CHICAGO AUTHORED
Stop in and see the first-ever crowd-sourced exhibition in a brand new café-style space. Explore a collection of works by contemporary authors and the literary giants of past generations. Add your voice by writing a postcard or composing magnetic poetry. Kick back to read a favorite Chicago book.

THE FIFTH STAR CHALLENGE
Discover the meaning of the stars and stripes on the city’s flag. Help select a fifth star inspired by highlights from Chicago’s past!

THE GREAT CHICAGO ADVENTURE
In this exciting all-ages film, travel through time with Roger and his babysitter, Jean, to see major events in Chicago’s history. Visit the marquee outside the theater for showtimes.
THE SECRET LIVES OF OBJECTS
Want a good story? The artifacts featured here have plenty to tell, from sassy to somber, historic to heartfelt, ridiculous to sublime.

LINCOLN'S UNDYING WORDS
Discover how Abraham Lincoln's changing views toward slavery transformed America. The exhibition explores this powerful story through five key speeches made by Lincoln between 1858–65.

MAKING MAINBOCHER: THE FIRST AMERICAN COUTURIER
Chicago-born Mainbocher established a fashion house serving royalty, Hollywood, and the social elite. Featuring thirty garments, fashion illustrations, and photography, this exhibition explores the life and legacy of a remarkable man and his journey to become the first American couturier.

FLOOR 3 (not pictured):
Special pass from Ticket Desk required
• Carola and Leon Mandel Room | Conference Center
• Administrative Offices

• Research Center
  – Rosaline Cohn Early Chicago History Study Center
  – Minow Family Microfilm Reading Area
  – Charles F. Murphy Architectural Study Center
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Where should I start my visit?
A. We recommend our film The Great Chicago Adventure, or on the 2nd floor in our permanent exhibition, Chicago: Crossroads of America.

Q. Where do I check my belongings?
A. A free and secure coat check is available for your convenience on the 1st floor near the Ticket Desk.

Q. Do you have a restaurant and a museum store?
A. Yes, the North & Clark Café and the Museum Store are on the 1st floor near the entrance of the Museum. The Café is open Monday–Saturday, 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m. and Sunday, 12 noon–4 p.m. The Museum Store is open Monday–Saturday, 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. and Sunday, 12 noon–5 p.m.

Q. What is the audio tour?
A. We have several audio experiences available to enhance your visit to various exhibitions. Please inquire at the Ticket Desk. All audio tours are included with Museum admission.

Q. Can I visit the Research Center?
A. Please inquire at the ticket desk. Admission to the research center is free. Winter hours for the Research Center are Tuesday–Friday, 1:00–4:30 p.m. and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. The Research Center will be closed December 24–January 2 and January 18.

Q. Where are the restrooms?
A. On the 1st floor, the restrooms are in the Guild Gallery by The Fifth Star Challenge and also by the Café and Museum Store. On the 2nd floor, they are in the Sanger P. Robinson Gallery by Lincoln’s Chicago.

Q. Where do I get my parking ticket validated?
A. Stop by the Ticket Desk to validate parking tickets from the public lot at Clark and LaSalle. The daily rate is $9 with Museum admission.

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