

# ChicagoHistoryMuseum

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## MUSEUM COLLABORATES WITH LIBRARY OF CONGRESS TO PRESERVE STUDES TERKEL'S HISTORIC RECORDINGS

**WHAT:** The Library of Congress and the Chicago History Museum are collaborating on a multi-year project to digitize the Museum's collection of Studs Terkel book interview sound recordings and WFMT radio program recordings. The Museum acknowledges the generous support of the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation, for its part in assisting the Museum in making this important step in preserving history.

Studs Terkel, revered as the nation's leading and most prolific oral historian, amassed a wealth of stories in his more than fifty years as a radio host and Pulitzer Prize winning author. The project will digitize approximately 800 open reel and 1,350 cassette sound recordings of interviews conducted for Terkel's book projects. Approximately 6,000 hours of sound recordings of this radio programs donated to the Museum by Terkel and WFMT radio network in 1998 will also be digitized.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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Interview opportunities are available.

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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. Please call 312.642.4600 or visit us at [www.chicagohistory.org](http://www.chicagohistory.org). The Chicago History Museum is affiliated with the Chicago Historical Society and acknowledges the Chicago Park District's generous support of all the Museum's activities.

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