ANNUAL REPORT 2019





LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The biggest news of the year was the official kick-off of Studio 509, the History Center's inhouse recording studio.

Outside facility rentals became a new source of revenue and a way for different groups to get to know the History Center.

The Katherine Bell Hale Gallery showcased several exhibits and a variety of education initiatives and community collaborations brought people of all ages into the museum.

The History Center hired a new visitor services and program coordinator to develop a museum docent program and assist with our increased roster of programs and events.

Several necessary updates and improvements were made to our new museum campus.

Carol Summerfield





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STUDIO 509

Everybody has a story.

Studio 509 is a multifaceted story-telling platform located both inhouse at the History Center and online.

Visitors are invited to share stories about life in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff – to remember the past and chronicle the present. These stories will live on for future generations in our exhibit and digital archives. We want to ensure that contemporary stories of everyday life in our community are shared and saved.



VISITOR SERVICES

A New Cultural Destination in Town

More than 1,800 visitors came to the History Center to view exhibits, attend programs and do research.

<u>Open Hours:</u>

For half of the year the History Center was open Tu-Fri 10-4pm and Sat-Sun 1-4pm.

In September we changed our open hours to Tu-Sat 10-4pm due to a lack of visitors on Sundays.

Overall, a team of 12 volunteers assisted with Visitor Services in 2019. A docent training program is planned for 2020.



Genealogy Series

Our popular series of genealogy programming continued with Kenyatta Berry, co-host of The Genealogy Roadshow and author of The Family Tree Toolkit offering her tips on how to navigate your genealogy journey.

Gail Lukasik, author of White Like Her, returned to talk about her own genealogy journey of selfdiscovery.

And, Dr. Daniel Hubbard gave a crash course on understanding the use of DNA in solving family history mysteries.

Bundling programs into a series around a specific topic has proven to be an effective promotional and pricing strategy.





Centennial Family & Business Awards



The Annual Meeting of the History Center took place on May 16. Following the meeting, the Preston Family (1909) was honored as a Centennial Family and Griffith, Grant and Lackie (1903) as a Centennial Business.

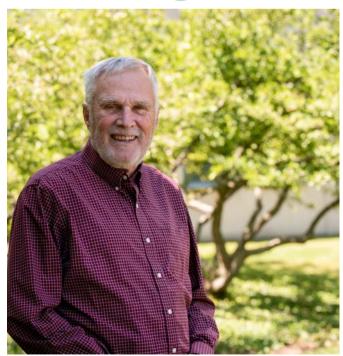




Community Contributor

It was standing room only at some truly engaging presentations, including a deep dive into the life of Noble Judah, presented by community contributor Liam Connell, and this year's Local Legends celebration, which honored educational philanthropist Jack Schuler. The History Center's new location provided the opportunity to host larger crowds which came in handy for our numerous sold-out events!

Local Legends



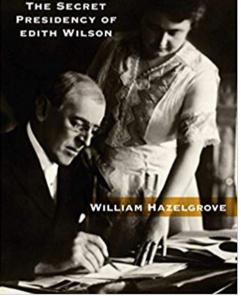


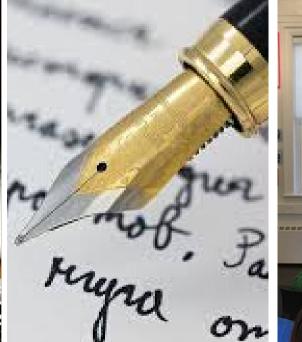


A temporary display of a section of the AIDS Quilt made a dramatic statement as the backdrop for this important discussion.

A panel discussion on the public management of epidemics was especially ground-breaking, as participants from Abbott, AbbVie, Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital, and the AIDS Foundation of Chicago presented a multi-faceted look at epidemics, with an emphasis on the management of the 1980s AIDS crisis.

MADAM PRESIDENT







John Singer Sargent & Chicago's Gilded Age



Programs skyrocketed!

The History Center also hosted public presentations on the Lincoln and Wilson presidential families, how to write a family history using old photos, and invited a curator from the Art Institute of Chicago to discuss the works of John Singer Sargent.

Increase in the number of 62% Increase in the number of programs and events offered to members in 2019

EDUCATION

Educational Programming

Educational programming expanded with the development of new curricula and community collaborations in 2019.



The History Center partnered with Lake Forest College staff and students on several projects, including an archaeological excavation of a local church, and oral history projects detailing college-life experiences using Studio 509.

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Lake Forest High School students and the Woodlands Global Odyssey class also visited the History Center and utilized our resources for their own research projects

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In addition, every 5th grader from Deer Path Middle School took a field trip to the History Center to learn about community development. After a tour, the students explored the collection with an engaging scavenger hunt.



The History Center featured a variety of exhibits in the newly dedicated Katherine Bell Hale Gallery.

Katie Hale, artist and board member extraordinaire, was thanked for her more than ten years of dedicated service to the organization.









A Man of His Time, A Man for all Times

On loan from the Waukegan History Museum, this exhibit traced Lincoln's path from a self-educated lawyer to the president who guided a divided nation through the crises of slavery, secession and Civil War.

A replica of a Lincoln life mask, donated by History Center board member Kate Mursau, completed the exhibit.

Woodrow Wilson and the Great War

On loan from Lewis University, this exhibit examined the Great War and the presidency of Woodrow Wilson using multiple perspectives. Dr. Dennis Cremin, Chair and Associate Professor of the Lewis University History Department, provided two accompanying lectures.





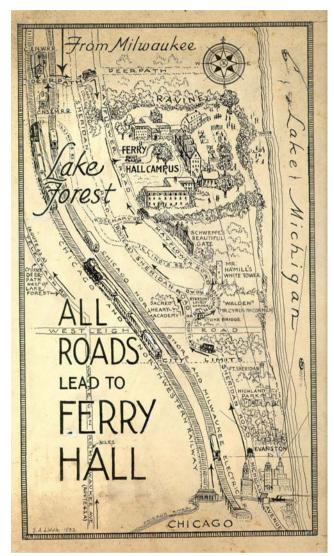




Home Field Advantage: The Chicago Bears in Lake Forest-Lake Bluff

The History Center celebrated the Chicago Bears Centennial with an exhibit featuring highlights from the players and their home away from home in Lake Forest-Lake Bluff. All exhibit content was researched and developed by the History Center. Designer Meredith Bratt created the exhibition complete with astro turf!

Lake Forest Country Day School tudent Art Exhibition



We also celebrated young artists from Lake Forest Country Day School with a Student Art Exhibition and Reception.

A Sesquicentennial Ferry Tale: 150 Years of Ferry Hall

This exhibit, curated by Lake Forest Academy, highlighted the history of Ferry Hall, its traditions, and the stories of some of the notable alumnae and former faculty.

Several Ferry Hall alumnae visited the History Center to share their memories and gather with old friends, as did Lake Forest High School alums, who held their 65th class reunion here!







Wild America: Portraits in Nature

Curated by the History Center, this beautiful show traced the life and work of Lake Forest resident James Leland Lockhart (1912-2005), one of America's foremost nature and wildlife artists.

Several members of the Lockhart family were present for the exhibit opening night. Select pieces from the show were for sale as well as a 2020 Lockhart nature calendar and notecards.



1 to 6 The number of exhibits jumped from one in 2018 to six in 2019 from one in 2018 to six in 2019!

THE COLLECTION

Newly accessioned



In December the History Center received an outstanding new archival collection documenting the work of mid-century architect Jerome Robert Cerny. The collection, which encompasses hundreds of drawings, detail sketches, photographs, and color renderings, was donated by architect Jon Welker, a successor of Cerny's at Jerome Cerny Architects. Cerny designed many notable residences, both in Lake Forest and around the country. He lived in Lake Forest and had his office in Market Square.





FACILITIES





New roof. New boiler. New bike rack. New sound system. New signage!

It was another year of making necessary improvements to our new museum campus from replacing the roof on both the research center and museum buildings to purchasing a new boiler for the museum and a new sound system for the Hunter Family Education Hall. Eagle Scouts installed a new outdoor bike rack and beautiful brick signage was installed around the museum campus giving the History Center a permanent, established presence. We are finally visible from all angles!

PLANNED GIVING

Chanticleer Circle

In addition to impressive membership growth and new community partnerships, the History Center debuted the Planned Giving Chanticleer Circle for those who want to support local history in their legacies.



The Planned Giving Committee pictured from left to right: Lisa Frey, Judy Inglese, Amy Goldsmith, Shanise Evans, Georgia Kyriacou, Kim Placentino, and Alan Lowe. Not pictured: Dave Lutrey and Matt Stockert.

MEMBERSHIP

Benefits Reimagined

Membership had a total overhaul in 2019 with new levels of membership offered and plenty of perks including free program tickets and lunches with the Executive Director.

Several member orientations were offered to give people a tour of the museum campus, answer questions and receive helpful input.

A membership brochure was mailed to every household in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff.

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Gift with Membership (A free gift voucher will be sent with your membership packet.)	٠	•	٠	•
Group Tour of Museum (up to 10 people)	٠	•	٠	•
ree Admission to Programs"	2 Tickets	6 Tickets	10 Tickets	Every Event
Executive Director Lunch (offered 3x/year)		1 invitation to a group lunch	2 invitations to a group lunch	One-on-one
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LOCAL LEGENDS





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Trivia Night



The Obvious and Oddities about the Lincoln Presidency Lecture Mr. and Mrs. Willard Bunn



Chicago Bears Exhibit and Book Signing Event





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