailed letters, emails, and social media posts. The spring appeal theme/focus was about the County's 183 anniversary and the winter appeal's theme was family and focused on the local families that shaped DuPage County. Giving DuPage Days promote all non-profit organizations and takes place each May. In 2022, this event brought in \$660.00.

Additional revenue sources for the Foundation throughout the year included proceeds from two runs and the Memorial Park Concert Series. The Light the Torch Night Run brought in \$4,196 and Lions Club Reindeer Run saw \$2,000 in revenue for the Foundation. Concession tips from the Memorial Park concert series generated close to \$1,500.00 in 2022.

The Museum membership program continues to see small growth each year with most interest in the children's Explorer Club Membership program. At the end of 2022, the Foundation had 59 members compared to 50 in 2021.

Members receive various perks based on membership level including additional private access to Train Saturdays, early access to Santa Express ticket sales, complimentary entrance to the Night at the Museum event and special invites to exhibit openings. In addition, all Museum memberships include access into the Time Travelers Network which allows access and discounts to over 300 museums and zoos across the nation.

DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation Budget

Foundation Assets

All 2022 calculations are preliminary and will be confirmed through a professional annual audit.

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Total Assets	\$137,935	\$117,374	\$129,470	\$108,177	\$92,405	\$80,951
Total Liabilities	\$10,555	\$7,195	\$19,864	\$945	\$2,501	\$22,697
Total Net Assets	\$127,380	\$110,179	\$109,605	\$107,233	\$89,904	\$58,254

Foundation Budget Comparison

Revenues	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Administrative	\$20,429	\$28,266	\$31,645	\$21,158	\$35,428	\$29,641
Mad Fore Plaid	\$0	\$0	\$18,289	\$0	\$0	\$0
Casino Night	\$38,493	\$0	\$7,781	\$25,649	\$33,327	\$21,807
October Fest	\$23,264	\$20,383	\$1,000	\$26,895	\$26,480	\$0
Night at the Museum*	\$1,210	\$1,004	\$0	\$670	\$700	\$0
Memberships	\$2,217	\$1,999	\$817	\$1,289	\$544	\$635
Holiday Bazaar	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Appeal / Donations^	\$5,642	\$9,543	\$13,995†	\$3,850	\$2,621	\$4,195
On Par for DuPage	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$32,598
Hope and History	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue Sub Total	\$93,255	\$61,195	\$73,528	\$79,510	\$97,590	\$88,876

Expenses

Administrative	(\$35,104)	(\$46,251)	(\$52,231)	(\$35,365)	(\$40,842)	(\$41,707)
Mad Fore Plaid	\$0	\$0	(\$12,975)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Casino Night	(\$22,272)	(\$95)	(\$3,075)	(\$11,791)	(\$10,233)	(\$9,473)
October Fest	(\$16,843)	(\$11,601)	(\$197)	(\$12,575)	(\$14,166)	\$0
Night at the Museum	(\$796)	(\$528)	(\$395)‡	(\$695)	\$0	\$0
Memberships	\$0	\$0	(\$289)	(\$588)	(\$130)	(\$874)
Holiday Bazaar	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Appeal / Donations^	(\$212)	(\$2,146)	(\$1,993)	(\$1,166)	(\$568)	(\$522)
On Par for DuPage	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$24,617)
Hope and History	(\$828)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenses Sub Total	(\$76,055)	(\$60,621)	(\$71,155)	(\$62,181)	(\$65,939)	(\$77,194)

Report Totals	\$17,200	\$574	\$2,373	\$17,329	\$31,651	\$11,682
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*2017 Night at the Museum expenses and revenue are included in the membership line item

^Does not include final totals (some expenses and additional revenue in January of the following year)

†The 2020 annual appeal saw a 360% increase due to the generosity of patrons during COVID-19 pandemic.

‡Night at the Museum was canceled in 2020, however, some expenses were still incurred.

Note for 2017-2019 Budgets: In 2012, Pratapas consulted for the Foundation for \$21,734.74. The amount represented 50%, the rest to be paid in 2017-2019, one-third each year.

Appendix

Appendix 1: Testimonials

January 9, 2022, Email from Visitor

"I just want to thank you for the great exhibits that are at the DuPage County Historical Museum. I was so glad to make it to the ghost town exhibit this past month."

Jared K.

January 14, 2022, Facebook Review



January 22, 2022

Social Butterfly and Exploring Life in Early DuPage Programs

"The scout programs were really fun this morning! We had 13 scouts attend. They were wonderful, they had a lot of great questions about our exhibits and building, and they enjoyed the tea party and thought of lots of great ways to start conversations. They were very sweet and a few of them wrote me thank you notes at the end during our thank you note part of the program. Emily, the scout leader, said she appreciated all of our communication and that she was very happy with the program and with having a chance to get the troop together in person for an activity."

Emily R., Scout Leader

February 5, 2022

Victorian Valentines Event Attendee

"Thanks so much for the event! Really impressed with the level of supplies and space available. The staff was incredibly helpful and polite – would love to come back next year!"

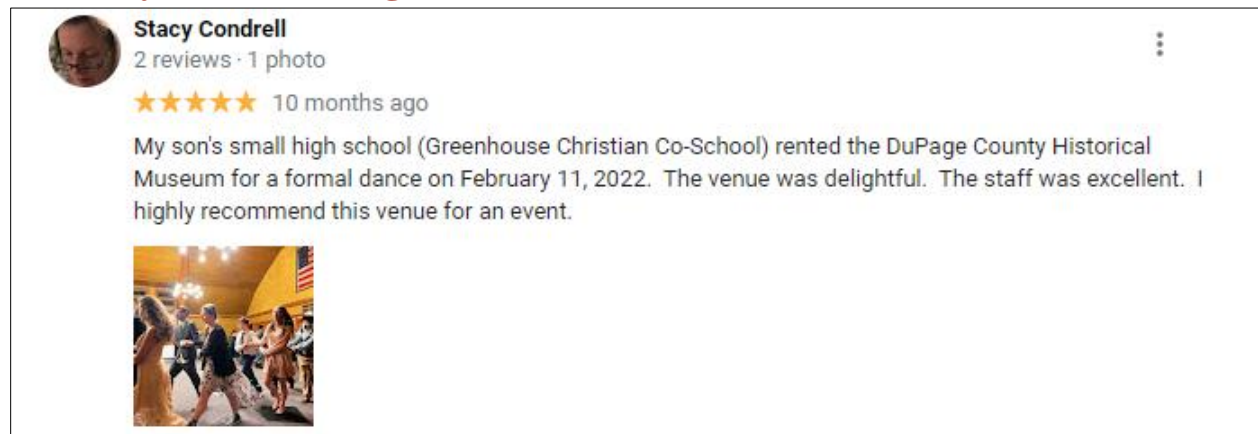
Christine, Visitor

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March 3, 2022



February 11, 2022, Google Review



March 6, 2022

Recognizing Trailblazers: Confident and Courageous Event Attendee

"Thank you so much for having this, that was a lovely event. Michelle is awesome, you guys are so lucky to have her."

Don, Visitor

Appendix 1: Testimonials

March 20, 2022, Email from Girl Scout Leader

Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2022 9:52 PM
To: Michelle Podkowa
Subject: Re: Girl Scout Volunteer Opportunity

Michelle,

My apologies for the delayed response to your beautiful thank you! We had such a nice time at the event. It was very well organized, in such a beautiful space, and the girls really enjoyed the opportunity to assist in welcoming guests and to help recognize such impressive, impactful women.

It was delightful to see how excited and how kind people were around the cookie sales. I hope that did not create an unwelcome distraction. The girls were so happy to sell cookies to folks who genuinely seemed to appreciate the cookies and the girls.

Thank you so much for the invitation, Michelle! It was truly an honor to be asked to help. Please be in touch if future opportunities arise to help out at your museum.

Warmest wishes to you this spring,
Julia

May 21, 2022, Tour Attendee

Contact DuPage County Historical Museum	
Your Name	Meg G
Your E-mail Address	
I am interested in... (select all options that apply)	Other
Your Message	We went on the architecture tour today and it was wonderful. Thank you for finishing the talk at the museum because of the rain!

May 25, 2022, Tour Attendee

Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2022 8:22 AM
To: Erin Fairhead
Cc: Michelle Podkowa
Subject: A note of thanks

Erin,

Thank you so much for guiding a wonderful tour for us on Saturday afternoon! We truly enjoyed it despite the rain. We appreciated the historical & architectural insights. Our guests thought it was the perfect way to spend a rainy afternoon!


After the tour we took your recommendations & stopped at the Ivy for a cocktail & to check out the beautiful stained glass, then we headed to the Popcorn Shoppe for treats on our ride home.

You are a wonderful tour guide!

Many thanks,
Lauren

Appendix 1: Testimonials


May 2022, Google Review

**Ryan Barba**
Local Guide · 204 reviews · 170 photos

★★★★★ 10 months ago

If you have a kid who loves trains, be sure to visit here. Lots of great displays on DuPage County History.


July 2022, Google Review

**Renato Martins**
Local Guide · 389 reviews · 2,461 photos

★★★★★ 8 months ago

Excellent place for students and kids. Important to know about Dupage region. Don't forget to go downstairs to see railroads in miniature.

August 2022, Google Review

**pisica vesela**
Local Guide · 287 reviews · 229 photos

★★★★★ 5 months ago





Nice and informative little museum, it has a great model railroad in the basement.

Visited on
Weekday

Wait time
No wait

Reservation recommended
No

Price for adult entry
Free



Appendix 1: Testimonials

October 3, 2022, Email from Camp Parent

From: Sarah A
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 10:00 AM
To: Michelle Podkova <mpodkova@wheatonparks.org>
Subject: Re: All Aboard Train Camp

Michelle,

Congratulations and welcome back!!!! Soren and Hans were THRILLED to attend this year.

November 22, 2022, Email

Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 12:36 PM
To: Erin Fairhead <efairhead@wheatonparks.org>
Cc: Michelle Podkova <mpodkova@wheatonparks.org>
Subject: Re: Alpha Phi Meeting 11/10

From all of us at DuPage Valley Alpha Phi,

Thank you so much for putting together the presentation of "Women at the Turn of the Century". It was very fascinating from beginning to end. It was put together really well and you are an eloquent speaker.

We continued to talk about it at the restaurant after our visit. One of our members is also a member of the Glen Ellyn Women's Club and she's considering having her group come to the historical museum for a visit too.

Thank you again.

Lori S

Appendix 2: Education

Tour and Program Group Demographics

Group/Organization	Type	Program	Location
Girl Scout Troop 56395	Scouts	Daisy and the Girl Scouts	Wheaton
Rolling Meadows Park District	Tour	Self-Guided	Rolling Meadows
Girl Scouts	Scouts	Girl Scout Traditions	Carol Stream
Bear Scouts Pack 3618	Scouts	Marble Madness	Oak Lawn
Winfield Library	Presentation	Underground RR in DuPage County	Winfield
Girl Scout Troop 55543	Scouts	Early Life, Social Butterfly	Naperville
WDSRA	Special Rec	Self-Guided	Carol Stream
Indian Prairie Library	Presentation	Immigrants in DuPage County	Darien
Girl Scout Troop 55754	Scouts	History Detectives	Wheaton
NEDSRA	Special Rec	Self-Guided	Addison
St. Charles Park District	Tour	Museum Tour	St. Charles
Daisy Troop, 1st Grade	Scouts	Daisy Tea Party	Glen Ellyn
Spec Rec Central Lake County	Special Rec	Self-Guided	Vernon Hills
Girl Scouts	Scouts	Social Butterfly	Glen Ellyn Wheaton
Girl Scout Troop 56495	Scouts	Daisy Tea Party	Wheaton Winfield
Girl Scout Troop 56395	Scouts	Daisy Tea Party	Wheaton
Cub Scout Pack 61	Scouts	Family Stories Collections Marble Madness	Wheaton
NEDSRA	Special Rec	Self-Guided	Addison
Glenbard North Transition	Special Rec	Self-Guided	Wheaton
Girl Scouts	Scouts	Badges Through the Years	Naperville
Girl Scout Troop 55671	Scouts	Exploring Life in Early DuPage County	W Chicago Carol Stream
Villa St. Benedict	Presentation	1960s Fashion	Lisle
Girl Scouts Wheaton District 200	Scouts	Daisy Tea Party	Winfield
Girl Scouts	Scouts	Social Butterfly	Glen Ellyn
Daisy Troop, 1st Grade	Scouts	Daisy Tea Party	NA
Ray Graham	Tour	Self-Guided	Lombard
Architectural Walking Tour	Tour	Walking tour of downtown Wheaton	Schaumburg
Daisy Troop 56434, St. Michael's	Scouts	Daisy Tea Party	Wheaton
Madison Explore More Day	School	Calligraphy, Farming in the 1900s	Wheaton
The Radcliff	Presentation	1960s Fashion	Wheaton
Classical Schoolhouse	School	Living History and Timeless Toys	NA
St. John Lutheran School	School	Transportation Day Field Trip	Lombard
Carol Stream Public Library	Presentation	Ghost Towns of DuPage County	Carol Stream
Carmel Montessori Academy	School	Self-Guided	Wheaton
Wheaton College	School	Self-Guided	Wheaton
Architectural Walking Tour	Tour	Museum Tour	Wheaton
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WDSRA	Special Rec	Self-Guided	Carol Stream
Architecture Walking Tour	School	School Field Trip	Lombard
Junior Girl Scouts	Scouts	Life in Early DuPage County	Carol Stream
Girl Scouts	Scouts	Daisy Tea Party	NA
Girl Scouts Troop 55646	Scouts	Social Butterfly	Naperville
UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago	Tour	Self-Guided	Villa Park
Seguin	Tour	Self-Guided	Lombard
Alpha Phi Alumni	Presentation	Before They Could Vote	NA
Carol Stream Public Library	Presentation	DuPage County in World War II	Carol Stream
Awesome Life Academy	Tour	Self-Guided	Naperville
Girl Scout Troop 56017	Scouts	Badges Through Years, Tea Party	Glen Ellyn
Hinsdale South High School	School	Career week	Darien

Appendix 2: Education

2022 Educational Programs

- ❖ Tanks Support at D-Day – Omaha Beach with Steven Fixler
- ❖ Valentine Craft To-Go Kit
- ❖ Victorian Valentines x2
- ❖ Recognizing Trailblazers: Confident and Courageous Women Who Shaped DuPage
- ❖ *Together We Win* Last Chance Virtual Tour
- ❖ Architectural Walking Tour
- ❖ Victorian Crafts
- ❖ Louisa May Alcott with Leslie Goddard
- ❖ Sandburg's *Chicago Poems*: Empathy for Others and a Meaningful Sense of Place with Professor John Hallwas
- ❖ Census Data: More Than Just A Population Count with Janis Forte with the DuPage County Genealogical Society
- ❖ The Mystery of Nancy Drew with Leslie Goddard
- ❖ Between Two Comets: The Life of Mark Twain with Terry Lynch
- ❖ “Leapin’ Lizards” Craft Workshop
- ❖ Historic Portrayal: Sherlock’s Match with Wheaton Public Library
- ❖ Fiction Book Discussion: *The House of Broken Angles* by Luis Alberto Urrea with Wheaton Public Library x3
- ❖ DuPage County Historical Society’s Annual Meeting and Centennial Awards Presentation
- ❖ C.S. Lewis and the Marion E. Wade Center: Wheaton’s Connection to Britain with Wheaton Public Library
- ❖ Holiday Card Craft To-Go Kit
- ❖ Christmas Crafting from Grandma’s Kitchen with Culinary Historians of Northern Illinois
- ❖ Trains, Models, and History with DuPage Society of Model Engineers
- ❖ Santa Express x5

Appendix 3: Honors



November 18, 2021

Ms. Michelle Podkowa
Museum Educator
DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation
102 E. Wesley St.
Wheaton, IL 60187

Dear Michelle,

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Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you that your grant application has been selected for funding. This year it is being funded through one of DuPage Foundation's donor-advised funds. As part of our Community Needs Grant Program process, the Foundation regularly offers our donor-advisors the opportunity to review the grant applications that we receive. We do this in an effort to inform local donors about the needs in the community, to introduce them to the many organizations that apply to us, and to engage donor-advisors in helping us boost the level of grant support that is provided through our grant process.

This year, in response to your grant application, a donor-advisor recommended a \$2,500 grant from the History DuPage Fund, a donor-advised fund of DuPage Foundation, to acknowledge and celebrate local authors, past and present, and to discuss iconic literary works and their influence in DuPage.

*When you publicize this grant, please list it as a donation from the History DuPage Fund of DuPage Foundation. **If you wish to send a note to the donor-advisor, you may send it to us and we will forward it.***

Please review, sign and upload the grant agreement to your account by November 29 to indicate 1) that there have been no changes in your organization's IRS status, 2) your agreement to the terms of the grant, and 3) that all funds will be spent for charitable purposes.

At the conclusion of your grant or by November 1, 2022, whichever occurs first, you will be required to complete a final report. The final report is an opportunity for your organization to reflect upon the challenges and successes you have experienced related to this grant and will provide DuPage Foundation with valuable information to evaluate the impact of our grantmaking in the community. The Community Needs final report form should be completed and submitted through your online account.

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In addition, your organization confirms 1) that this grant does not fulfill the payment of any pledge or other financial obligation, 2) that no goods or services of value will be provided to the donor or to the Foundation as stipulated by Internal Revenue Service regulations and our agreement with the donor, and 3) that, in compliance with the Executive Order 13224 and the Patriot Act, no funds provided by The DuPage Community Foundation, d/b/a DuPage Foundation, will be used to support terrorist activity nor to promote or engage in violence, terrorism, or bigotry

On behalf of the donor-advisor and the DuPage Foundation Board of Trustees, I am pleased to forward this grant and hope it will further your mission. If you have any questions regarding this grant, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barb Szczepaniak".

Barb Szczepaniak
Vice President for Programs

P.S. Please share the news about your grant on social media and don't forget to tag DuPage Foundation.

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Illinois Department of Natural Resources

One Natural Resources Way Springfield, Illinois 62702-1271
www.dnr.illinois.gov

JB Pritzker, Governor
Colleen Callahan, Director

February 15, 2022

Michael Benard,
Executive Director
Wheaton Park District
102 E. Wesley Street,
Wheaton, IL 60187

Re: FY 2021 Museum Capital Grant Program
Masonry Stabilization and Gutter Rebuild – DuPage County Historical Museum
Grant # MC 21-036 – \$750,000

Dear Mr. Benard:

This letter is to inform you that the above referenced project has been approved at the dollar amount indicated above. The quality of your plans to enhance museum opportunities for Illinois' citizens is recognized by your selection in this year's very competitive selection process.

Soon you will be contacted by a Grant Management Administrator from the Office of Grant Management and Assistance with detailed information and instructions concerning implementation of your project and program compliance responsibilities. Do not proceed with your project or incur any costs until you have received these instructions and have a fully executed Grant Agreement.

Congratulations on being a successful applicant and thank you for your dedicated efforts to improve cultural and educational opportunities in Illinois.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Eicken".

Gary K. Eicken
Chief
Office of Grant Management and Assistance

GKE/af

cc: Cinnamon Catlin-Legutko, Illinois State Museum

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November 17, 2022

Ms. Emily O'Brien
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This year, in response to your grant application, a donor-advisor recommended a \$2,500 grant from the History DuPage Fund, a donor-advised fund of DuPage Foundation, to support the Roaring Elgin: A Trip on the Chicago, Aurora and Elgin Railway exhibit that explores the history and significance of the railway in DuPage County.

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Barb Szczepaniak
Vice President for Programs

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Appendix 4: Personnel

Volunteer Hours

Volunteer Name	Started	2022 Hours
Ashton Bishop	2018	14
Zachary Bishop	2014	4
Peter Dioro	2022	2
Larry Kmiecik	2015	40
Sophia Moody	2022	18.5
Craig Passley	2014	32
Blake Podkova	2010	13
Kent Smith	2021	8
Avry Tower	2016	8
Girl Scout Troop	2022	10
Totals		149.5



DPSME Member Tom Schneider



Ashton Bishop and Zach Bishop



DPSME Member Forest Andrews



Peter Dioro



DPSME Members: Tom Schneider, Mark Malik, Norman Brockmeier, and Forest Andrews

Six libraries hosting 'Neighbors Together' to promote Literacy DuPage's tutoring program



Laila Lalami

Submitted by Bobbi Burgstone Updated 1/28/2022 11:42 AM

Six public libraries in DuPage County -- Addison, Indian Prairie, Itasca, Naperville, Westmont, and Wheaton -- are collaborating on a one-community, two-book program series called "Neighbors Together" to promote Literacy DuPage's one-to-one English language tutoring program in attracting learners and tutors and to highlight the diversity of the county.

In February, each library will host a book discussion on the fiction title, "The Book of Unknown Americans" by Cristina Henriquez and/or the nonfiction title, "Conditional Citizens" by Laila Lalami.

Additional immigration-themed events are also being offered.

Members of all libraries are welcome to participate in any of the programs or book discussions. Please note the libraries' registration policies. Some events are held in person and some online.

For more information about these interesting topics, visit literacydupage.org (<https://literacydupage.org/>).

Literacy DuPage in Glen Ellyn serves DuPage County adults of all ages, nationalities, and social backgrounds, who seek assistance in improving their English speaking, comprehension, reading, and writing skills, allowing them to be more independent and successful at home, at work, and in the community.

Some students are native English speakers, yet most are immigrants.

To become a volunteer, make a donation, or gain more information, call Literacy DuPage at (630) 942-5217 or visit www.literacydupage.org (<http://www.literacydupage.org>).

Neighbors Together

Throughout the month, a "Neighbors Together" drop-in program will be held in the lobby of local libraries. Stop by the lobby to see how you can volunteer. Literacy DuPage recruits and trains volunteer tutors who teach adults English. Since 1972, they have been equipping a big-hearted army of tutors to sit side-by-side with adults in DuPage County who cannot understand, speak, read, or write English.

The schedule will be: 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 1 and 15, at Indian Prairie Public Library, 401 Plainfield Road, Darien; 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, at Addison Public Library, 4 Friendship Plaza; 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at Westmont Public Library, 428 N. Cass Ave.; 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, at Itasca Community Library, 500 W. Irving Park Road; and 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, at Wheaton Public Library, 225 N. Cross St.

Appendix 5: Marketing

In-person programs

- "Nonfiction at Night" will feature a discussion on the 2020 book "Conditional Citizens" by Laila Lalami from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, at Indian Prairie Public Library. For readers who like captivating true stories and thoughtful conversations. Pick up books at the checkout desk. Registration (<https://ippl.libcal.com/event/8319609>) required.
- Have a story or experience from your life that you would like to write but don't know where to begin? Are you looking to document your family's migration to the U.S., whether it was in the distant or more recent past? Join College of DuPage Associate Professor Trina Sotira for "Writing Your Story: A Memoir and Creative Nonfiction Workshop" to discuss storytelling methods and ways to make your experience come alive on the page from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at Indian Prairie Public Library. A writing workshop is included in this event. Registration (<https://ippl.libcal.com/event/8429976?hs=a>) is required.



Cristina Henríquez -

- On Wednesday, Feb. 16, join a discussion on the 2014 book "The Book of Unknown Americans" by Cristina Henríquez from 7 to 8 p.m. at Addison Public Library.
- The Novel Idea Book Discussion is for readers who like to delve into a novel's characters, plot, setting, and themes. This month's book is "The Book of Unknown Americans" (2014) by Cristina Henríquez. Pick up the book at the guest services desk. The discussion will be 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, at Indian Prairie Public Library. Registration (<https://ippl.libcal.com/event/8319617>) is required.
- On Wednesday, Feb. 23, join a discussion on "The Book of Unknown Americans" (2014) by Cristina Henríquez at 1:30 p.m. at Westmont Public Library.

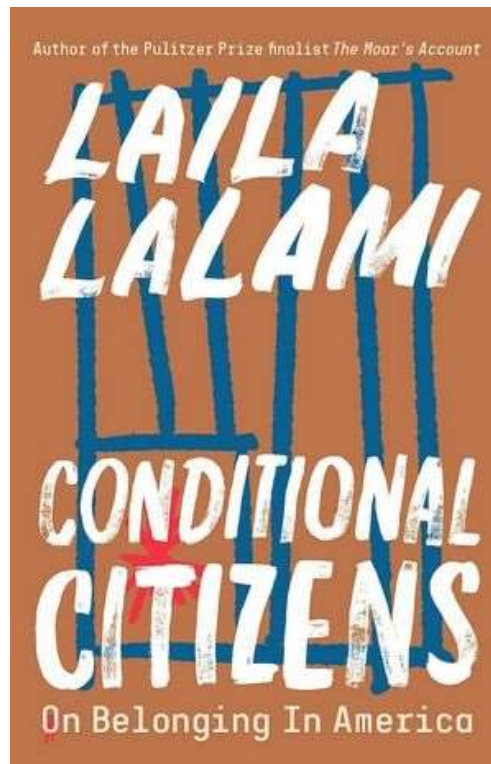
In-person/online

- On Thursday, Feb. 10, learn about the history of immigration to the United States and recent legal updates in the presentation "History of U.S. Immigration" by Fred Tsao, senior policy counsel of the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, at 7 p.m. at Addison Public Library. Registration (<https://addisonlibrary.libcal.com/event/8473756>) is required. There are 12 in-person seats available. There are 94 online seats available. This program will be streamed on YouTube Live and Facebook Live.

Online programs

- On Sunday, Feb. 6, DuPage County Historical Museum curator Zachary Bishop will explore the rich history of immigrants in DuPage County from the 1830s through the present day. The online program, "Many Journeys, One New Home: Immigrants in DuPage County" will be 2 to 3:30 p.m., hosted by Indian Prairie Public Library (<https://ippl.libcal.com/event/8473391>).
- How can the community welcome refugees and other immigrants effectively? What are the benefits of helping refugees rebuild their lives in the communities we all share? Itasca Community Library will host the online (<https://events.itascalibrary.org/event/8497016?hs=a>) program, "Building a Welcoming Community" with World Relief from 7 to 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7. Learn more about how World Relief supports newly arriving refugee families, our local response to the crisis in Afghanistan, and how we can all come together to build and grow a welcoming community.
- On Tuesday, Feb. 8, Indian Prairie Public Library will host the online program (<https://ippl.libcal.com/event/8408582>), "Family Detention on the Ground" from 7 to 9 p.m. In this 60-minute presentation, Megan Klein discusses her experience as a Proyecto Diley volunteer at the largest detention facility for migrant women and children in the United States. The presentation centers around the stories of the women and children that she advocated for in an effort to situate the topic of immigration in the individual migrants themselves. Klein encourages questions and discussion at the end of the presentation. It is an Illinois Humanities Road Scholars Speakers Bureau program.

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"Conditional Citizens" by Laila Lalami

- In partnership with Literacy DuPage and several area libraries, join an online (<https://napervillepl.librarycalendar.com/events/neighbors-together-book-discussion>) discussion of Laila Lalami's book "Conditional Citizens: On Belonging in America" from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, hosted by Naperville Public Library.
- On Monday, Feb. 14, a panel of faculty and staff from the College of DuPage will use Laila Lalami's book "Conditional Citizens" as a framework for leading a discussion and answering questions about immigration in America. The online (<https://ippl.libcal.com/event/8477934>) panel discussion, hosted by Indian Prairie Public Library, will begin at 7 p.m.
- Itasca Community Library will host an online (<https://events.itascalibrary.org/event/7618553?hs=a>) discussion on the 2014 book "The Book of Unknown Americans" by Cristina Henríquez at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, 7 p.m.
- America's rich history is full of stories of people leaving their homelands in search of a better future. Join "Literacy DuPage Immigrant Experiences" to hear immigrants share their experiences with coming to this country during this online (<https://ippl.libcal.com/event/8424541>) program, hosted by Indian Prairie Public Library, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24.
- What does it mean to be American? In "Conditional Citizens: On Belonging in America," Pulitzer Prize finalist Laila Lalami recounts her unlikely journey from Moroccan immigrant to U.S. citizen, using it as a starting point for her exploration of American rights, liberties, and protections. The online (<https://wheatonlibrary.org/events/nonfiction-book-discussion-o>) book discussion, hosted by Wheaton Public Library, will begin at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28.

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These Illinois museums received a total of \$19.7 million in state capital investments

By FOX 32 DIGITAL STAFF | Published March 9, 2022 | [Illinois](#) | FOX 32 Chicago

ILLINOIS - Thirty-six Illinois museums will receive a total of \$19.7 million in state capital investments to improve their facilities and develop new exhibits, [Gov. JB Pritzker](#) announced Wednesday.

According to a news release from Pritzker's office, The investments are made possible through the Illinois Public Museum Capital Grants Program, funded by the governor's bipartisan Rebuild Illinois capital program, the first in nearly a decade.

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"Rebuilding Illinois means investing in all types of infrastructure that improve communities and the quality of life for local residents. That includes an investment in the museums that protect our cultural heritage and offer unique programs and events for visitors to enjoy," Pritzker said. "I am pleased to see the array of improvements and exhibits that will happen as a result of our 2022 Public Museum Capital Grants, made possible through the Rebuild Illinois capital program."

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According to the release, the Illinois Public Museum Capital Grants Program, administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, is open to any museum operated by local government or located on municipally owned land. The maximum grant award for projects is \$750,000, and matching funds are required in many cases based on museum attendance levels, the release states.

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"Museums are an important economic driver and point of pride in communities throughout Illinois," said Colleen Callahan, director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. "Providing funding for capital improvements and exciting new exhibits helps to create jobs, attract more visitors, and boost local tourism."

The following received the capital grants, divided by county:

Cook County

Arlington Heights Park District, 1908 Banta House Porch Restoration – \$30,000
Chicago Academy of Science, Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum – \$750,000
Chicago Children's Museum, Cleaner Air / Health and Safety Project – \$572,500
Chicago History Museum, exterior building improvements – \$750,000
Chicago Zoological Society, Seven Seas roof replacement – \$666,600
Art Institute of Chicago, Michigan Avenue lobby, window removal and replacement – \$750,000
Garfield Park Conservatory, Child Wild Nature Exploration Garden – \$749,500
Glenview Park District, The Grove Interpretive Center Phase 2 exhibits – \$375,000
Holocaust Memorial Foundation of Illinois, genocide exhibition – \$750,000
Lincoln Park Zoo, capital improvements – \$750,000
Museum of Science and Industry, parking garage exhaust fan system replacement – \$200,000
National Museum for Mexican Art, Project Green Room: Setting the Stage for World Class Performing Arts – \$750,000
Park Ridge PD, Wildwood Nature Center, Forestview renovation – \$750,000
Schaumburg PD, Spring Valley Nature Center-Heritage Farm – \$700,000

DuPage County

DuPage Children's Museum, "Questioners: Think. Question. Read. Play!" exhibit – \$302,700
Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, Mayslake Peabody Estate – \$750,000
Elmhurst Art Museum, roofing and HVAC renewal – \$750,000
City of Elmhurst, community performance venue – \$698,500
Itasca Park District, Springbrook Nature Center improvements – \$375,000
Naperville Heritage Society, Naper Settlement Digital Experience Welcome Zone – \$749,700
Wheaton Park District, DuPage County Historical Museum – \$750,000

Kane County

Dundee Township Park District, Randall Oaks Zoo Small Animal Building – \$750,000
Elgin Area Historical Society, Nancy Kimball Cobblestone House project – \$64,200
St. Charles Park District, Primrose Farm Agricultural Lab – \$750,000

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Lake County

Lake County Forest Preserve District, Bess Bower Dunn Museum of Lake County, HVAC system modifications – \$161,100

Lake/Cook counties

Buffalo Grove Park District, The Raupp Museum, educational gardens – \$226,500

McHenry County

Crystal Lake Park District, Nature Center – \$363,000

McLean County

City of Bloomington, Katthoefer Animal Building small exhibits, basement renovation – \$750,000

Champaign County

Champaign County Forest Preserve District, Museum of the Grand Prairie, Discovery Garden – \$726,900

Rock Island County

Rock Island County Forest Preserve District, Niabi Zoo Prairie Dog Exhibit – \$436,100
City of Rock Island, Quad City Botanical Center Children's Garden Phase III – \$750,000

Sangamon County

Springfield and Central Illinois African History Museum (City of Springfield), African American History Museum expansion – \$662,545
City of Springfield, Kidzeum STEAM Center – \$355,400

Winnebago County

Rockford Art Museum, D/E Riverfront Museum Park HVAC replacement project – \$301,000
Rockford Park District, Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum – \$104,000
Discovery Center Museum of Rockford, capital improvement project – \$433,200



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IDNR Public Museum Capital Grants Naper Settlement



NAPERVILLE – Three local museums are set to receive more than \$1.8 million in Public Museum Capital Grants, State Senator Laura Ellman (D-Naperville) and State Representative Janet Yang Rohr (D-Naperville) announced on Friday.

“Local museums and exhibits provide priceless, hands-on learning opportunities for families in our community,” Ellman said. “I’m pleased to see investment in these invaluable institutions right here in our back yards. These grants will create jobs and preserve our museums for future generations to enjoy.”

The Illinois Public Museums Capital Grants Program, overseen by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, is open to any museum operated by local government or located on municipally owned land. Public museums are eligible to receive up to \$750,000 through the program, and matching funds may be required based on museum attendance levels.

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"Not only do our museums offer fun and immersive educational opportunities, they bring families from across Illinois to our community—driving the local economy and boosting tourism," Yang Rohr said. "We are lucky to have these fantastic institutions in our community, and I'm glad to see them receive this well-deserved investment."

The following local museums were selected to receive grants:

- The DuPage Children's Museum - \$302,700 to create a "Questioners: Think. Question. Read. Play!" exhibit
- Naperville Heritage Society - \$749,700 for a Naper Settlement Digital Experience Welcome Zone
- Wheaton Park District - \$750,000 for restoration and stabilization of historic masonry in the DuPage County Historical Museum

More information about the Illinois Public Museum Capital Grants Program is available [online](#).

Ellman is also encouraging residents interested in visiting local museums to reach out to her district office to access her museum resource education card. Use of the card is completely free, and constituents may check out the card for two consecutive days to admit the cardholder and three guests to many local institutions. A full list of participating institutions can be viewed on Ellman's [website](#), and her office can be reached at 630-601-9961. Interested residents are asked to reserve the card three business days in advance of their anticipated visit.

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DuPage County Historical Museum wins grant for building improvements

By My Suburban Life staff report

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While the masonry and gutters of the DuPage County Historical Museum building in Wheaton will be funded by

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WHEATON – The Wheaton Park District recently was awarded a \$750,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to pursue a project aimed at stabilizing the masonry and rebuilding the gutters of the DuPage County Historical Museum building in Wheaton.

The historic 1891 building originally housed the Adams Memorial Library and currently houses historical exhibits, artifacts and archives that help tell the story of the county's history, according to a news release. The museum is operated as a facility of the Wheaton Park District and is owned by the county.

The grant will be issued through the IDNR's Museum Capital Grant Program.

"The quality of your plans to enhance museum opportunities for Illinois' citizens is recognized by your selection in this year's very competitive selection process," Gary Eicken, chief of the IDNR's Office of Grant Management Assistance, wrote in a letter to Wheaton Park District Executive Director Michael Benard. "Congratulations on being a successful applicant and thank you for your dedicated efforts to improve cultural and educational opportunities in Illinois."

The museum is at 102 E. Wesley St. in Wheaton.

"The much-needed building repairs to the DuPage County Historical Museum, enabled by this generous grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, will allow county residents and visitors to continue benefiting greatly from the museum's exemplary programs and exhibits for years to come," Benard said in the release.

To learn more about the museum, visit dupagemuseum.org.

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DuPage County Historical Museum honors Women Trailblazers



DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation member Melody Coleman, third from right, and museum manager Michelle Podkova, left, join the four veterans honored at the "Women Trailblazers" event March 6, from left, Sonia Falk, Lynetta Smith, Sonya Ebhotemen, and Mary Reed.
(Courtesy of DuPage County Historical Museum)

By Ann Piccininni
DuPage County Historical Museum

Posted 3/28/2022 12:01 PM

The achievements of four Black women veterans were celebrated March 6 at the DuPage County Historical Museum in observance of Black History Month and Women's History Month.

DuPage County Board member Greg Hart and state Rep. Terra Costa Howard were in attendance for the program, titled, "Recognizing Trailblazers: Confident and Courageous Women Who Shaped DuPage."

The Wheaton museum partnered with the Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital's Confident and Courageous Program to honor the following DuPage County veterans:

- Sonya Ebhotemen, U.S. Marine Corps., E-3 Lance Corporal
- Sonia Falk, U.S. Army, Military Police
- Mary Reed, U.S. Air Force, Lieutenant Colonel
- Lynetta Smith, U.S. Navy, Petty Officer 3rd Class

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DuPage County Historical Museum honors Women Trailblazers

The event highlighted women's groups that have empowered women over several generations of DuPage County history, including the Naperville Woman's Club, which is celebrating its 125th anniversary, and the Fort Payne Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The afternoon event began with a Pledge of Allegiance led by Boy Scout Life Scout Peter Dioro after guests were ushered into the museum auditorium by members of a local Girl Scout troop.

After a welcoming by Museum Manager and Educator Michelle Podkova, the audience heard from Confident and Courageous' Sonya Ebhotemen about the origins of the Confident and Courageous program and its plan to launch nationally.

DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation member Melody Coleman, who was instrumental in planning the event, announced the honorees.

This event marked the first Recognizing Trailblazers event at the museum.

"These four wonderful women are just the beginning. We know there are many, many more women veterans and we hope having this initial event will connect us with more veterans of all ages during war and peace times across DuPage who wish to have their stories told and recorded for future generations," Podkova told the crowd.

Also in attendance were local author and historian Glennette Tilley Turner, Naperville Woman's Club and the Fort Payne Chapter of the DAR who talked with guests during the reception part of the event. The reception was sponsored by Arrowhead Golf Club.

A video of the program is available at dupagemuseum.org (<https://dupagemuseum.org/>).

For more information about upcoming programs and exhibits at the DuPage County Historical Museum, visit dupagemuseum.org (<http://dupagemuseum.org>) or follow www.facebook.com/dupagemuseum (<http://www.facebook.com/dupagemuseum>)

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Train Saturdays

DuPage County Historical Museum 102 E Wesley St, Wheaton, IL

The HO Gauge Model Train is operated by the DuPage Society of Model Engineers on the third and fifth Saturday of each month. The model features a detailed layout that covers 2,000 feet of track and highlights some of DuPage County's railroads and landmarks in a landscape that blends fact and fantasy.

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See how trains, models, and history come together at free Nov. 19 event



Celebrate the world of trains during National Model Railroad Month with a special presentation on the history of the DuPage Society of Model Engineers and their partnership with the DuPage County Historical Museum. (*Courtesy of DuPage County Historical Museum*)

By Ann Piccininni

Posted 11/16/2022 11:35 AM

Wheaton Park District

Trains have played a major role in how DuPage County was established and how it has evolved. And model trains have long been an integral part of how the DuPage County Historical Museum celebrates county history.

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See how trains, models, and history come together at free Nov. 19 event

The museum has enjoyed a 57-year partnership with the DuPage Society of Model Engineers, a liaison that has allowed visitors to catch a 3-D glimpse of what trains mean to the area.

The model is loosely based on the county's landscape with a fanciful twist.

The Batmobile, Superman, and even a dinosaur bone excavation appear in the miniature depiction of the county.

Join in a celebration of that relationship and the DuPage Society of Model Engineers' history on Saturday, Nov. 19, when the museum presents "Trains, Models, and History."

The free program, open to the public, begins at 12:30 p.m. in the museum auditorium, 102 E. Wesley St., Wheaton.

The society's HO Gauge Model Railroad layout, covering more than 2,000 feet of track, will be running after the event during the society's traditional Train Saturday.

Train Saturdays are on every third and fifth Saturday of the month for the public to view and ask the group questions.

Museum visitors can operate the trains at other times via remote button outside the exhibit room.

The partnership was first created in 1965 when the group's president, Bill Stroner, approached the museum's director, Margaret Dunton, with the idea. DuPage Society of Model Engineers meets 8 to 10 p.m. Wednesdays to operate and maintain the exhibit. New members are welcome. Contact museum manager Michelle Podkova with inquiries at mpodkova@wheatonparks.org or come to the Nov. 19 event.

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See how trains, models, and history come together at free Nov. 19 event

The "Trains, Models, and History" event on Nov. 19 is being held during National Railroad Month. The model trains will be operated for visitors to view after the event.

To register for this free event, visit dupagemuseum.org (<http://dupagemuseum.org>).

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By [Jen Banowetz](#)

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EXHIBIT CELEBRATES LOCAL AUTHORS



Who knew Little Orphan Annie has roots in Lombard?

You can learn more about her creator as well as other area fiction writers at *Stories of DuPage: Reading Between the Lines*, an exhibit running through March 25 at the DuPage County Historical Museum (102 E. Wesley St., Wheaton). "The exhibit explores how these authors' experiences in DuPage may have influenced their lives and the stories they wrote, even subconsciously," explains Emily O'Brien, museum curator. "Authors such as Harold Gray, the original cartoonist for *Little Orphan Annie*; Marguerite Henry, the author of the beloved children's book *Misty of Chincoteague*; and Timothy Zahn, author of the popular *Star Wars* spinoff trilogy *Thrawn*, are just a few examples of the 15 fiction authors who are featured."





Other locals showcased include Glennette Tilley Turner, an Underground Railroad historian who also has penned nine children's books (*An Apple for Harriet Tubman* and *Running for Our Lives*); Jeffery Deaver, best-selling thriller author of more than 40 novels; Mary Doria Russell, whose *A Thread of Grace* was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize; and Emily Griffin, lawyer-turned-author with 11 novels that have sold a total of 12 million copies worldwide.

"What I found most surprising while working on this exhibit was truly how many well-known authors there were from DuPage County," O'Brien says. "Growing up out of state, I didn't necessarily expect to recognize as many authors from DuPage County as I did. It really showed how far-reaching some of these authors are."



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The exhibit explores its themes through photographs, books, author and book memorabilia, quills, typewriters, and other writing equipment. “My favorite thing is the layers of relatability it has to visitors at the museum,” O’Brien says. “On one hand, you’re localizing authors that many visitors may have known through [the writers’] work to a much more intimate and personal experience of living within DuPage County. It gives visitors a chance to reorient themselves to their favorite stories, like *Misty of Chincoteague*, and look at it from a different perspective than before. Suddenly there are new connections being made between them and their favorite books that may not have been there before knowing the author grew up right next door.”



Although all of the featured authors have lived in DuPage County, only two of the books on display are set there. “*Downers Grove* is a coming-of-age thriller novel that takes place in Downers Grove and is heavily influenced by Michael Hornburg’s own teenage years there,” O’Brien says. “*The Girl Who Owned a City* is a dystopian novel that takes place in Glen Ellyn, where O.T. Nelson grew up, and highlights what life would be like for children growing up in a world without adults. Both of these books draw heavily from the authors’ experience as DuPage County residents.”

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GHOST TOWNS OF DUPAGE COUNTY

Through June 11

DuPage County's communities grew rapidly from the 1830s to today, evolving from rural communities to thriving suburbs. Some communities disappeared over time due to changing modes of transportation, the construction of new neighborhoods and institutions, and other factors. This exhibit will explore the County's ghost towns and why residents left them.

STORIES OF DUPAGE: READING BETWEEN THE LINES

June 11, 2022-March 25, 2023

Several DuPage County residents have penned nationally regarded novels and other fictional works, such as *Anne and the King of Siam* and the *Little Orphan Annie* comic strip. *Stories of DuPage* explores the lives and careers of these authors, examining how their DuPage roots shaped the stories they told.

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STORIES OF DUPAGE: READING BETWEEN THE LINES

June 11, 2022-March 25, 2023

Several DuPage County residents have produced popular works that influenced American culture on the national level. While living in Lombard in 1920, cartoonist Harold Gray began writing and drawing the *Little Orphan Annie* comic strip about a plucky young orphan who adopted by the benevolent "Uncle Daddy". *Verbalized* The comic appeared in newspapers across the country. *Little Orphan Annie* would go on to inspire radio shows, movies, and the 1977 musical *Annie* and its subsequent film adaptations.

In 1934 Wheaton College graduate Margaret London published *Anne and the King of Siam*. London based the book on the life of educator Anne Leonovena, who was invited by King Mongkut of Siam (Thailand) to teach his children in the 1880s. London learned about Leonovena's story during her time as a missionary in Thailand in the late 1920s and 1930s. *Anne and the King of Siam* became the basis for Rodgers and Hammerstein's famous musical *The King and I*, first performed in 1951.

Stories of DuPage features several other DuPage authors from the early 20th century to the present day. These authors include the renowned poet Carl Sandburg (1878-1967), who wrote two books of children stories while living in Elmhurst in the 1920s; children's author and long-time Wayne resident Margaret Henry (1902-1997); science fiction writer and Lombard native Timothy Zahn (b. 1951); novelist and Naperville resident Lisa Roberts Lewis (b. 1953); and many others.

The exhibit further looks at the history of literary genres, iconic literary works that impacted DuPage residents, and books set in DuPage County.

The exhibit is presented with the help of a \$2,500 donation granted to the DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation by the History DuPage Fund of the DuPage Foundation. These funds help cover the cost of supplies and programming.

Stories of DuPage: Reading Between the Lines opens on June 11, 2022 and runs until March 25, 2023.

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

The Illinois Association of Museums awarded an *Award of Excellence for Exhibits* to the DuPage County Historical Museum in February 2021 in recognition of the 2019-2020 exhibit *Home Sweet Home: Agriculture and Life in DuPage County*.

The Awards Committee was impressed with the Museum's collaboration with other museums and experts and the variety of programs offered in conjunction with the exhibit.

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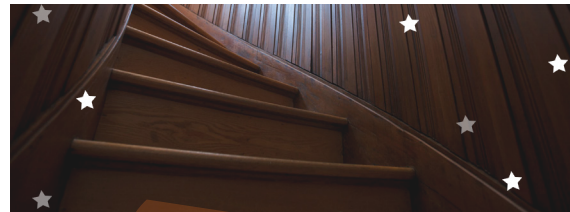
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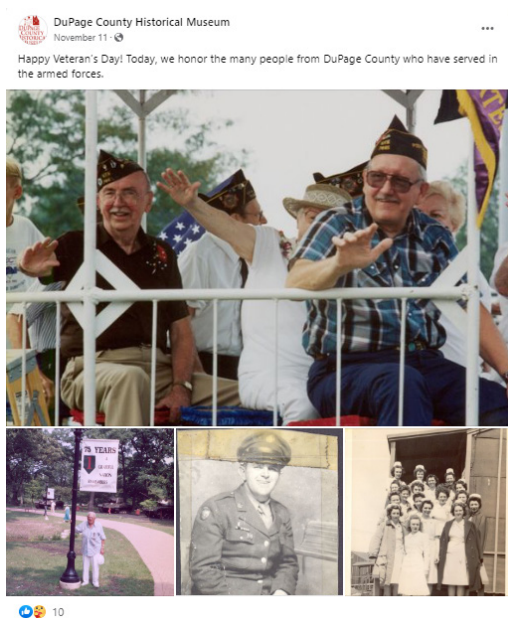
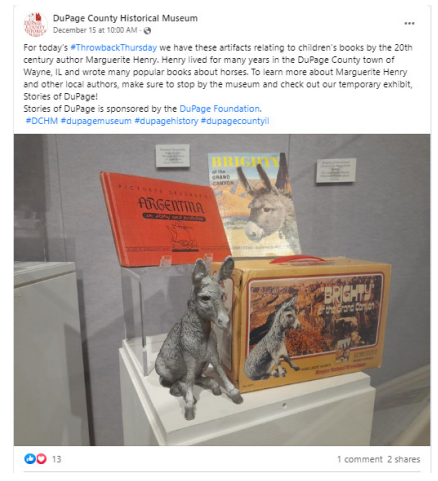
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NEWSLETTER

FALL/WINTER 2022

CELEBRATING FAMILY

ERIN FARBER | EDUCATION ASSISTANT

This edition of the Museum newsletter focuses on family. It's a celebration of family history at the center of everything we do here at the Museum. Family is history.

After a busy summer and fall at the DuPage County Historical Museum, we have officially settled into the beginning of the winter season. As the days have grown shorter and weather has turned, almost all of our staff members have experienced transitions within their families. Some have welcomed new babies while others have ushered children up a grade at school. Our newest staff member helped his family send off his youngest sibling to college. These changes and new chapters help us look forward to spending time with our loved ones as the year winds down.

At the Museum, we not only collect the stories of the families who have shaped DuPage County throughout history, we tell the families who live here today at the center of much of what we do.

In October, we enjoyed gathering with our local families and visitors at our annual October Fest and Night at the Museum events. We helped our youngest visitors learn more about:

Night at the Museum

October Fest

NEW GRANT

The museum received \$2,500 from the History DuPage Fund of the Chicago Foundation to pay for the River Sign, a sign on the Chicago Avenue and Ogden Railway station and programming in 2023. This fund also supports our Museum and helps us to fulfill our mission to educate and engage with the public through the exhibition of our collection and related programming.

DuPage County Historical Museum

STAY CONNECTED!

#dpgmuseum @dpgmuseum

Your Fall/Winter newsletter has arrived. In this issue, you'll find:

- Celebrating Family
- New Grant
- Manager's Musings & Curator's Corner
- Upcoming Events & Exhibits featuring Mad Fore Plaid on January 20

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New exhibits, programs and trains

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Fall AT THE MUSEUM

Programs

Historic Portrayal: Sherlock's Match

Wednesday, August 3 | 7P
Virtual | Free

Meet Irene Adler, the only woman able to outsmart Sherlock Holmes. Laura Keyes of Historic Voices recounts their meeting and the profound impact Irene had on the detective's life and career. This event is a partnered event with the Wheaton Public Library.

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Make your year-end gift

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After a busy summer and early fall at the DuPage County Historical Museum, we are settling into the holiday season. As we reflect on the past year, our staff members have experienced transitions within their families. Some have welcomed new babies while another sent off his youngest sibling to college. These changes and new chapters help us look forward to spending time with our loved ones as the year winds down.

We share our family stories with you at the Museum, because we not only collect the stories of the families who have shaped DuPage County throughout history, we keep the families who live here today at the center of much of what we do.

In October, we enjoyed gathering with local families and visitors at our annual October Fest and Night at the Museum events. We helped our youngest visitors learn more about DuPage County authors while getting creative at a "Leapin' Lizards" Craft Workshop, with crafts inspired by three authors featured in our Stories of DuPage exhibit.

Can we please count on you to become "part of the family" so we can continue to share the 180 years of DuPage County history with a tax-deductible gift to the DuPage County Historical Museum?

As we enter a season of gathering with our loved ones, it is important that we recognize our gratitude for the families and visitors, new and regular, who have made the Museum a part of their gatherings this year. From birthday parties to summer camps to craft workshops and all of the moments in between, we are happy that your families have made the DuPage County Historical Museum a part of your stories.

Come out and enjoy October Fest!

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OCTOBER FEST

Family Friendly Event!

Saturday, October 1 | 4:30-10P

- FREE Admission* -

Central Athletic Complex
500 S Naperville Rd, Wheaton IL

Beer Garden

- Sam Adams Octoberfest
- Revolution Octoberfest
- Angry Orchard Cider
- Coors Light
- White Claw
- Wine (while supplies last)

Themed Food

- Rainbow Cone Food truck
- Pierogi Rig Food Truck
- Brats
- Hotdogs
- Burgers
- Pretzels

Kids Crafts & Rides

Live Music

Member Benefits Include Presale Access to Santa Express Tickets!

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EXPLORERS Club

There's more to explore at the DuPage County Historical Museum with an Explorers Club membership

Members receive exclusive premium benefits including:

- Free admission to the **Night at the Museum Halloween Party** on Friday, October 21st featuring *Hotel Transylvania*
- Early-bird access to Santa Express tickets (Date to be announced)
- Extended hours to select Train Saturdays
- Discounts on Museum-run camps and birthday parties
- Free or discounted admission to 300+ museums and historical organizations*

Memberships are valid for one year from date of purchase and include the selected number of children and two adults. Children must be part of the same household.

*Members receive free or discounted admission to more than 300 Time Travelers participating organizations across the country. Visit the Time Travelers website for a list of participating organizations: timetravelers.mohistory.org

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