

If there is another history museum in the metropolitan Chicago area that you would like added to the *History Around Town* directory, please write to:

The President's Office
Chicago History Museum
1601 N. Clark St.
Chicago, IL 60614

A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum

Established to promote, honor and celebrate the legacy of A. Philip Randolph and contributions made by African-Americans to America's labor history.

Location:
10406 S Maryland Ave
Chicago, IL 60628
Mail: Hughes/Peterson Publishing
P.O. Box 6276
Chicago, IL 60680-6276
Phone: 773-850-8580
www.aphiliprandolphmuseum.org

Addison Historical Museum

A collection of local history featuring artifacts from Native American and German Lutheran populations, including farm implements, furniture, and medical tools.

Location:
135 Army Trail Blvd
Addison, IL 60101
Mail: One Friendship Plaza
Addison, IL 60101
Phone: 630-628-1433
E-mail: museum@addison-il.org
<http://www.addisonadvantage.org/History/HistoricalSite.htm>

American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (AHSGR) Northern Illinois Chapter

Founded in 1978 to bring together those members of the German population in Northern Illinois who had shared history in Russia.

Meeting Location:
Eden United Church of Christ

5051 W Gunnison St
Chicago, IL 60030
Mail: Keith Wiegel, Chapter President
374 Northgate Road
Lindenhurst, IL 60046
Phone: 847-245-8796
E-mail: KW77026@aol.com
<http://www.ahsgr.org/?NorthernIll>

American Indian Center

To promote the fellowship among Indian people of all Tribes living in metropolitan Chicago, and to create bonds of understanding and communication between Indians and non-Indians in this city.

Location:
1630 W Wilson Ave
Chicago, IL 60640
Phone: 773-275-5871
<http://www.aic-chicago.org>

Arlington Heights Historical Museum

Offers a variety of school and youth programs directed towards the hands-on learning of community history.

Location:
110 W Fremont St
Arlington Heights, IL 60004
Phone: 847-255-1225
<http://www.ahmuseum.org>

Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture

Features examples of Lithuanian coins, music and rare folk art prints, as well as the stories of important members of the community.

Location:
6500 S Pulaski Rd
Chicago, IL 60521
Phone: 773-582-6500
<http://www.balzekasmuseum.org/>

Barrington Area Historical Society

Highlighted by educational programs, a body of curriculum for 3rd graders focuses on local history with changing exhibits.

Location:

212 W Main St

Barrington, IL 60010

Phone: 847-381-1730

www.barringtonhistorymuseum.org/index.html

Bartlett Depot Museum

Interprets and shares the legacy of the community's railroading heritage with the public through exhibitions, education and media to increase awareness and knowledge of the past, present and future significance of the railroad industry in Bartlett.

Location:

100 W Railroad Ave

Bartlett, IL 60103

Phone: 630-837-0800

<http://www.villageofbartlettmuseums.org/DepMuse.html>

Bartlett History Museum

Strives to preserve Bartlett's landmarks, heritage and artifacts.

Location:

228 S Main St

Bartlett, IL 60103

Phone: 630-837-0800

<http://www.villageofbartlettmuseums.org/>

Bensenville Historical Society

Location:

900 West Wood Ave.

Bensenville, IL 60106

Phone: 630-238-1844

Berwyn Historical Society

Dedicated to collecting and preserving historical information about the city of Berwyn.

Location:

1241 Oak Park Ave

Berwyn, IL 60402

Mail: P.O. Box 479

Berwyn, IL 60402
Phone: 708-484-0020
E-mail: info@berwynhistoricalsociety.org
<http://www.berwynhistoricalsociety.org>

Bloomington Historical Society

Collects oral and written memorabilia pertaining to Bloomington.

Location:

101 Fairfield Way
Bloomington, IL 60108
Mail: 108 W Lake Street
Bloomington, IL 60108
Phone: 630-582-8101
Contact Name: Bonnie Homola
E-mail: hellobonnie@aol.com

Bloomington Park District Museum

Location:

108 S. Bloomington Road
Bloomington, IL
Phone: 630-339-3570
E-mail: bpdmuseum@bloomingtonparks.org
<http://www.bloomingtonparks.org/facilities/bpd-museum.htm>

Blue Island Historical Society

Created to establish and illustrate the growth and development of the Blue Island area through a variety of media.

Location:

Albee House
13018 Maple Ave
Blue Island, IL 60406
Phone: 708-371-8546
E-mail: events@blueislandhistoricalsociety.com
<http://www.blueisland.org/historical-society/>

Bolingbrook Historic Preservation Commission

Location:

375 W Briarcliff Rd
Bolingbrook, IL 60440
Phone: 630-226-8400

E-mail: bbhistprescomm@yahoo.com
<http://www.bolingbrookhistprescomm.org/>

Bronzeville Historical Society

To preserve, protect, collect and perpetuate the records of African Americans who live or lived in Chicago.

Location:

Douglas Tomb State Historic Site
Douglas Monument Park
636 East 35th Street
Chicago, IL 60616
Phone: 312-428-8033
E-mail: bronzevillehistoricalsociety@gmail.com
<https://bronzevillehistoricalsociety.wordpress.com/>

Brookfield Historical Society

Location:

8820 ½ Brookfield Ave
Brookfield, IL 60513-1602
Phone: 708-485-3420
E-mail: director@brookfieldhistory.org
<http://www.brookfieldhistory.org/index.htm>

Calumet City Historical Society and Museum

Established to preserve and celebrate the history of the Calumet City region. A museum has exhibits, research room, and monthly meetings. Hosts an annual heritage day at the 1836 log cabin in the fall.

Location:

760 Wentworth Ave
Calumet City, IL 60409
Mail: P.O. Box 1917
Calumet City, IL 60409
Phone: 708-832-9390
E-mail: calcithistory@aol.com
<http://www.calumetcityhistoricalsociety.org/>

Cambodian Association of Illinois

To enhance the cultural awareness as well as the self-sufficiency of Cambodian immigrants in the Chicago area.

Location:

2831 W Lawrence
Chicago, IL 60625
Phone: 773-878-7090
E-mail: info@cai-nationalmuseum.org
<http://www.cai-nationalmuseum.org/>

Carol Stream Historical Society

Founded to help celebrate the nation's bi-centennial and features a program entitled "I Remember When" to help visitors share in the past of the Carol Stream Area.

Location:

301 W Lies Rd
Carol Stream, IL 60188
Phone: 630-665-0686
E-mail: carolstreamhistorical@comcast.net
<http://www.carolstreamhistorical.com>

Chicago Jewish Historical Society

To discover, preserve and share information about the Jewish experience in the Chicago Area.

Location:

610 S Michigan Ave
Chicago, IL 60605-1901
Phone: 312-663-5634
E-mail: info@ChicagoJewishHistory.org
<http://chicagojewishhistory.org/>

Chicago Lawn Historical Society

Houses information and articles in the Chicago Branch Public Library.

Location:

6120 S Kedzie Ave
Chicago, IL 60629
Mail: 4043 W. 63rd St.
Chicago, IL 60629
Phone: 312-582-8778

Chicago Portage, Friends of

Friends of the Chicago Portage promotes the historic interpretation, ecological restoration and the appropriate development of the Chicago Portage National Historic Site through volunteer

advocacy, public events and other projects that raise public awareness of its history and significance.

Location:

Located in Portage Woods Forest Preserve
4800 S. Harlem Ave
Lyons, IL 60402
Mail: Friends of the Chicago Portage 1011 Lyon Ct.
Aurora, IL 60506
Contact Name: Gary Mechanic
Phone: 773-590-0710
E-mail: gbmechanic@gmail.com
<http://drupal.library.cmu.edu/chicago/>

Chicago Portage National Historic Site

Preserves the key historic site, *Chicago's Plymouth Rock*, that was treaded on by American Indians, the explorers Joliet and Marquette, and the eventual founders of Chicago. Located in Portage Woods Forest Preserve on the west side of Harlem Ave.

Location:

536 N Harlem
River Forest, IL 60305
Mail: I&M Canal NHC Civic Center Authority
PO Box 501
Willow Springs, IL 60480
<http://www.civiccenterauthority.org/pages/portsite.htm>

Crystal Lake Historical Society/The Colonel Palmer House

1858 Greek Revival House with cobblestone foundation. Society's Research/Archives room open to the public.

Location:

660 E Terra Cotta
Crystal Lake, IL 60039
Mail: P.O. Box 1151
Crystal Lake, IL 60039-1151
Phone: 815-455-1151
E-mail: info@cl-hs.org
<http://www.cl-hs.org>

Darien Historical Society

Location:

7422 South Cass Ave.
Darien, IL 60561-3608
Phone: 630-964-7033
<http://www.darien.il.us/Community/Historical-Society.aspx>

Deerfield Area Historical Society

Features preserved pioneer buildings and carriages, as well as a museum and store.

Location:

517 Deerfield Road
Deerfield, IL 60015-4450
Mail: P.O. Box 520
Deerfield, IL 60015
Phone: 847-948-0680
E-mail: deerfieldhistory@gmail.com
www.deerfieldhistoricalsociety.org

Des Plaines History Center

Facilities include the 1907 Kinder House museum, the 1916 Fisher-Wright house, and Visitor Center which houses local history archives, exhibits on Des Plaines history and a children's play room.

Location:

781 Pearson St
Des Plaines, IL
Phone: 847-391-5399
E-mail: contact@desplaineshistory.org
<http://www.desplaineshistory.org>

Downers Grove Park District Museum

Founded to preserve local history through a museum, volunteer preservation, a library and special events based on old-time themes.

Location:

Wandschneider Park
831 Maple Avenue
Downers Grove, IL 60515
Phone: 630-963-1309
<http://www.dgparks.org/places-to-go/the-museum>

DuPage County Historical Museum

Featuring a model railroad, a family room of the 1890's, and hand-washing activities for kids, the story of DuPage County History is being continually added to at the Museum.

Location:

102 E Wesley St

Wheaton, IL 60187

Phone: 630-510-4941

<http://www.dupagemuseum.org/>

DuSable Museum of African American History

Named after a Haitian fur trader, the Museum is dedicated to preserving the cultural and historic legacy of the African-American community in Chicago.

Location:

740 E 56th Pl

Chicago, IL 60637

Phone: 773-947-0600

<http://www.dusablemuseum.org/>

Edgebrook Historical Society

Founded to coincide with the Old Edgebrook Landmark District, the Society preserves artifacts and photos of the Old Edgebrook Landmark District and communities of Edgebrook, Sauganash, and Forest Glen.

Location:

6173 N McClellan

Chicago, IL 60646

Phone: 773-774-4651

E-mail: janstessl@aol.com

<http://www.edgebrookhistoricalsociety.com/>

Edgewater Historical Society

Founded after the Edgewater Centennial celebration, and dedicated to preserving the history of the area.

Location:

5358 N Ashland Ave

Chicago, IL 60640

Phone: 773-506-4849

<http://www.edgewaterhistory.org>

Ela Historical Society

Location:

95 E. Main Street
Lake Zurich, IL 60047-2415
Phone: 847-438-2086
E-mail: elahistorical@gmail.com
<http://www.elahistoricalsociety.com/home>

Elgin Area Historical Society**Location:**

360 Park Street
Elgin, IL 60120
Phone: 847-742-4248
E-mail: museum@elginhistory.org
www.elginhistory.org

Elmhurst Historical Museum

Explore the history of Elmhurst and more at this award-winning museum housed in the historic Glos Mansion built circa 1892. Featured exhibits include: permanent exhibits on the history of Elmhurst and the Glos Mansion, national traveling exhibits on a broad range of topics, and temporary exhibits of local interest.

Location:

120 E Park Ave
Elmhurst, IL 60126
Phone: 630-833-1457
www.elmhursthhistory.org

Ernest Hemingway Foundation Museum

Dedicated to the twenty years of his life that Ernest Hemingway spent growing as a writer in Oak Park.

Locations:

200 N Oak Park Ave
Oak Park, IL 60302
Mail: P.O. Box 2222
Oak Park, IL 60303
Phone: 708-524-5383
E-mail: ehfop@sbcglobal.net
<http://www.ehfop.org/>

The Ernest Hemingway Birthplace Home

339 N. Oak Park Ave
Oak Park, IL 60302
Mail: P.O. Box 2222
Oak Park, IL 60303
Phone: 708-455-3071
<http://www.ehfop.org>

Evanston History Center

Founded in 1898, the Charles Gates Dawes House is the centerpiece of the Center's efforts to preserve the history of the Evanston Community.

Location:

225 Greenwood St
Evanston, IL 60201
Phone: 847-475-3410
<http://evanstonhistorycenter.org/>

Filipino American Historical Society of Chicago

Location:

5472 S Dorchester Ave
Chicago, IL 60615
Phone: 773-947-8696

Flagg Creek Heritage Society

Visit the restoration of an 1856 farmhouse.

Location:

7425 S Wolf Road
Burr Ridge, IL 60527
Phone: 708-246-1064
E-mail: info@flaggcreekheritagesociety.com
www.flaggcreekheritagesociety.com

The Life and Times of Florence Kelley in Chicago, 1891-1899

This online archive is a project of the Northwestern University School of Law.

<http://florencekelley.northwestern.edu/>

Frances Willard House Museum

This home of the famous woman reformer has maintained many family heirlooms in the setting of her Gothic Revival Victorian home. The archives hold Willard's personal papers, and the records of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Location:

1730 Chicago Ave

Evanston, IL 60201

Phone: 847-328-7500

E-mail: info@franceswillardhouse.org

www.franceswillardhouse.org

Frankfort Area Historical Society

Displays local history and pioneer records, plus children's displays and artifacts.

Location:

132 Kansas St

P.O. Box 546

Frankfort, IL 60423

Phone: 815-469-6541

<http://www.frankforthisitoricalsociety.org/>

Franzosenbusch Heritage Project

Contains within its walls the c.1850's first Lutheran schoolroom and teacher's quarters in Proviso Township. Converted to a farmhouse in c.1860, the structure now features historic displays and natural resource information and serves as an orientation center for Wolf Road Prairie tours, programs and events.

Location:

11225 Constitution Dr

Westchester, IL 60154

Phone: 708-531-1851

<http://www.franzosenbuschheritagesociety.org/>

George S. Clayson House Museum

Dedicated to the collection and preservation of local history. Also features a cemetery walk.

Location:

224 E Palatine Rd

Palatine, IL 60078

Phone: 847-991-6460

<http://www.palatineparks.org/rccms/location/clayson-house-museum/>

Glen Ellyn Historical Society

The Society runs Stacey's Tavern Museum, as well as works to assign local landmarks with historic status.

Location:

800 N Main St.

Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Phone: 630-469-1867

E-mail: info@glenellynhistory.org

<http://www.gehs.org/>

Glencoe Historical Society

The Society preserves historic artifacts from the community of Glencoe, IL.

Location:

375 Park Ave

Glencoe, IL 60022

Phone: 847-835-0040

E-mail: info@glencoehistory.org

<http://www.glencoehistory.org/>

Glenview Area Historical Society

The museum features an 1864 farmhouse and a library of photos and artifacts from the Glenview area.

Location:

1121 Waukegan Rd

Glenview, IL 60025

Phone: 847-724-2235

www.glenviewhistory.org

Glessner House Museum

A house, controversial in its time, is used to look back on an era of urbanization in Chicago, through fashion trends, consumerism and industrial achievement.

Location:

1800 S Prairie Ave

Chicago, IL 60616

Phone: 312-326-1480

E-mail: info@glessnerhouse.org

<http://www.glessnerhouse.org/>

Graue Mill & Museum

Boasting the only operating water wheel gristmill in northern Illinois, the Museum also puts on milling, spinning and weaving demonstrations daily. The basement, once a stop on the Underground Railroad, now houses an exhibit of artifacts and documents relating to slavery and the Civil War.

Location:

3800 York Rd
Oak Brook, IL 60523
Phone: 630-655-2090
E-mail: info@grauemill.org
<http://www.grauemill.org>

Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum

Exhibits artifacts related to the history of Grayslake and the area.

Location:

164 Hawley St
Grayslake, IL 60030
Mail: P.O. Box 185
Grayslake, IL 60030
Phone: 847-223-7663
<http://www.villageofgrayslake.com/index.aspx?NID=385>

Great Lakes Naval Museum

The Great Lakes Naval Museum tells the history of the United States Navy with particular emphasis on the Navy's only "boot camp" at the Naval Training Station/Center at Great Lakes, Illinois. The museum serves as a visible reminder of the Navy's strong roots in the Midwest and the station's hundred-year history as a center of recruiting, training and pride.

Location:

US Naval Station
Building 42
610 Farragut Avenue
Great Lakes IL 60088
Phone: 847-688-3154
E-mail: glnm@navy.mil
<http://www.history.navy.mil/museums/greatlakes/index.htm>

Greater Harvard Area Historical Society

Established to display artifacts and history from military, school and farm life in the Harvard area.

Location:

308 N Hart Blvd
Harvard, IL 60033
Phone: 815-943-3614

Hellenic Museum & Cultural Center

To preserve and showcase the Greek-American immigrant experience, heritage, and art work.

Location:

333 S Halsted Street
Chicago, IL 60661
Phone: 312-655-1234
www.nationalhellenicmuseum.org

Highland Park Historical Society

Contains a collection of memorabilia on Walter Duhurban of "Walt's Workshop," a popular 1950's TV show.

Location:

494 Laurel Avenue
Highland Park, IL 60035
Phone: 847-432-7090
<http://highlandparkhistory.com/>

Hinsdale Historical Society

Until 1973, the history of the Hinsdale community was rotting away in various attics. The establishment of the Historical Society has served to bring together the memorabilia the region has to offer.

Location:

15 S Clay St.
Hinsdale, IL 60522
Mail: P.O. Box 336
Hinsdale, IL 60522
Phone: 630-789-2600
E-mail: info@hinsdalehistory.org
<http://www.hinsdalehistory.org>

Historic Pullman Foundation

Established to serve as a vehicle for preservation and restoration activities within the Pullman Historic District in Chicago, Illinois.

Location:

11141 S Cottage Grove Ave
Pullman, IL 60628
Phone: 773-785-8901
E-mail: foundation@pullmanil.org
<http://www.pullmanil.org/>

Historic Wagner Farm

Historical working farm that preserves and demonstrates the traditions and way of life of the early 20th Century American Dairy Farm.

Location:

1510 Wagner Road
Glenview, IL 60025
Phone: 847-657-1506
www.wagnerfarm.org/

Historical Society of Cicero at Cicero Public Library

Location:

5225 West Cermak Rd
Cicero, IL 60804
Phone: 708-652-8084

Historical Society of Forest Park/ Forest Park Public Library

Discover, collect, publicize and display material pertaining to the history of Forest Park.

Location:

1000 Elgin Ave
Forest Park, IL
Mail: P.O. Box 311
Forest Park, IL 60130
Phone: 708-232-3747
E-mail: forestparkhistory1975@gmail.com
<http://forestparkhistory.weebly.com/>

Historical Society of Oak Park & River Forest

Located on the second floor of the National Historic Landmark, Pleasant Home; Museum, Research Center, and Public Programs tell the story of the community with a focus on notable figures in the history of the Oak Park and River Forest area, including F.L. Wright, Ernest

Hemingway, Tarzan creator Edgar Rice Burroughs, and African American scientist Dr. Percy Julian.

Location:

217 Home Ave
Oak Park, IL 60302
Mail: P.O. Box 771
Oak Park, IL 60303-0771
Phone: 708-848-6755
E-mail: oprhistorymatters@sbcglobal.net
<http://www.oprfhistory.org/>

Homewood Historical Society

Features an 1891 house museum, public programs and bus tours.

Location:

2035 W 183rd St
Homewood, IL 60430
Mail: P.O. Box 1144
Phone: 708-799-1896
E-mail: wright1817@sbcglobal.net
<http://homewoodhistoricalsociety.com>

Hoosier Grove Museum

Originally built as a one-room schoolhouse in 1904 on the corner of Old Church and Barrington Roads, the museum now regularly features school programs.

Location:

700 W Irving Park Rd
Streamwood, IL 60107
Phone: 630-483-3137
E-mail: mbardoni@spdcare.com
<http://www.hoosiergrovemuseum.com>

Hyde Park Historical Society

Exhibits the history of the Hyde Park, Kenwood and Woodlawn communities of Chicago's South Side.

Location:

5529 S Lake Park Ave
Chicago, IL 60637
Phone: 773-493-1893

E-mail: info@hydeparkhistory.org
<http://www.hydeparkhistory.org/>

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center

Examines historical events of the Holocaust and WWII period, as well as exhibiting modern student reflection in the form of art and poetry.

Location:

9603 Woods Dr.
Skokie, IL 60077
Phone: 847-967-4800
E-mail: info@ilhmec.org
<http://www.ilholocaustmuseum.org/>

Illinois Labor History Society

The Illinois Labor History Society encourages the preservation and study of labor history materials of the Illinois Region, in order to arouse public interest in the profound significance of the past to the present.

Location:

430 S Michigan Ave, Room AUD1851
Chicago, IL 60605
Phone: 312-341-2247
E-mail: ilhs@prodigy.net
www.illinoislaborhistory.org

Illinois Railway Museum

Founded to demonstrate the importance of railways in the founding of the Chicago area and the United States, and to preserve early railroad cars.

Location:

7000 Olson Rd
Union, IL 60180
Mail: P.O. Box 427
Phone: 815-923-4000
<http://www.irm.org/>

Indo-American Center

Dedicated to assist South Asian immigrants to Chicago through services that facilitate their adjustment, integration and friendship in a wider society.

Location:

6328 N California Ave
Chicago, IL 60659
Phone: 773-973-4444
E-mail: info@indoamerican.org
<http://www.indoamerican.org>

Irish American Heritage Center

Originally opened by the President of Ireland, Ms. Mary Robinson, in 1991, the museum includes a tapestry by Lily Yeats, a grand piano, and the first organ from St. Patrick's Church in Illinois.

Location:

4626 N Knox Ave
Chicago, IL 60630
Phone: 773-282-7035
<http://www.irish-american.org/>

Irving Park Historical Society**Location:**

3801 N Keeler Ave.
Chicago, IL 60641
Phone: 773-777-2750
E-mail: history.oldIrvingPark@gmail.com

Isle a la Cache Museum

The Museum interprets the Great Lakes fur trade and life in the Illinois Country of the 18th century. It is situated on an island in the Des Plaines River used by traders and travelers for hundreds of years.

Location:

501 E Romeo Rd
Romeoville, IL 60446
Phone: 815-886-1467
<http://www.reconnectwithnature.org/visitor-centers/icm>

Itasca Historical Depot Museum

Features a continuing exhibit on Dr. Elijah Smith, as well as rotating exhibits on topics including Itasca's WWII veterans.

Location:

101 N Catalpa Ave

Itasca, IL 60143

Phone: 630-773-3363

<http://www.itascaparkdistrict.com/171/Itasca-Historical-Depot-Museum>

Jane Addams Hull-House Museum

The museum and historic house serve as a dynamic memorial to Jane Addams, the work of her associates, and the neighborhood they served.

Location:

800 S. Halsted St (M/C 051)

Chicago, IL 60607

Phone: 312-413-5353

E-mail: jahh@uic.edu

<http://www.hullhousemuseum.org>

Joliet Area Historical Museum

The Museum offers interactive exhibits for all ages. Follow a path from the original American Indian settlers, to Joliet's "hometown hero" who determined the successful path for America's first Moon landing. Located on the corner of Historic Route 66 and the Lincoln Highway, this is one of only two places in the nation where these two famous roads cross. Both are now National Scenic Byways.

Location:

204 Ottawa St.

Joliet, IL 60432

Phone: 815-723-5201

www.jolietmuseum.org

Joliet Jr. College Living Education History Museum

A one-room school, nature trails and planetarium give visitors an experience from the 1860's through the 1930's.

Location:

1215 Houbolt Rd

Joliet, IL 60431

Phone: 815-729-2525

E-mail: fieldtripcoordinator@jjc.edu.

Kenilworth Historical Society

Holding more than 1,200 artifacts and a collection of photographs, the Society attempts to give visitors a sense of Kenilworth's place in larger historical events.

Location:

415 Kenilworth Ave
Kenilworth, IL 60043
Phone: 847-251-2565
E-mail: kenilworthhistory@sbcglobal.net
<http://www.kenilworthhistory.org>

Korean American Resource and Cultural Center

Location:

6212 N. Lincoln Ave.
Chicago, IL 60659
Phone: 773-588-9158
E-mail: krcc@chicagokrcc.org
www.chicagokrcc.org

La Grange Area Historical Society

Founded in 1972 to provide the means for the research and study of the heritage of La Grange.

Location:

444 S LaGrange Rd
La Grange, IL 60525
Phone: 708-482-4248
<http://www.lagrangehistory.org>

Lake County Discovery Museum

Contains the nation's largest permanent exhibition on the history and significance of postcards.

Location:

27277 N Forest Preserve Rd
Wauconda, IL 60084
Phone: 847-968-3400
<http://www.lcfdp.org/museum/>

Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Historical Society

Strives to make local history come alive in community life.

Location:

361 E Westminster

Lake Forest, IL 60045
Phone: 847-234-5253
E-mail: info@lflbhistory.org
<http://www.lflbhistory.org>

Lakes Region Historical Society

Collects and preserves items pertinent to the early years of the Antioch and Chain O'Lakes region.

Location:
817 Main St
Antioch, IL 60002
Phone: 847-395-4912
E-mail: Info@lakesregionhistory.org
www.lakesregionhistory.org

Lansing Historical Society & Museum

Preserves Lansing history, including the renovation of a train depot.

Location:
2750 Indiana Ave
Lansing, IL 60438
Mail: P.O. Box 1776
Lansing, IL 60438
Phone: 708-474-6160
E-mail: LansingHistoricalSociety@yahoo.com
<http://www.lansingpl.org/historical.html>

Lemont Area Historical Society & Museum

Offers groups tours, weddings, genealogical research and volunteer training programs.

Location:
306 Lemont St
Lemont, IL 60439
Phone: 630-257-2972
E-mail: lemonthistorical@gmail.com
www.lemonthistorical.org/

Libertyville-Mundelein Historical Society

The home of Ansel B. Cook, preserved from 1878 is here saved, as well as a collection of local historical artifacts.

Location:

413 N Milwaukee Ave
Libertyville, IL 60048
Phone: 847-362-2330
E-mail: info@lmhistory.org
<http://www.lmhistory.org/>

Lisle Heritage Society

Many new programs each year, Depot Days celebration of the agricultural ways of the community's past, blacksmithing classes, and a recreation of an old-fashioned Christmas. Check out the website and blog for upcoming events.

Location:

921 School St
Lisle, IL 60532
Mail: 1011 Division St.
Lisle, IL 60532
Phone: 630-968-0499
E-mail: Museum@lisleparkdistrict.org
<http://lisleheritagesociety.org/index.html>
<http://lislemuseum.wordpress.com/>

Lockport Area Genealogical & Historical Society

Strives to shape and preserve local family heritage and history.

Location:

222 E 9th St
Lockport, IL 60441
E-mail: Info@lockporthistory.org
<http://www.lockporthistory.org/default.htm>

Lombard Historical Museum

An 1840's house museum deals with the issues of abolition, temperance, the underground railroad and early pioneer life.

Location:

23 W Maple St
Lombard, IL 60148
Mail: 23 W Maple St
Lombard, IL 60148
Phone: 630-629-1885
E-mail: info@lombardhistory.org
www.lombardhistory.org

Long Grove Historical Society

Showcases historic farmhouses in the community.

Location:

338 Old McHenry Rd

Long Grove, IL 60047

Phone: 847-634-6155

E-mail: admin@LongGroveHistory.org

www.longgrovehistory.org

Manhattan Township Historical Society

Founded in 1986 to preserve local history.

Location:

255 S State St

Manhattan, IL 60442

Mail: P.O. Box 269

Manhattan, IL 60442

Phone: 815-478-4530

E-mail: ManhattanHistorical@yahoo.com

http://www.villageofmanhattan.org/index.asp?SEC=AC69E7BF-0740-4DA6-A0B2-3F9C06CE04D0&DE=ED689FC3-A227-4590-857B-F13B3B73CA5F&Type=B_BASIC

Matteson Historical Museum

Among more traditional artifacts, their collection includes washing machines, farm equipment and seats from the Illinois Central Railroad.

Location:

813 School Ave

Matteson, IL 60443

Phone: 708-283-4985

<http://www.villageofmatteson.org/departments/historicalmuseum/>

Maywood Historic Preservation Committee

Houses documents and memorabilia on display for the public.

Meeting Location:

125 S 5th Ave

Maywood, IL 60153

Phone: 708-343-1847 (Maywood Public Library)

E-mail: maywoodhistorical@gmail.com

McHenry County Historical Society and Museum

Museum houses changing local history exhibits; excellent local history library with an 1847 log cabin and one room school on site. Regularly held programs, events; classes are conducted on site. A mobile museum, "The James" is available. Two other historic buildings are off site.

Location:

6422 Main St

Union, IL 60180

Mail: P.O. Box 434

Union, IL 60180

Phone: 815-923-2267

<http://www.mchenrycountyhistory.org/>

Midlothian Historical Society

Location:

14609 Springfield Ave

Midlothian, IL 60445

Mail: 14801 S. Pulaski

Midlothian, IL 60445

Phone: 708-389-0055

www.villageofmidlothian.net

Morton Grove Historical Museum

The exhibit centers on an 1888 Victorian farm house.

Location:

6240 W Dempster St

Morton Grove, IL 60053

Mail: 6834 Dempster Street

Morton Grove, IL 60053

Phone: 847-965-0203

E-mail: mghistorical@gmail.com

<https://mortongrovehistoricalmuseum.wordpress.com/>

Mt. Greenwood Historical Society

Location:

11010 S Kedzie Ave

Chicago, IL 60655

Phone: 312-747-2805 (Mt Greenwood Library)

Mt. Prospect Historical Society

Provides a history of Mt. Prospect, with an emphasis on the origins of the villagers; includes a 1906 farmhouse.

Location:

101 S Maple St
Mt. Prospect, IL 60056
Phone: 847-392-9006
E-mail: info@mtphist.org
www.mtphist.org

Naper Settlement

A historic museum village, administered by the Naperville Heritage Society, features costumed interpreters, working businesses, a research library, and changing exhibits.

Location:

523 S Webster St
Naperville, IL 60540
Phone: 630-420-6010
E-mail: towncrier@naperville.il.us
www.napersettlement.org/

Napoleonic Historical Society

Location:

6000A West Irving Park Rd.
Chicago, IL 60634
Phone: 773-974-1804
E-mail: mail@napoleonichistoricalsociety.org
www.napoleonichistoricalsociety.com

National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts & Culture

A cultural and educational institution devoted to the promotion, integration and advancement of Puerto Rican arts and culture.

Location:

3015 W Division St
Chicago, IL 60622
Phone: 773-486-8345
E-mail: info@NMPRAC.org

<http://nmprac.org/>

New Lenox Area Historical Society

This historic home has played host to a variety of figures, including George Washington and his officers, after the Battle of Short Hills in 1777.

Location:

205 W Maple St, Rt. 30

New Lenox, IL 60451

Phone: 815-485-5576

E-mail: NewLenoxHistory@aol.com

<http://www.newlenoxhistory.org/>

Niles Historical and Cultural Center

Showcases a 1913 Ford, vintage clothing, a baking wagon, and early 1900s living quarters.

Location:

8970 Milwaukee Ave

Niles, IL 60714

Phone: 847-390-0160

E-mail: NHS@vniles.com

<https://www.vniles.com/891/Historical-Society>

Northbrook Historical Society

Centers around a historic inn that served as a welcome spot in the 1800's.

Location:

1776 Walters Ave

Northbrook, IL 60062

Mail: P.O. Box 2021

Northbrook, IL 60065-2021

Phone: 847-498-3404

<http://www.northbrookhistory.org/>

Northwest Chicago Historical Society

Established to promote, honor and celebrate and preserve the history of the neighborhoods of Chicago's Northwest Side.

Location:

P.O. Box 30067

Chicago, IL 60630

Phone: 773-725-5774

E-mail: info@nwchicagohistory.com

<http://nwchicagohistory.com/index.html>

Norwood Park Historical Society

Focuses on the history of the Norwood Park area, and Chicago's northwest side.

Location:

5624 N Newark Ave

Chicago, IL 60631

Phone: 773-631-4633

E-mail: info@norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org

<http://www.norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org>

Oak Brook Historical Society

Collection topics include archeology, early settlement, and past and present day development of the Village of Oak Brook. Archives, photographs and artifacts available as research resources for the above named topics.

Location:

Oak Brook Heritage Center

1112 Oak Brook Rd.

Oak Brook, IL 60523

Phone: 630-368-7750

www.oakbrookhistory.com

Oriental Institute Museum

Features tours, lectures and special programs on the history and culture of the ancient and Near Middle East.

Location:

1155 E 58th St

Chicago, IL 60637

Phone: 773-702-9514

E-mail: oi-museum@uchicago.edu

<http://oi.uchicago.edu/>

Orland Historical Society

The Society maintains several cabins, some predating 1860, as historical monuments in the region.

Location:

9830 W 144th Pl
Orland Park, IL 60462
Mail: P.O. 324
Orland Park, IL 60462
Phone: 708-349-0065
E-mail: BOB1773@aol.com
<https://orlandhistory.org/>

Palos Historical Society

Collects and preserves pictures, newspaper clippings and materials of early families.

Location:

12332 S Forest Glen Blvd
Palos Park, IL 60464
Phone: 708-361-3118

Park Forest Historical Society

Contains post WWII period furniture, kitchen gadgets, as well as an original townhome.

Location:

227 Monee Rd.
Park Forest, IL 60466
Phone: 708-481-4252
<http://www.parkforesthistor.org>

Park Ridge Historical Society

Develops, promotes and celebrates interest in local history.

Location:

721 N Prospect Ave
Park Ridge, IL 60068
Phone: 847-696-1973
E-mail: george@pennyville.org
www.pennyville.org

Peotone Historical Society

A variety of outdoors activities are offered in and around the historic Illinois and Michigan Canal, plus tours of the current restoration of the 1872 Peotone Windmill, formerly known as the Rathje Windmill, is one of the few German Style Windmills still standing in America.

Location:

427 W Corning Ave
Peotone, IL 60468
Mail: P.O. Box 87
Peotone, IL 60468
Phone: 708-328-4072
E-mail: info@peotonehistoricalsociety.org
<http://www.peotonehistoricalsociety.org/index.html>

Plainfield Historical Society & Museum

Collects artifacts from Native American tribes, pioneer households, and the early days of the Illinois and Michigan Canal.

Location:

23836 W Main Street
Plainfield, IL 60544
Phone: 815-436-4073
E-mail: plainfieldhistoricalsociety.il@gmail.com
<http://www.plainfield-il.org/pages/villagehistory>

Polish Museum of America

Exhibits a host of Polish American paintings, drawings, and writings, as well as features special exhibits and concerts. Also houses Polish paintings and crafts.

Location:

984 N Milwaukee Ave
Chicago, IL 60642
Phone: 773-384-3352
www.polishmuseumofamerica.org

Pritzker Military Library

A collection of materials and programs focusing on the concept of the Citizen Soldier as an essential element for the preservation of democracy.

Location:

104 N Michigan Ave.
Chicago, IL 60603
Phone: 312-374-9333
E-mail: info@pritzkermilitary.org
<http://www.pritzkermilitarylibrary.org/>

Puerto Rican Cultural Center

Established to celebrate the historic of the Hispanic and Puerto Rican communities of Chicago.

Location:

2739 W Division Street

Chicago, IL 60622

Phone: 773-342-8023

E-mail: info@prcc-chgo.org

<http://www.prcc-chgo.org/>

Pullman State Historic Site

The 13 acre Pullman Factory site which includes the now reconstructed Clocktower/Administration Building and the remains of the East Erecting Shop as well as the Hotel Florence.

Location:

11111 S Forrestville Ave

Chicago, IL 60628

Phone: 773-660-2341

E-mail: sleepingcars@sbcglobal.net

<http://www.pullman-museum.org>

Ravenswood-Lake View Historical Association

Focuses on the history of neighborhoods in Chicago's North Side.

Location:

4455 N Lincoln Ave

Chicago, IL 60625

E-mail: President@RavenswoodHistorical.com

<http://www.ravenswoodhistorical.com/>

Ridge Historical Society

Provides displays and aid in the exhibition of the history of the Morgan Park and Beverly, Washington Heights communities from 1835 to the present.

Location:

10621 S Seeley Ave

Chicago, IL 60643

Phone: 773-881-1675

E-mail: ridgehistory@hotmail.com

<http://www.ridgehistoricalsociety.org>

Riverdale Historical Society at the Riverdale Public Library

Location:

208 W 144th St
Riverdale, IL 60827-2733
Phone: 708-841-3311
E-mail: rds@sls.lib.il.us
www.riverdale.lib.il.us
<http://www.riverdale.lib.il.us/Community/history.html>

Riverside Historical Museum

Riverside is one of the first planned communities in the United States, designed in 1869 by Frederick Law Olmsted. The entire village of Riverside was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1970 because of its unique plan of curvilinear roads, beautiful parks, gas lamp street lights and unmatched landscape design along the Des Plaines River.

Location:

10 Pine Avenue
Riverside, IL 60546
Mail: 27 Riverside Rd
Riverside, IL 60546
Phone: 708-447-2542
E-mail: history@riverside.il.us
www.riversidemuseum.net

Robbins Historical Society & Museum**Location:**

3644 W 139th St.
Robbins, IL 60472
Mail: P.O. Box 1561
Robbins, IL 60472
Phone: 708-389-5393
E-mail: robbinshistory@yahoo.com
<http://www.robbinshistorymuseum.org>

Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society

Includes a large photo collection, as well as audio and video histories, and rotating exhibits.

Location:

7363 N. Greenview Ave.
Chicago, IL 60626
Phone: 773-764-4078
E-mail: info@rpwrhs.org
<http://www.rpwrhs.org/>

Rolling Meadows Historical Museum

Reproduction of a 1950's house displaying artifacts from the period and an educational center concerning the development of the City of Rolling Meadows.

Location:

3100 Central Rd

Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

Phone: 847-577-7086

<http://www.ci.rolling-meadows.il.us/376/Historical-Museum>

Romeoville Area Historical Society

Founded to capture and exhibit the heritage and culture of Slovenian immigrants in the Chicago region.

Location:

10 Montrose Dr.

Romeoville, IL 60446

Phone: 815-886-0146

E-mail: nancy.reader@sbcglobal.net

Roselle Historical Foundation

In an old house museum, the early history of Roselle is put on display through the use of farm, school, railroad and military artifacts.

Location:

102 S Prospect St

Roselle, IL 60172

Mail: 39 E Elm St

Roselle, IL 60172

Phone: 630-351-5300

E-mail: rosellehistory@sbcglobal.net

<http://www.rosellehistory.com/>

Schiller Park Historical Commission

Location:

4200 Old River Road

Schiller Park, IL 60176

Phone: 847-671-8513

E-mail: sphometownnews@yahoo.com

<http://www.villageofschillerpark.com/245/Historical-Commission>

Skokie Heritage Museum

Located in the Historic Engine House, a permanent exhibit of Skokie's Fire Department is on display on the first floor. The second floor features changing Skokie history exhibits. The Historic Log Cabin shows a part of regional pioneer life from the 1850's.

Location:

8031 Floral Ave

Skokie, IL 60077

Mail: 9300 Weber Park Place

Skokie, IL 60077

Phone: 847-674-1500 ext. 3000

E-mail: shs@skokieparkdistrict.org

<http://www.skokiehistory.org/>

<http://www.skokieparks.org/skokie-heritage-museum>

Slovenian Women's Union Heritage Museum

Displays artifacts and keepsakes from Slovenia.

Location:

431 N Chicago St

Joliet, IL 60432

Phone: 815-727-1926

E-mail: sua@slovenianunion.org

www.swua.org/?cpage=28

South Holland Historical Society

Among other artifacts, the Society holds an Edna Ferber collection, a historic farm house and barn, and a collection of Native American and settler artifacts.

Location:

16250 Wausau Ave (lower level)

South Holland, IL 60473

Phone: 708-596-2722

E-mail: shhistoricalsoc@yahoo.com

<http://www.southholland.org/community/organizations/>

South Suburban Genealogical & Historical Society

The Society maintains a library of more than 11,000 volumes that focuses on local history and American and Illinois genealogies, but includes information from around the world.

Location:

3000 W 170th Pl

Hazel Crest, IL 60429-1174
Phone: 708-335-3340
E-mail: info@sghs.org
<http://www.sghs.org>

Southeast Chicago Historical Society

The SECHS is dedicated to collecting materials related to and preserving the histories of the Southeast Chicago Communities of South Chicago, South Deering, the East side, and Hegewisch. The Society also operates the James P. Fitzgibbons Historical Museum located in the Calmut Park Fieldhouse.

Location:

Calumet Park Fieldhouse at 98th St and Ave G
Chicago, IL 60617
Phone: 773-660-2341
E-mail: rodsellers1@yahoo.com
<http://www.pullman-museum.org/ihaccr/sechs.html>

Swahili Institute of Chicago

Location:

10707 S Hale Ave
Chicago, IL 60643
Phone: 773-785-1430
E-mail: SwahiliInstitute@aol.com
<http://swahiliinstitute.org/>

Swedish American Museum

An extensive program of children's hands-on exhibits, as well as gallery showings, language and art classes and permanent displays chronicling the story of Swedish immigrants in Chicago.

Location:

5211 N Clark
Chicago, IL 60640
Phone: 773-728-8111
E-mail: info@samac.org
<http://www.swedishamericanmuseum.org/>

The HistoryMakers

The single largest African American archival project since the recording of 2,300 slaves during the WPA era. The goal of HistoryMakers is to have completed 5,000 interviews over a period of 5 years.

Location:

1900 S Michigan Ave
Chicago, IL 60616
Phone: 312-674-1900
E-mail: info@thehistorymakers.com
<http://www.thehistorymakers.com>

Tinley Park Historical Society

Examines the history of Tinley Park, as well as the Rock Island Railroad.

Location:

6727 W 174th St
Tinley Park, IL 60477
Phone: 708-429-4210
E-mail: lrtphist@lincolnet.net
<http://www.tinleyparkdistrict.org/location/landmark-church-museum-and-schoolhouse/>

Ukrainian National Museum

The Museum uses folk art, costumes and other artifacts to highlight the history of the Ukranian American population.

Location:

2249 W Superior St
Chicago, IL 60612
Phone: 312-421-8020
E-mail: info@ukrainsnationalmuseum.org
<http://ukrainsnationalmuseum.org/>

Villa Park Historical Museum

Features memorabilia from Sears Roebuck mail order houses, from Ovaltine, as well as from the Aurora and Elgin railroads.

Location:

220 S Villa Ave
Villa Park, IL 60181
Phone: 630-941-0223
E-mail: info@vphistoricalsociety.com
<http://www.vphistoricalsociety.com>

Village of Thornton Historical Society

The Society seeks to preserve the history of the village which was settled in 1834 and platted by Gurdon S. Hubbard and James Kinzie. Museum has a large collection of Native American artifacts from the Hoxie Site as well as settler memorabilia including the nation's largest limestone quarry (1838), Bielfeldt Brewery (1857) and a rare 1904 fire wagon. It offers public programs and tours of the Thornton Quarry.

Location:

114 N Hunter St
Thornton, IL 60476

Mail: P.O. Box 34
Thornton, IL 60476

Phone: 708-877-6569

http://www.thornton60476.com/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC=%7B7F5AF14E-8F44-4331-AB8D-9FC8008FA818%7D

Vliet Museum of Lake Bluff History

Historical dramatization and walking tours are supported by over 1000 images and documents on the history of the area, including schools, public institutions and census records.

Location:

127 E Scranton Ave
Lake Bluff, IL 60044

Mail: P.O. Box 250
Lake Bluff, IL 60044

Phone: 847-482-1571

E-mail: vliet@lakebluffhistory.org

<http://lakebluffhistory.org/go/>

Warren Township Historical Society

The Mother Rudd House, built in 1843 as a stagecoach inn for the underground railroad, has been preserved to display the contents of rooms during the period.

Location:

4690 Old Grand Ave
Gurnee, IL 60031

Mail: P.O. Box 84
Gurnee, IL 60031

Phone: 847-263-9540

E-mail: info@motherrudd.org

<http://www.motherrudd.org/>

Warrenville Historical Museum

Located in a 1850s Greek Revival Methodist Church, the Museum includes the paintings of local artists, as well as collection from Native American populations.

Location:

3S530 2nd St.
Warrenville, IL 60555
Mail: P.O. Box 311
Warrenville, IL 60555
Phone: 630-393-4215
E-mail: info@warrenvillehistorical.org
<http://www.warrenvillehistorical.org>

Wauconda Township Historical Society

Established for the preservation and exhibition of a local 1840s townhouse, and other historic artifacts.

Location:

711 N Main St
Wauconda, IL 60084
Mail: c/o 505 W. Bonner Road
Wauconda, IL 60084
Phone: 847-526-9303
E-mail: wths@wauconda-history.org
<http://www.wauconda-history.org/>

Waukegan History Museum

Collects and displays items representative of Little Fort Pioneers and Waukegan descendants.

Location:

1917 N Sheridan Rd
Waukegan, IL 60087
Phone: 847-336-1859
E-mail: museum@waukeganhistorical.org
<http://www.waukeganhistorical.org/history-museum/>

West Chicago City Museum

The Museum focuses on local history, with a special emphasis on the history of the local railroads, and their impact on the town.

Location:

132 Main St
West Chicago, IL 60185
Phone: 630-231-3376

E-mail: wegohistory@gmail.com
<http://www.wegohistory.com>

West Chicago Historical Society/The Kruse House Museum

A 1917 four-square house museum depicts the lifestyle of a railroad family.

Location:
527 Main St
West Chicago, IL 60185
Phone: 630-231-2329
E-mail: info@krusehousemuseum.org
<http://www.krusehousemuseum.org/>

Western Springs Historical Society & Museum

The museum is located in the Water Tower on the village green and was listed in The National Register of Historic Places in 1981. The museum houses exhibits, photographs and information relating to the history of Western Springs.

Location:
914 Hillgrove Avenue
Western Springs, IL 60558
Phone: 708-246-9230
E-mail: info@westernspringshistory.org
<http://www.westernspringshistory.org/>

Wheeling Historical Museum

Strives to keep history alive for posterity.

Location:
251 N Wolf Rd
P.O. Box 3
Wheeling, IL 60090
Phone: 847-537-3119
E-mail: curator@wheelinghistoricalsociety.com
<http://www.wheelinghistoricalsociety.com/>

Will County Historical Museum & Research Center

Changing exhibits to connect people to the rich history of Will County. Located in the former I&M Canal Office.

Location:
803 S State St

Lockport, IL 60441
Phone: 815-838-5080
<http://willcohistory.org/>

William L. Gregg House Museum

The 1872 four-room house museum depicts the life of a railroad family; maintained by the Westmont Historical Society.

Location:

115 S Linden Ave
Westmont, IL 60559
Mail: 55 E Richmond St
Westmont, IL 60559
Phone: 630-960-3392
<http://westmontparks.org/facilities/Gregg-house-museum.htm>

Wilmette Historical Museum

Examines and preserves the history of the Wilmette, North Shore and Gross Point areas.

Location:

609 Ridge Rd
Wilmette, IL 60091
Phone: 847-853-7666
E-mail: museum@wilmette.com
<http://www.wilmettehistory.org>

Winfield Historical Society/Hedges Station

Location:

0N555 Winfield Rd
Winfield, IL 60190
Phone: 630-510-9053
E-mail: info@winfieldhistory.org
<http://www.winfieldhistory.org>

Winnetka Historical Society

Educates people on the stories of our past in an effort to enrich our present and inspire our future.

Locations:

Museum: 411 Linden, Winnetka, IL 60093
Schmidt-Burnham Log House: 1140 Willow, Winnetka, IL 60093
Mail: P.O. Box 365
Winnetka, IL 60093

Phone: 847-446-0001

E-mail: whsadmin@winnetkahistory.org

www.winnetkahistory.org

Wood Dale Historical Society

Features a historic 1840's Prairie house, a pegged T-barn, a silo, and a 1920's ten-room farmhouse.

Location:

850 N Wood Dale Rd

Wood Dale, IL 60191

Phone: 630-595-8777

Worth Park District Historical Museum

A new museum will help maintain the history of the Worth Area, especially focusing on the importance of the region's historic waterways.

Location:

11500 S Beloit Ave

Worth, IL 60482

Phone: 708-448-7080

E-mail: info@worthparkdistrict.org

<http://www.worthparkdistrict.org/>

Zion Historical Society

A National Historic Site dedicated to the history of Zion, preserved in the homes of the founders, and a collection of artifacts and photographs from their time.

Location:

1300 Shiloh Blvd

Zion, IL 60099

Phone: 847-746-2427

E-mail: zionhs@yahoo.com

www.zionhs.com/museum.htm