



FY2018 Annual Report



**WELCOME
TO YOUR
NEW HOME
FOR HISTORY!**

509 EAST DEERPATH

HISTORY HAS A NEW HOME

LAKE FOREST-LAKE BLUFF
HISTORICAL SOCIETY



From a sleepy Historical Society to a vibrant History Center campus, FY2018 has been a transformational year for us. The Hunter Family Education Center opened for programs and became a wonderful, dynamic space to celebrate history.

To increase awareness of our organization's new location we created a new logo "**509 East Deerpath History Has a New Home**" and promoted it in several different media.

We also updated the design of our marketing materials creating a fresh new look that will complement our high-tech permanent exhibit (installed in October 2018 FY2019) and better reflect our vision of being a welcoming center where people can connect with history in dynamic ways.



By collecting the photographs, audio, videos and objects of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff's past we are able to tell the stories of two communities growing and thriving across generations and help residents and visitors understand what it takes to create and maintain community life.



We celebrated our 8th Local Legend: Baseball Hall of Famer Ryne Sandberg.

Members and guests enjoyed a captivating conversation between Ryne and *670 The Score* host Barry Rozner.



We opened our first exhibit in the new temporary gallery

Local Legends: The Exhibit, curated by the History Center Board member Katie Hale.



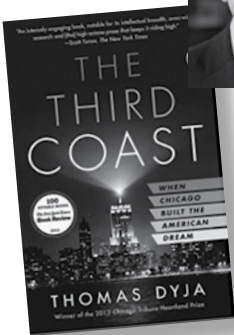
And we held several Open Houses to invite people into the building to see what's new and receive their input on the type of stories they'd like our new museum to tell.

All year long, we celebrated Illinois' Bicentennial with special programs and tours. We were #IllinoisProud.



Sunday, April 22
The Third Coast
with Thomas Dyja

Lecture



Thursday, May 10
Make No Little Plans:
Daniel Burnham and
the American City

A Film & Discussion
with Director/Producer
Judith Paine McBrien

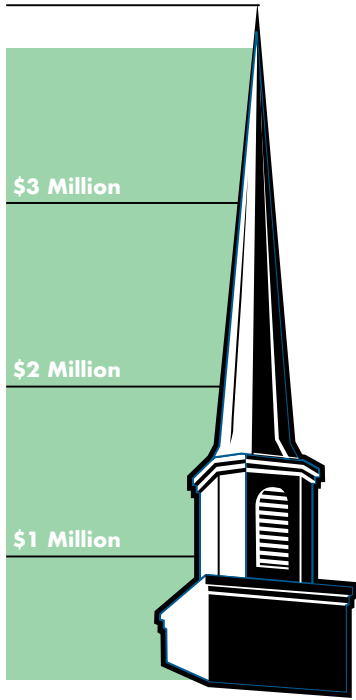


Saturday, May 4
Triangle Park Walking Tour

Lake Forest College Intern,
Victoria Karker
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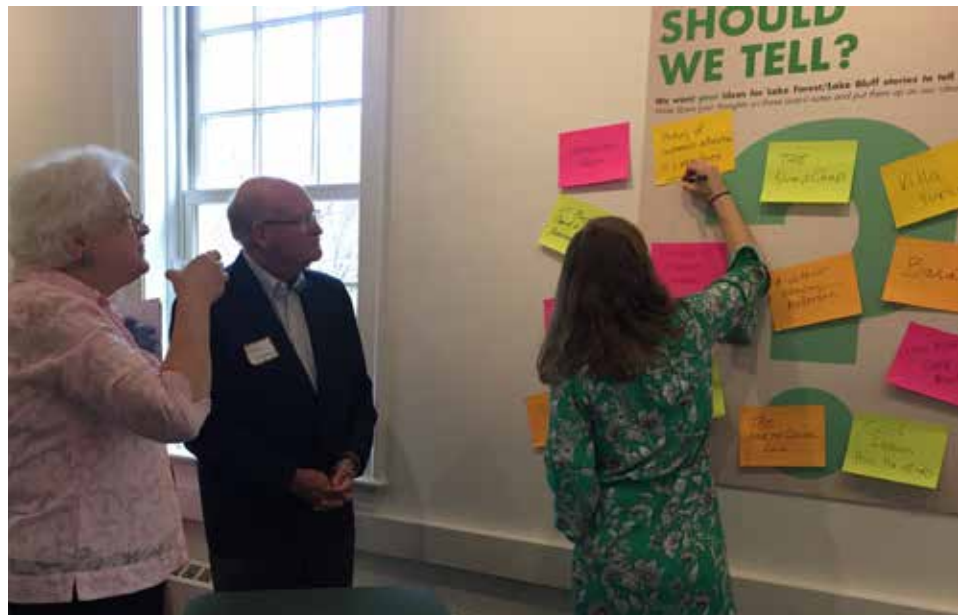


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The campaign's goal is \$4 million. This phase of the campaign funded the state-of-the-art, interactive permanent exhibit and established an endowment.

All these activities laid the foundation for an exceptional start to the 2019 fiscal year with new opportunities to celebrate our history with new and innovative programs, tours and exhibits.



Our curator Laurie Stein asks Paula Polito and Rich Chapman what stories our new museum should tell.



Local Legends and their families attending the April Open House.

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