

# ChicagoHistoryMuseum

## **Sensing Chicago**

Did you know that history is beautiful, noisy, rough, stinky, and delicious? *Sensing Chicago*, the new children's exhibition, encourages children to use their five senses to explore Chicago's past.

### **Smell**

Children utilize a "Smell Map" to explore different scents and identify places and events in Chicago's history. Smell the Great Chicago Fire, while discovering that in just 36 hours, the fire destroyed 18,000 buildings, and 28 miles of wooden streets. Other smells and fun facts include chocolate, hot dogs, the prairie, steel mills, and wild onions that gave Chicago its name.

### **See**

Interactive technology allows children to see themselves in the past and learn the history of Chicago's eye-catching icons. Run the Chicago Marathon, ride the 'L', soar over Chicago's skyline, and be blown away by the Windy City.

### **Hear**

In the sound room, children hop on multi-colored spots that trigger a sound that coordinates with an image from Chicago's history. These floor sensors recreate the sounds of the Great Chicago Fire, a Southside jazz band, and the Union Stock Yard. After exploring the past, children can create a soundscape of today.

### **Touch**

Children can touch objects from Chicago's history to help them understand the difference between the past and today. Ride a high-wheel bicycle down Chicago's old bumpy wooden streets from the early 1900s, and cheer on the White Sox while sitting in seats from old Comiskey Park.

### **Taste**

Children discover the yummy history behind Chicago-style hot dogs, deep dish pizza, and other famous Chicago treats. A giant sized hot dog bun allows children to be a hot dog and pile on all the toppings or weigh a slice of deep-dish pizza against a slice of thin crust.

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