Step back in time to an exhilarating era of flappers, suffragists, bootleggers, temperance workers, and speakeasies.

American Spirits: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition, the first comprehensive exhibition about America’s most colorful and complex constitutional hiccup, will make its final stop on a nationwide tour at the Heinz History Center, on display now through June 10.

A traveling exhibition created in partnership with the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, American Spirits brings the story of Prohibition vividly to life, from the dawn of the temperance movement, through the Roaring '20s, and up to the unprecedented repeal of a constitutional amendment.

The exhibit features more than 180 rare artifacts, including Pittsburgh’s first “Tommy Gun,” including flapper dresses, temperance propaganda, a 1922 Studebaker, a hatchet famously flaunted by temperance advocate Carry Nation, and flasks used for bootleg liquor during Prohibition.

Stop by a re-created speakeasy – a term purportedly coined just outside of Pittsburgh in McKeesport – and learn to dance the Charleston while exploring the fashion, music, and culture of the 1920s.

The Smithsonian-affiliated History Center will also display a model of a Prohibition-era “rum runner” motorboat, on loan from the National Museum of American History.

Along with artifacts, immersive displays, and videos, the American Spirits exhibit features dozens of interactive activities, including the dazzling Wayne Wheeler’s Amazing Amendment Machine – a 20-foot-long, carnival-inspired contraption that traces how the temperance movement culminated in the passage of the 18th Amendment.

Play a custom-built video game where you serve as a federal agent tracking down rum runners or pose for a mug shot with Al Capone and some of the era’s most notorious gangsters.
Committed to telling the American story and inspiring a community of citizens to explore what it means to be an American, the History Center recently launched its America 101 initiative to engage and inspire the public to learn American history through public programs, special exhibitions, digital learning tools, and educational curriculum.

**UPCOMING AMERICA 101 PROGRAMS:**

- **Flag Folding Ceremonies**
  - **Memorial Day**
  - Monday, May 28, 2018 • Noon
  - **Flag Day**
  - Thursday, June 14, 2018 • Noon

Join U.S. veterans, History Center staff, and museum visitors to help unfurl a giant 36-foot American flag in the museum’s Great Hall as part of a moving and patriotic ceremony. After properly folding the flag, sing an emotional rendition of the National Anthem and honor those who served our country. The American flag folding ceremonies are included with regular museum admission.

- **Naturalization Ceremonies**
  - Welcome new citizens as part of special U.S. naturalization ceremonies, presented in partnership with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, in the History Center’s first floor Great Hall. The ceremony is free to attend but does not include museum admission. Check www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events for announcements on upcoming dates.

Special thanks to Charity Randall Foundation, leading sponsor of America 101. Visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/americ-101 to learn more about this initiative.

**An American Treasure: Apollo 11 Exhibit Lands in Pittsburgh this Fall**

Coming in September 2018: a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see one of America’s national treasures. The History Center will be one of just four museums nationally and the only museum east of the Mississippi River to host Destination Moon: The Apollo 11 Mission, a traveling exhibition organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES).

The Destination Moon exhibit is currently on a national tour of four Smithsonian Affiliates in two years while the National Air and Space Museum completes extensive renovations leading up to the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 lunar landing mission in 2019.

The blockbuster exhibit’s centerpiece is the Command Module Columbia – the only portion of the historic spacecraft to complete the first mission to land a man on the moon and safely return him to Earth. The tour will mark the first time in 46 years that the Command Module Columbia will leave the National Air and Space Museum.

Destination Moon features dozens of original Apollo 11-flown objects, models, videos, and interactive displays that give visitors an unprecedented look at the historic journey of the Apollo 11 crew – Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins, and Buzz Aldrin.

Visitors to the History Center’s Destination Moon exhibit, which launches in Pittsburgh on Sept. 29, 2018, will learn how Pittsburgh companies and innovators used their “We Can Do It!” spirit to play an important role in the mission, including contributions from ALCOA, MSA, North American Rockwell, Union Switch & Signal, Westinghouse, and others.

Stay tuned for the most up-to-date information on Destination Moon at www.heinzhistorycenter.org.
The History Center’s African American Program preserves and interprets African American heritage year-round. This February, observe Black History Month by experiencing the museum’s programs and exhibitions that explore African American history in our region.

**Black History Month Programs**

History with Style: Vintage Pittsburgh

**Saturday, March 24 | 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

History never goes out of style.

Shop ‘til you drop at the sixth annual Vintage Pittsburgh vendor fair, presented in partnership with The Neighborhood Flea. Find genuine vintage clothing, accessories, books, toys, home décor, and much more from dozens of local vendors. From funky fashions to classic collectibles, this fashionable twist on Pittsburgh history offers something for everyone.

Visitors can also find vintage inspiration and explore 1920s fashion in the History Center’s newest exhibition, American Spirits: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition. Vintage Pittsburgh is included with regular museum admission and free for History Center members.

It’s Always a Hockey Day at the Sports Museum!

This spring, visit the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum to see new artifacts and interactives as part of a new-and-improved hockey section that incorporates objects from the Pittsburgh Penguins’ most recent Stanley Cup championship teams.

From a life-like figure of Mario Lemieux hoisting the Stanley Cup to artifacts from the greatest players and coaches in Penguins history, the new hockey section will bring the region’s hockey history to life like never before.

New Penguins artifacts will be on display, including hockey sticks from each Penguins player on the 2009 Stanley Cup-winning team, Evgeni Malkin’s helmet and gloves from the 2011 Winter Classic, puck signed by each member of the 2016 Stanley Cup champions, and much more. Learn more about the Pittsburgh Penguins women’s hockey team and see artifacts from Olympic goalie Brianne McLaughlin.

For more information on the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum, visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/sports.

SAVE THE DATE! 26th Annual History Makers Award Dinner

The 26th annual History Makers Award Dinner, presented by BNY Mellon and Citizens Bank, will take place on Friday, May 18 at the Westin Convention Center.

**THE 2018 HONOREES**

**Business**
The Hanna Family
Howard Hanna Real Estate Services
Real Estate Industry Leaders

**Community**
Sally Wiggins
Emmy-winning, longtime WTAE new anchor
Host of WTAE’s Chronicle

**Education**
Elayne Arrington, PhD
Aeronautical engineer
Mathematician, Educator,
University of Pittsburgh

**Innovation**
Jay Apt, PhD
American Astronaut
Co-Founder, Carnegie Mellon Electricity Industry Center
Professor, Carnegie Mellon University
Topper School of Business and Department of Engineering & Public Policy

**Sports**
Steve Blass
1971 World Series Champion
Philadelphia Pirates Pitcher
Pittsburgh Pirates Broadcaster

Proceeds from the History Makers Award Dinner support educational programming and exhibitions at the History Center. Past honorees include Jerome Bettis, Nadine Bognar, Esther Bush, Carol Semple Thompson, Fred Rogers, Franco Harris, Michael Keaton, and many others.

For tickets, contact Angela Gaitanella at 412-454-6405 or amgaitaniella@heinzhistorycenter.org.

In association with the Smithsonian Institution

Winter 2018 Making History
Meadowcroft Celebrates its 50th Season in 2018

On Saturday, May 5, Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village will open its 50th season as a historic tourist destination in Avella, Washington County.

When farmer Albert Miller first opened Meadowcroft to visitors in 1969, it offered tours of its 19th century village, which included log houses, a covered bridge, a blacksmith’s shop, and a one-room schoolhouse.

In 1973, Dr. James Adovasio and his team of University of Pittsburgh students excavated artifacts from underneath a rock ledge overhang on the site – all discovered because Miller had stumbled upon a groundhog hole and unearthed a prehistoric American Indian artifact in 1955. Radiocarbon dating by the Smithsonian concluded that the Meadowcroft Rockshelter once served as a campsite for prehistoric hunters and gatherers 16,000 years ago.

In the decades that followed, the site expanded to include a 16th century Monongahela Indian village and an 18th century frontier trading post.

In 2005, the U.S. Secretary of the Interior designated Meadowcroft Rockshelter a National Historic Landmark.

Today, Meadowcroft’s historic structures and interpretive stations work together to tell 16,000 years of history in Western Pennsylvania, from the hunting and gathering of the region’s earliest inhabitants to the daily lives of 19th century rural Americans.

Celebrate Meadowcroft’s 50th season this spring and bring the entire family for a journey of prehistoric proportions.

Visit the Fort Pitt Museum this spring and summer to learn the storied history of the Fort – strategically located at the forks of the Ohio River – and its crucial role in shaping the course of American and world history.

The two-floor, 12,000-square-foot museum features historical artifacts, lifelike figures, and the temporary exhibition, From Maps to Mermaids: Carved Powder Horns in Early America.

Few objects from colonial America had such a personal connection to their owners as the powder horns used by soldiers, settlers, and American Indians to store the gunpowder necessary for their survival. The museum’s From Maps to Mermaids exhibit explores powder horns made or used on the early American frontiers, their practical uses, and their representation of early American folk art.

Located in Downtown Pittsburgh’s historic Point State Park, the Fort Pitt Museum is one of the most affordable, family-friendly cultural experiences in the region.

For more information about the Fort Pitt Museum, visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/fort-pitt.
Celebrating 50 Years of “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood”

On Feb. 19, 1968, “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood” debuted on PBS. Fifty years later, the beloved children’s television show continues to entertain and inspire the young and young-at-heart. Fred Rogers’ legacy lives on in the hearts of fans in Western Pennsylvania and around the world.

The History Center is the proud home of the original television set from “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood,” on display each day in the museum’s fourth floor Sigo Folk Collections Center. Experience the nostalgia and wonder of the Neighborhood of Make-Believe as you explore iconic artifacts like King Friday XIII’s Castle, X the Owl’s Great Oak Tree, and Mr. McFeely’s “Speedy Delivery” tricycle, along with the living room entryway and a smiling lifelike figure of Fred Rogers wearing his trademark sweater.

Stay tuned to www.heinzhistorycenter.org for exciting updates and programs to celebrate the 50th anniversary of “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood.”

Curator Q&A: Leslie Przybylek

Senior Curator Leslie Przybylek, discusses the American Spirits: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition exhibition.

Why do you think the 1920s are such a prolific period in American history?

LP: I don’t think the 1920s were truly more prolific than other decades; each period in American history has its own stories to tell. I think it’s more about us. I think people find the 1920s more interesting because the period is more recognizable, and the issues still seem relevant. From the youth culture epitomized by the flapper to debates over private desire versus public welfare, the 1920s feel like a world closer to our own.

Were there any surprises while researching local Prohibition history?

LP: I did not realize the extent to which, in just a few years, many people in Western Pennsylvania grew deeply frustrated with the corruption and community vice that sprang up around Prohibition. There’s an impressively large file in the National Archives filled with letters area residents sent to the Justice Department, in many instances pleading with Prohibition enforcement officials to send someone to their community to help clean up the problems. Some enterprising local citizens also asked if there were any paying jobs connected with that work.

What do you hope visitors take away from this exhibit?

LP: American Spirits is a fun and engaging look at a legendary period in our history, a period that still reverberates in our society today. At its heart, the story of Prohibition is a story of American democracy, and how the process both worked and didn’t. I hope visitors come away from the exhibit understanding what motivated people on both sides of the issue, and how the 13-year experiment of Prohibition left a lasting imprint on our national consciousness.

To read the full interview, visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/blog.

On the Road: We Can Do It! WWII Traveling Exhibit

The History Center’s We Can Do It! WWII traveling exhibition is on the road, visiting cultural institutions throughout Western Pennsylvania as part of the History Center Affiliates Program, a collection of more than 125 of the region’s historical organizations.

Presented by Erie Insurance and supported by Dollar Bank, The Eberly Foundation and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), this exhibit brings the 1940s to life as it explores Western Pennsylvania’s impact on the home, industrial, and battle fronts during World War II.

Visitors can learn the stories behind the jeep, Rosie the Riveter, and Tuskegee Airmen, whose contributions impacted the war effort both at home and on the battlefield. More than 30 artifacts, four lifelike museum figures, and elements from local organizations’ own collections tell an impactful story that truly hits home.

For more information on the We Can Do It! WWII traveling exhibit, contact Robert Stakeley at 412-454-6359 or rostakeley@heinzhistorycenter.org.

Behind the Lens: Eyes of Pittsburgh Exhibition

Now Open

Through June 2018

For more than a century, photographers at the city’s newspapers have captured Pittsburgh’s everyday routines and its most defining moments. Together, these images form a visual history of Pittsburgh and its people, preserving their legacy for generations to come.

Featuring some of the most compelling images from the Post-Gazette’s archives, the new Eyes of Pittsburgh exhibition brings more than 100 years of Pittsburgh history into sharp focus. Explore some of the city’s most iconic moments, as captured by the photographers who documented them for posterity.

This photographic exhibit, curated in partnership with the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, is on display in the History Center’s fourth floor Campbell Gallery through June 2018.

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The History Center will host two fun-filled summer camp experiences for children in third through sixth grade this July and August.

In Pittsburgh Imagineers, campers will let their imaginations soar and then engineer them down to earth. They will explore the steps of innovation through Pittsburgh history, generating new ideas like Alcoa, tinkering and exploring like jazz musician Earl “Fatha” Hines, and producing pop art like Burton Morris. Campers will combine their knowledge and creativity in a design thinking challenge.

In Blast from the Past, campers explore Pittsburgh’s place in pop culture, from “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood” to George Romero’s zombies and everything in between. They will explore music and food, see Pittsburgh in film and television, become sports super fans, and join in a zombie survival challenge in Discovery Place. Campers will also make their own pop art masterpiece.

These weeklong summer camps run Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with optional extended drop-off and pick-up hours available for an additional fee. Camps are $225 for non-members and $200 for History Center members.

For more information, please contact Mariruth Leftwich at 412-454-6390 or maleftwich@heinzhistorycenter.org.

The History Center will host the annual National History Day competition for middle school and high school students.

National History Day engages hundreds of students.

National History Day encourages students to research a historical topic, produce a project, and defend it in front of a panel of judges. This project-based learning model empowers students to select topics related to a central theme and produce a project, website, documentary, live performance, or exhibit board. Students learn to identify and evaluate primary and secondary sources, use critical thinking skills to analyze historical events, and write annotated bibliographies.

This year’s theme is “Conflict & Compromise in History.” The competition will take place on Saturday, March 10 and Sunday, March 11 at the History Center. The first through third place winners of the middle school and high school competitions will advance to compete at the state level.

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Health and History Unite

The History Center’s Food & Fitness program, sponsored by UPMC Health Plan, promotes healthy and active living through the experience of history. History Center visitors can blend health and history in the SmartSteps exhibition and test their knowledge about sport and the body in the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum. The History Center Decathlon (available for download on the History Center website) is another fun way to get even more exercise during a visit to the museum.

The Food & Fitness program also includes important public programs and educational outreach opportunities. The History Center’s Healthy Heritage program enables students from Title 1 schools to dig into a day of food heritage and healthy cooking. Each session features local chefs who prepare time-honored dishes and healthy cooking. Each session features local chefs who prepare time-honored dishes and healthy cooking. Each session features local chefs who prepare time-honored dishes and healthy cooking.

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Kiddos Invited to Hop Into History

Hop on down to the History Center for Hop Into History, a fun exploration of the past designed for 2-5-year-olds and their caregivers. Young children are transported back in time through music, dance, and games in lively sessions led by museum educators and music instructor Lynda Wingerd.

Visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events to register for an upcoming session.

Children 5 and under are admitted free, and adults must pay regular museum admission. For more information, contact Mariruth Leftwich at maleftwich@heinzhistorycenter.org or 412-454-6390.
Histor-E: Instagram-Worthy Spots at the History Center

Last September, pop superstar Ed Sheeran visited the History Center to enjoy the Heinz exhibit. During his visit, he shared a video of his experience on Instagram viewed more than 1.1 million times by fans around the world.

Sheeran thought the Heinz exhibit was Instagram-worthy... so what other parts of the museum make visitorsetch for their smartphones? For History Center visitors, it’s a mix of nostalgic, inspiring, and quirky exhibitions that creates the perfect photo opp. The Instagram opportunities are endless in the History Center’s six floors of awe-inspiring exhibits detailing Western Pennsylvania’s rich history.

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Irish Genealogy Workshop
Sunday, March 4 | 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Detre Library & Archives at the History Center will host an Irish Genealogy Workshop for beginners and seasoned genealogists alike. Irish genealogy experts Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt from the Ulster Historical Foundation in Belfast will discuss the rich genealogical sources found in Ireland.

Presented in partnership with the Westmoreland County Historical Society, this in-depth workshop will examine a multitude of historic records and electronic resources to enrich Irish genealogy research. Attendees will also have the opportunity to attend a special curator-led tour of the History Center’s Irish American collection on display in the museum’s fourth floor Special Collections Gallery.

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New 20s-Inspired Event Rental Offerings

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Life with a Shawnee Family at Meadowcroft  
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#ThrowbackThursday

Exhibitions

**FIRST FLOOR**
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  UPMC SmartSteps  
  Senator John Heinz: A Western Pennsylvania Legacy
- Kidsburgh (mezzanine)
- Vintage Vehicles

**SECOND FLOOR**
- Pittsburgh: A Tradition of Innovation
- Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum  
  **NEW!** Discovery Place  
  Rediscovering Lewis & Clark: A Journey with the Rooney Family
- Prine Collection of Woodworking Planes
- Outdoor Advertising

**FOURTH FLOOR**
- Visible Storage Gallery
- Special Collections Gallery  
  (featuring “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood”)
- Heinz
- **NEW!** Eyes of Pittsburgh
- From Slavery to Freedom
- Glass: Shattering Notions

**FIFTH FLOOR**
- **NEW!** Art of Facts | Uncovering Pittsburgh Stories
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