

Chicago History Museum

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**CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM CALENDAR OF EVENTS
July, August, and September 2011**

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General Museum Information

Location: 1601 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60614

Public Information: Call 312-642-4600 or visit www.chicagohistory.org

Hours: **MUSEUM HOURS**
Monday – Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 12 Noon – 5:00 p.m.

NORTH & CLARK CAFÉ
Monday – Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Sunday 12 Noon – 4:00 p.m.

RESEARCH CENTER HOURS
Through August 2011
Tuesday – Friday 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
CLOSED SATURDAY-MONDAY

Beginning September 6, 2011
Tuesday - Friday 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
CLOSED SUNDAY & MONDAY

Admission:

GENERAL ADMISSION

\$14 Adults

\$12 Seniors, Students

FREE Children 12 years and under and Chicago History Museum members

Admission to the Research Center: \$5 daily fee or \$15 annual membership.

Starting July 2011, we will be offering a **new schedule of Discount Days** which will provide free admission to visitors. Discount Days replace free Mondays to maximize opportunities for visitors, especially those unable to visit us on Mondays. Discount Days at the Museum are on:

- Tuesday, August 23 - Wednesday, August 24
- Monday, September 12 - Friday, September 16
- Monday, September 19 - Friday, September 23
- Monday, September 26 - Friday, September 30

Exhibitions/Installations

Ongoing

Chicago: Crossroads of America

Explore Chicago's changing economy, challenging crises, diverse neighborhoods, groundbreaking innovations, and lively cultural scene. Wander through these galleries to discover legendary stories, from the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 to Riverview Park or the renowned rivalry of the Cubs vs. Sox.

Ongoing

Sensing Chicago

History is beautiful, noisy, rough, stinky, and delicious. In this gallery, children use their five senses to explore Chicago, uncover its past, and discover that history is all around them.

Ongoing

Imagining Chicago: The Dioramas

The beloved dioramas feature Chicago's rise from a desolate frontier outpost to the bustling city that hosted the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893.

Ongoing

My Chinatown

The Chicago History Museum's first-ever multimedia theatre experience is driven by the personal experiences of the people who made Chinatown their home and keep its traditions alive. The exhibition provides visitors an insider's look at this unique and vibrant Chicago neighborhood.

Ongoing

Facing Freedom

Based on the central idea that the history of the United States has been shaped by conflicts over what it means to be free, this permanent exhibition uses images, artifacts, and interactivity to explore familiar and not-so-familiar stories from the nation's past. From women's suffrage and the formation of unions, to Japanese internment, to a local school boycott, the exhibition highlights some of the ways Americans have struggled over the true meaning of freedom.

Ongoing

Lincoln Park Block by Block

The community exhibition takes a fresh look at an extraordinary neighborhood from the opening of Chicago's first public beach in 1895 to the riots of the late 1960s.

Ongoing

Abraham Lincoln and Lincoln's Chicago

Portraits and personal stories of Chicagoans are paired with richly detailed views of the city as it appeared in the 1860s when Lincoln would have traveled here. It also highlights the key events of Lincoln's presidency: his election in 1860, the Civil War, and his tragic assassination.

Ongoing

Unexpected Chicago

Let history surprise you. The Museum will feature a new artifact on display each month handpicked by the Museum's curators. The selections come from the Museum's collection of more than 22 million artifacts.

Ongoing

Out in Chicago

The exhibition shows how the evolution of these Chicago communities against the backdrop of the dynamic forces that shaped Chicago's development. *Out in Chicago* is one exhibition of a continuing series addressing Chicago neighborhoods and communities.

Special Museum Events

Sat., Sept. 24
Sun., Sept. 25

Haymarket Weekend

On May 1, 1886, tens of thousands of laborers in Chicago went on strike as part of a nationwide effort to secure an eight-hour workday. What followed was a series of protests, riots, deaths, and injustices—moments that are now ingrained in Chicago history. 125 years later, the events and trial that took place remain as controversial as ever. This September, we'll revisit the Haymarket Affair by touring and learning about what really happened.

- **The Haymarket Affair**

To commemorate the 125th anniversary of the Haymarket labor protests and riots, Paul Durica leads this bus and walking tour taking participants to sites connected to the Haymarket Tragedy, its prelude, and its aftermath. Participants will have the option to end their tour at Haymarket Pub and Brewery at Randolph and Halsted. **Sat., Sept. 24. Bus tour runs 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (\$45) Walking tour runs 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (\$15)**

- **Guilty! Rethinking the Haymarket Trial—125 Years Later:**

Historian Timothy Messer-Kruse speaks about his new book, *The Trial of the Haymarket Anarchists: Terrorism and Justice in the Gilded Age*, reexamining the infamous trial of eight anarchist leaders for the bombing at Haymarket square in Chicago in 1886. **Free with Museum admission. Sun., Sept. 25. 2:30 p.m.**

Public Programs

Sun., Jul. 10
Sun., Aug. 7
Sun., Sept. 18

Project Sunday

This documentary film series is FREE with museum admission. All films begin at 1:30 p.m.

- **July 10: Beer Wars**

Join us for a no-holds-barred exploration of the truth behind the label of your favorite brew. Told from an insider's perspective, *Beer Wars* exposes the battles that dominate the U.S. beer industry. 90 minutes. After the film, purchase a craft beer at the North & Clark Café and enjoy a discussion led by the Association of Beer Vixens.

- **August 7: Star Wars: The Legacy Revealed**

Star Wars is a global phenomenon, but did you know that the story is deeply rooted in world history? Using footage from interviews, historical content, and movie clips, this film takes a look at the historic inspirations for the series and its modern-day impact. 155 minutes.

- **September 18: Made in L.A.**

Made in L.A. is an Emmy Award-winning feature documentary that follows three Latina immigrants working in Los Angeles garment sweatshops as they embark on a three-year odyssey to win basic labor protections from trendy clothing retailer Forever 21 and are subsequently transformed by the experience. 90 minutes. Part of our Haymarket commemoration.

Tues/Wed., Jul. 12 & 13
Tues/Wed., Jul. 19 & 20
Tues/Wed., Jul. 26 & 27

Children's Films

All films are shown at 10:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. in Rubloff Auditorium. FREE with Museum admission (kids 12 and younger are free). Groups of 10 or more must make a reservation. Call 312.642.4600.

- July 12 and 13: **Charlotte's Web**, rated G
- July 19 and 20: **How to Train Your Dragon**, rated PG
- July 26 and 27: **Toy Story**, rated G

Thurs., Aug. 25

Children's Film Special Showing

Join the Chicago History Museum and the Oz Park Advisory Council for a special anniversary screening of *The Wizard of Oz* in Oz Park, located at the corner of Webster Avenue and Burling Street. Free admission. No reservations are required. Movie begins at dusk.

Wed., Jul. 13

Wed., Aug. 10

Wed., Sept. 7

Movies in the Park

Movies begin at dusk on the Uihlein Plaza. It is recommended to come early as space fills up quickly. Bring your own chairs, blankets, food and beverages in non-glass containers. This program is presented in collaboration with the Chicago Park District's Movies in the Parks series. Free admission.

- July 13: **Ferris Bueller's Day Off**
- August 10: **Sixteen Candles**
- September 7: **The Breakfast Club**

Sun., Sept. 11

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

In the K/Now

This monthly series, moderated by journalist Laura Washington, explores contemporary issues affecting life in Chicago. Free admission.

- **9/11: A Decade Later:** Contemporary American history has now been defined as pre-September 11th and post-September 11th. Join us for a special discussion where we examine the impact of September 11th (lessons learned and lessons lost) and how we as individuals and Chicagoans have changed.

Off-Site Guided Tours

Bus Tours

Tours meet at the Chicago History Museum, unless otherwise noted. It is recommended to arrive 15 minutes prior to the scheduled tour time. **Reservations required.** Tickets are \$45 or \$115 for three and run 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Sat., Jul. 16

A Wright Kind of History

Frank Lloyd Wright perfected his Prairie Style here in the Chicago area. But this famous craftsman was as well known for his ego and tragic personal life as for his professional accomplishments. Historian Al Walavich leads this journey of buildings that played a part in Wright's long and storied life.

Sat., Jul. 23

Sat., Aug. 6

Sat., Sept. 10

Devil In The White City

Experience the excitement of life in 1893 Chicago on this popular tour based on Erik Larson's best-selling book. Follow the trails of Daniel Burnham and learn about the devilish doings of H.H. Holmes.

Sat., Jul. 30

Inside Five Houses of Devotion

Join architectural historian Rolf Achilles on a visit to five of Chicago's most glorious spiritual sites. Discover the intersection of worship, art, and architecture while touring the interiors of churches and synagogues.

Sat., Aug. 20

Fabulous Fountains of Chicago: They're Cool!

Public fountains come in many forms—large and small, old and new, traditional and modern, active and passive—and are located across the city. Cool off this summer on a tour of the history and architecture of the city's notable fountains led by fountain-fan Bill Hinchliff.

Sat., Aug. 27

Out in Chicago

Chicago's LGBT communities are a rich part of our city's past. Join *Out in Chicago* curator Jill Austin for a tour of historical sites, including Hull-House, Henry Gerber's residence, and the Belmont Rocks.

Sat., Sept. 17

Beverly Hills

Following the Great Chicago Fire and with the arrival of the commuter service, housing boomed in Beverly. This architecture-rich neighborhood boasts every American house style built between 1844 and World War II, including homes by Frank Lloyd Wright and Walter Burley Griffin as well as the Givins Castle—one of the icons of the neighborhood. Join Sharon Sylvester as you take a tour of this beautiful, tree-filled, architecturally significant and wonderfully diverse community.

'L' Tours

Select Sundays, all tours begin at 1:00 p.m. and last approximately two to two and half hours. Meet at the Concierge Desk of the Palmer House Chicago, 17 E. Monroe. Ticket price includes a one-day CTA transit pass. \$16, \$11 Members. **Reservations are required.** Walk-ups cannot be accepted.

Sun., Jul. 10

Sun., Aug. 7

Sun., Sept. 11

Brown Line

Thread through the treetops between historic buildings, back porches and pocket yards, and learn about the broad ethnic heritage, farming history and noteworthy architecture of Chicago's north-side neighborhoods.

Sun., Jul. 17

Sun., Aug. 14

Sun., Sept. 18

Green Line South

Ride Chicago's oldest 'L' and retrace the urban expansion that created the dynamic South Side, home to mansions and public housing, railroads and stockyards, decline and rebirth. We'll stop and stroll once or twice to visit Bronzeville and the Illinois Institute of Technology campus.

Sun., Jul. 24

Sun., Aug. 21

Green Line West

Learn about West-Side neighborhoods, whose common residents include heavy-duty industries, railroads and old factories, alongside some of the city's gems. The tour will visit a few sites along the way, such as the historic Garfield Park Conservatory and Oak Park.

Sun., Jul. 31

Sun., Sept. 25

The Loop 'L'

Greg Borzo, author of *The Chicago 'L,'* leads this journey of the Loop L. The tour includes commentary about stations and buildings along the route and amazing photographic opportunities. Please be prepared for 1.5 miles of walking.

Sun., Aug. 28

Blue Line

Long before the Blue Line ran to O'Hare, it was the most ambitious of the city's original 'L' lines. Travel above and below ground through the renovated "Paulina Connector," Pilsen and Wicker Park, and learn about the history of the subways.

Walking Tours

Spend a morning enjoying the outdoors and learning more about your city. \$15, \$10 Members. All tours meet at the Museum unless otherwise specified.

Sat., Jul. 9

Sat., Aug. 6

Sat., Sept. 10

Sat., Sept. 24

10:00 a.m.-noon

Glitzy Gold Coast

Whisk away to a time when Chicago's rich and famous caroused on the coast. Learn about the city's early history, founders, public art, and architecture.

- Sat., Jul. 9
Sat., Aug. 6
Sat., Sept. 10
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
- Out in Lakeview**
At the turn of the 20th century, Lakeview was a burgeoning suburb full of affordable single family homes. The construction of Wrigley Field made the neighborhood a destination. And in the 1970s, the area started to blossom thanks to the arrival of LGBT businesses. Come explore the history and architecture of what is the country's first officially recognized gay neighborhood.
- Sat., Jul. 16
Sat., Aug. 27
Sat., Sept. 17
10:00 a.m.-noon
- The Old Town Trek**
From Germans to hippies to yuppies, Old Town has seen an assortment of residents come and go. Discover the neighborhood's colored past and vibrant present.
- Sat., Jul. 23
Sat., Aug. 27
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
- Out in Andersonville**
Andersonville was settled in the 1850s by Swedish immigrants. Local lesbians began claiming it as their own in the 1980s, and today the area is home to a thriving LGBT community. Join us on an exploration of the rich history of one of the city's oldest neighborhoods.
- Sat., Jul. 23
10:00 a.m.-noon
- Saturdays in the Park: Lincoln Park**
Join us for a two-mile walk through Lincoln Park. Visit the Park's gardens, explore its best-known statues, and learn about the Lincoln Park Zoo.
- Sun., Jul. 24
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
- Bohemian National Cemetery**
Known as the city's "Garden of the Dead", Bohemian National Cemetery contains one of Chicago's finest collections of funerary art. It spans 126 acres and was founded as a final resting place for persons of Czech descent. Meet at 4001 N. Clark Street.
- Sat., Jul. 30
Sat., Aug. 20
Sat., Sept. 24
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
- Saturdays in the Park: Oz Park**
Stroll down the yellow-brick road. Learn the history of Oz Park and Chicago's influence on the creation of L. Frank Baum's beloved story. Meet at the corner of Webster Avenue and Burling Street. Presented in collaboration with the Oz Park Advisory Council.
- Sun., Aug. 21
1:00-3:00 p.m.
- Rosehill Cemetery, Part One**
Explore one of the city's most notable cemeteries. This tour covers the east section of Rosehill, including the graves of Civil War soldiers and Victorian-era Chicagoans. Meet at 5800 N. Ravenswood Avenue.
- Sun., Sept. 18
- Rosehill Cemetery West, Part Two**
Al Walavich guides you through the west side of Rosehill Cemetery, home to the first communal mausoleum in the region. This western section of the cemetery also contains examples of contemporary ethnic burial sections and the crypts of Jane Brickhouse, Charles Gates Dawes, Richard Sears, and Montgomery Ward. Meets at the cemetery's west entrance—5600 N. Western.
- Bike Tours**
Sun., Jul. 10
Sun., Aug. 21
Sun., Sept. 11
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- All tours meet at the Northwest Corner of Adams and LaSalle Streets.
Ride like the Devil
Cycle into Chicago's past, discovering the fascinating history behind the 1893 world's fair. This 20-mile tour is led by Greg Borzo, author of *Where to Bike Chicago*, and includes stories about Daniel Burnham's buildings and H.H. Holmes' devilish doings. Participants must be able to maintain a pace of 12 to 14 mph. Helmets are mandatory, no exceptions. BYOB (bring your own bike) and helmet. Tickets are \$25, \$20 Members.

Boat Tours

The Chicago History Museum is pleased to partner with Chicago Line Cruises for a series of entertaining boat tours that help you soak up Chicago's past.

Sun., Jul. 17
6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Exploring Chicago's Yeast Side: A History of Beer

Before Milwaukee became the beer capital of the Midwest, there was Chicago. Bill Savage leads this excursion through the city's golden age of beer, brewing, and drinking culture. Staff from Two Brothers Brewing provides an assortment of beers and guides guests through each brew. \$55, \$50 members: ticket price includes beer tastings.

Sun., Aug. 28
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Devil in the White City

Trace the lakefront sites of the 1893 world's fair and the devilish doings of H. H. Holmes on this tour based on Erik Larson's bestseller. Includes snacks from the fair and other surprises. \$45, \$40 members: an optional \$18 open-bar ticket is available for purchase on the tour.

Sun., Sept. 18
6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Prost, Oktoberfest!

Join us for an historic celebration of one of fall's greatest events, Oktoberfest. Learn about early German history in the Windy City and the origins and cultural connections of Oktoberfest. Includes beer provided by Spaten Brewery and live music featuring the Johnny Walker band. Don't forget to wear your lederhosen! \$60, \$55 members.

Pub Crawl Tours

Meeting locations of pub crawls are provided when tickets are purchased. Ticket price does not include beverages.

Sun., Jul. 24
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The World Tour

You asked for it, now you've got it! Pack your passport for this extended pub crawl. Globetrot by trolley to taverns representing countries across the world. Learn about the history of the nations visited and communities in Chicago today. \$45, \$40 members.

Thurs., Aug. 11
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

And Action! Saloons on the Screen

Focus your gaze on the reel Chicago. Moviemakers and television producers have used the city's taverns as backdrops for famous films and shows. On this trolley tour, discover our cinematic history while visiting Chicago's favorite on-screen saloons. \$30, \$25 members.

Thurs., Sept. 22
Thurs., Sept. 29
7:00-10:00 p.m.

Oktoberfest! German Pubs of Chicago

Whether you prefer lagers, bocks, or kolsch, this tour will make you say prost! This crawl explores the heart of German Chicago and discusses German immigration and contributions to the city. If you can't be in Munich this Oktoberfest, you should be with the Chicago History Museum! \$30, \$25 members.

Kayak Tours

All tours paddle approximately six miles and last about three hours. No experience required. Single kayak and tandems are available for all tours. Tickets are \$60, \$55 members.

Sat. & Sun. in Jul., Aug
& Sept. (except for Jul. 2 & 3)
10:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M.

Paddle into the Past

Paddle into the past as you kayak along the architectural canyons of the Chicago River and learn about the city's history. This guided tour is a workout for the brain and the body.

Sun., Jul. 31
Sun., Aug. 28
7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Sunset Paddle

This is the perfect way to spend a summer evening in Chicago!
Enjoy Chicago and the beautiful sunset as it reflects off the water and onto the buildings.

Wed., Aug. 3
7:13 – 10:45 p.m.

Fireworks Paddle

Join us for a night paddle on the Chicago River. This journey offers a unique perspective of Chicago's architecture against a backdrop of fantastic fireworks.

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The Chicago History Museum, a major museum and research center for Chicago and American history, is located at 1601 N. Clark Street. The Museum can be reached by CTA buses 11, 22, 36, 72, 151, and 156. Parking is conveniently located one block north of the Museum at Clark and LaSalle Streets (enter on Stockton Drive). Admission to the Museum is \$14 Adults with audio tour, \$12 Seniors, Students with audio tour, free for Children 12 years and younger.