History Center Offers Digital Learning Resources During COVID-19 Closure

PITTSBURGH, March 19, 2020 – While Western Pennsylvanians practice social distancing and stay at home to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Senator John Heinz History Center has compiled an array of virtual history offerings through its website and digital platforms.

Though the museum's doors are closed, the History Center’s online educational resources are available for parents, students, teachers, researchers, and more.

The History Center has curated a select list of digital offerings on a new web page: heinzhistorycenter.org/HistoryAtHome.

Virtual visitors can:

• **Read** more than 300 fascinating stories focused on Pittsburgh’s rich and dynamic history, written by History Center experts, on the [Making History blog](https://heinzhistorycenter.org/blog). (direct link: heinzhistorycenter.org/blog)

• **Discover** thousands of artifacts within the museum collections of the History Center that preserve the history of our region and the world. (direct link: heinzhistorycenter.org/collections/history-center-collections)

• **Watch** exciting virtual tours of the History Center’s most popular exhibitions from past years, including *Destination Moon: The Apollo 11 Mission*, *Toys of the ’50s, ’60s, and ’70s*, and *We Can Do It! WWII*.

• **Listen** to important stories on regional history through [The Cornerstone podcast](https://heinzhistorycenter.org/learn/podcasts), which connects Jewish historical sites in Western Pa. to historic materials in the Rauh Jewish History Program & Archives at the Heinz History Center. Each episode investigates one spot in the region, such as a synagogue or work of public art, then tells its story through documents, photographs, and oral histories, as well as interactive StoryMaps available online. The Cornerstone is made possible through a grant from the SteelTree Fund of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh. Listen and subscribe at heinzhistorycenter.org/learn/podcasts.

**History Center Digital Exhibitions Featured on Google Arts & Culture**

The History Center has partnered with [Google Arts & Culture](https://artsandculture.google.com) to share Western Pennsylvania history with a worldwide audience.
One of the History Center’s most popular online exhibitions on Google Arts & Culture explores the lasting legacy of our favorite neighbor, Fred Rogers, who reminds us to "look for the helpers" in times of need. More than 50 years after the first episode of "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" made its national debut, Mister Rogers continues to inspire and encourage us.

The History Center is one of just two cultural institutions in the region to curate digital exhibitions on Google Arts & Culture.

Explore this story and more by visiting artsandculture.google.com/partner/senator-john-heinz-history-center.

While the Heinz History Center is closed, its staff has compiled an array of virtual history offerings through its website and digital platforms for students, parents, teachers, and more. An online exhibition exploring the legacy of Fred Rogers is available on Google Arts & Culture.

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