

2024

BLUEPRINTS FOR HISTORY

FISCAL YEAR ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2023—JUNE 30, 2024



WISCONSIN
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Laying the foundation for the next 100 years of our history



Dear Friends,

As we wrap up the calendar year, it is my sincere privilege to present the Wisconsin Historical Society's fiscal year 2024 annual report. There is so much to celebrate this year, and even more to look forward to in the years ahead thanks to the generosity of friends like you.

While this report highlights the incredible accomplishments and impact from the past year, our theme—"Blueprints for History"—connects those achievements to the Society's plans for the next 100 years of collecting, preserving and sharing history. It also acknowledges the time, care and investment that is essential to design detailed blueprints and put them into action.

The impact of your support is evident on each page of this report and I hope you feel a strong sense of pride for everything you helped accomplish. I certainly reflect on the past fiscal year with overwhelming gratitude for the many individuals, organizations and government officials who champion the work of the Society and invest in our mission to connect people to the past.

Tremendous thanks are in order to the State of Wisconsin and private donors for fully funding the \$160.5 million design and construction budget of the new Wisconsin History Center. With this milestone behind us, our state will soon have a world-class facility to discover and share its history for generations to come. Our partners at the Wisconsin Historical Foundation continue to fundraise for the remainder of the project budget that includes exhibit fabrication, program development and pre-opening costs.

The history center will be a statewide resource for people in all Wisconsin communities and help us connect to one another, across time, through our shared history. Further, the plans laid for the history center are foundational for the investments being made across the agency that will benefit the entire state.

The History Makers Tour, which brings history directly to communities in all 72 Wisconsin counties, reached more than 55,600 people in fiscal year 2024 through pop-up exhibits and events setting the stage for the future of community engagement at the Society.

The AL. Ringling Theatre in Baraboo was donated to the Society to join Circus World's operations and benefit the entire Driftless Area with expanded history, arts and culture programming. This is one example of many projects across our historic sites and museums that boost the local economy and cultural offerings.

And that is just the beginning. With these plans and your generous support, we have the specifications, partnerships and investments in place for the next century of history in our state. Our blueprints use the past to inspire people to build a better future—together.

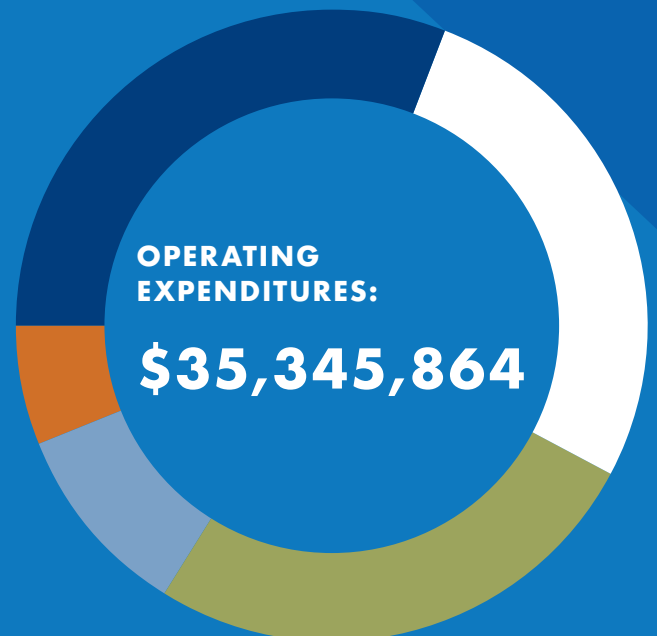
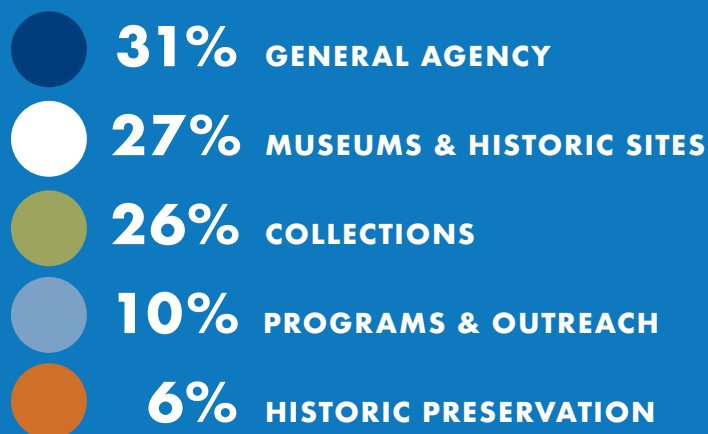
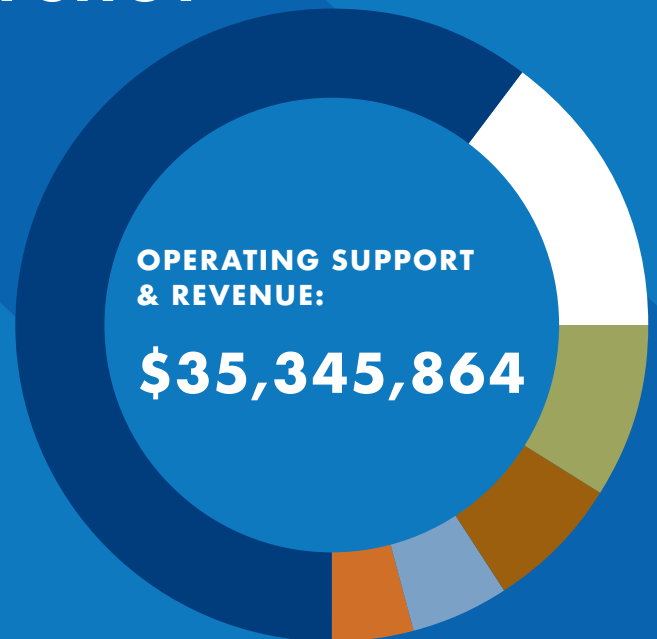
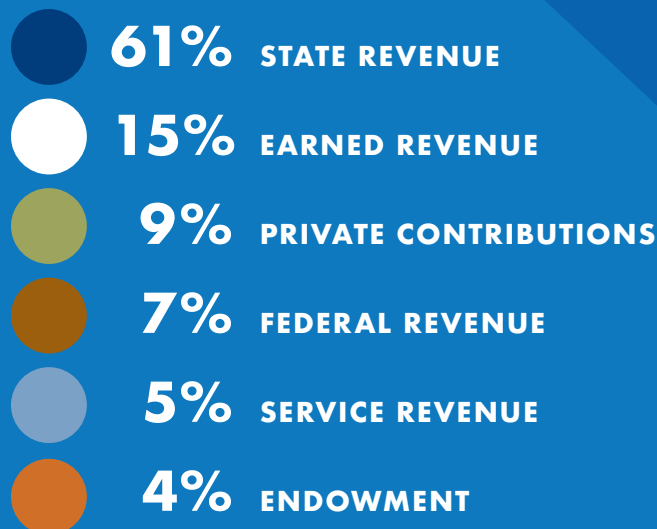
Please enjoy this report of our fiscal year 2024 impact. I hope you are as excited as I am about the future of collecting, preserving and sharing stories. I am looking forward to seeing these blueprints continue to come to life with friends like you by our side.

In Partnership,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Christian W. Øverland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial 'C'.

Christian W. Øverland
The Ruth and Hartley Barker Director & CEO
Wisconsin Historical Society

WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY FY2024 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT



The Wisconsin Historical Society's ability to fulfill its mission of collecting, preserving and sharing stories is made possible by the consistent and unwavering support of the Wisconsin Legislature, the Governor's Office and administration, private donors, and members of the public that provide financial support through the use of Society services.

Note: Percentages may not equal 100 due to rounding. Totals do not include the Society's debt service appropriation.

WISCONSIN HISTORY CENTER UPDATE

KEY MILESTONES PROPEL FLAGSHIP HISTORY CENTER PROJECT FORWARD

Another year of significant milestones has rapidly advanced progress on the Wisconsin History Center project, bringing the vision of a transformative home for Wisconsin and North American history even closer. As the fiscal year concluded in June 2024, the project began its transition from drawing-board vision to shovels-in-the-ground reality, with site demolition set to begin in fall 2024. The new Wisconsin History Center remains on track for a 2027 opening.

The \$160.5 million design and construction budget has now been fully met, the State Building Commission unanimously granted the Society permission to construct the new history center, architectural design is complete, and planning for core galleries is well underway.





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The State of Wisconsin awarded \$112.3 million for design and construction of the history center, contingent upon the Society securing an additional \$48.2 million in private contributions. That target was eclipsed when a \$10 million gift from philanthropist W. Jerome Frautschi vaulted private funding to \$53 million. Frautschi has now contributed more than \$25.1 million to the 100,000-square-foot future Wisconsin History Center on the state's Capitol Square. The Wisconsin Historical Foundation's total private fundraising goal of \$66.5 million will help fund design and construction, exhibit fabrication and additional expenditures required to open the facility.

The history center's design team, including exhibit designers Ralph Appelbaum Associates (RAA) and architectural firms Continuum Architects + Planners and SmithGroup, has collaborated to create a striking space inspired by Wisconsin's natural resources and rich history. The Madison Urban Design Commission and Madison Plan Commission approved those plans in late 2023 and the Society was given the go-ahead to begin construction by the State Building Commission shortly thereafter. The five-story building, with its angled exterior of weathered zinc, embossed steel, granite and bird-safe glass, will more than double the exhibition space of the former museum and serve as a cultural beacon for the entire state.

Planning continued through the year on the development of the history center's interior spaces, with the Society collaborating with RAA, community partners, a scholarly advisory panel and a Native Nations Council. Their work has focused on the history center's three core galleries. The

planning teams are tasked with defining each gallery's overarching narrative and themes and selecting the specific stories and artifacts to be displayed in each gallery to tell an immersive story of Wisconsin and North American history. The history center will also house a rotating community gallery sharing stories from across the state as well as a changing gallery large enough to house national traveling exhibits.

This work builds upon a strong foundation of community input, begun several years ago with the Share Your Voice tour that engaged more than 5,000 residents from throughout the state. The goal is to build a history center worthy of our state's stories and their national impact—an inclusive, inspiring space to provide unprecedented access to the Society's world-class collections. The Wisconsin History Center is expected to welcome more than 200,000 guests annually and double the number of school students served to 60,000.

BEHIND THE DESIGN

THE PEOPLE AND PLACES THAT ARE SHAPING THE NEW WISCONSIN HISTORY CENTER

The new home for the stories of the people of Wisconsin ought to feel like home to the people of Wisconsin. That's because the design of the new Wisconsin History Center will utilize materials which evoke and celebrate the state's natural resources and draw upon the wisdom of its people—incorporating lumber, stones, even wildflowers and other native plants from across the state.

The Wisconsin Historical Society has assembled a broad and diverse team charged with creating a fitting home for Wisconsin's history. Advice and input about the history center's design and materials come from several groups, each bringing their unique expertise and experiences.

Their input will be visible throughout the new history center, in its displays and its programming. Perhaps the most visible example of these partnerships will be a massive wooden staircase rising

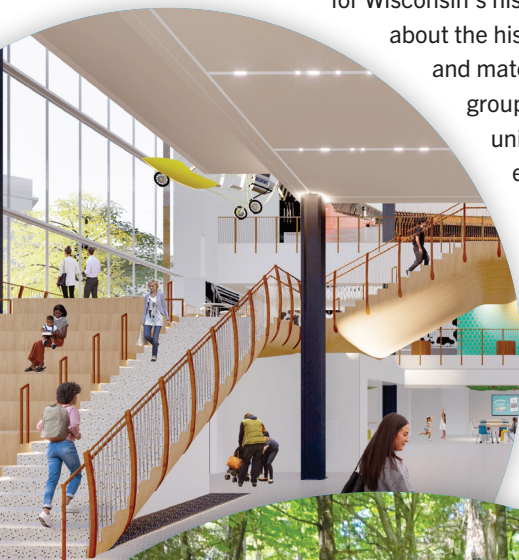
across the lobby. This grand architectural element will be realized through a collaboration between the Society and Menominee Tribal Enterprises (MTE), a recommendation of the project's Native Nations Council. This advisory panel, which includes representatives from each of the Tribal nations in Wisconsin as well as other Indigenous cultural leaders, urged designers to incorporate real materials whenever possible.

Lumber for the grand staircase, designed to evoke the shape of dugout canoes, as well as for flooring throughout the center, will come from forests sustainably managed by MTE in the 230,000-acre Menominee Forest in Northern Wisconsin. A key partner in the history center project, MTE will also help collaborate on exhibits exploring MTE's history and the Menominee Forest.

"It's been over a year of planning and spending time with each other on the Menominee reservation learning, discussing and going out to the forest and the mill to be able to put together not only a better project, but to tell a story that is very unique, that we all have a part in telling," said Nels B. Huse, marketing specialist with MTE. "The detail of the monumental staircase, the end grain flooring, and furniture required us to have this partnership that only this team can do together."

Visitors will be delighted by other nods to the state's natural resources throughout the history center's design. Guests may find stones from Wisconsin's shorelines surrounding structural pillars in the building or imprints of native plants surrounding the elevators. Some spaces include design elements to evoke the feeling of being in a Wisconsin prairie with wildflowers in bloom while others include inspiration from rich basket weaving traditions.

"Every element of the building's design is being carefully considered to provide visitors with a deep sense of place among Wisconsin's varied landscapes," said deputy director and chief operating officer Wes Mosman Block. "With every decision, we are taking seriously our responsibility to create a truly 'Wisconsin' History Center."





WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO DESIGN A HISTORY CENTER?

The Society and its partners have been hard at work designing the three core galleries and two changing galleries that will be featured in the new Wisconsin History Center—but what does it take to create immersive exhibitions that feature stories and collections of national significance that represent people and places across the entire state?

In fiscal year 2024, the Society established internal design teams for each gallery to bring initial themes and concepts to life. Gallery design will continue into 2025 with fabrication starting in 2026. Here is what our design team has been up to this year!

2 DESIGN PHASES

1 Schematic Design

Preliminary content, storyline and theme development for exhibitions and initial artifact identification.

2 Design Development

Refine specific stories and topics for each exhibition as well as artifact and image selection.

40+

Society and
Foundation staff

2,500+

Staff hours

636

People engaged

30

Workshops with
renowned
exhibit design firm
Ralph Appelbaum
Associates

1,240

Artifacts digitally
rendered by
Ralph Appelbaum
Associates for
design review

100+

Pairs of gloves worn
to handle collections
during research

1,500+ Artifacts and archival collections researched



No small feat

“It is truly an incredible amount of very thoughtful work our team is doing to prepare for these galleries,” said Nick Hoffman, the Society’s administrator of museums & historic sites. “Each artifact, archival collection and story is carefully researched, discussed and considered from every angle to determine how best to share our state’s story. It is no small feat—and we are grateful to have the engagement of community councils and advisory committees to help create exhibitions that represent all of Wisconsin and our evolving impact regionally and nationally throughout history.”

A DEEP DIVE INTO COLLECTIONS RESEARCH

RESEARCH FOR HISTORY CENTER UNCOVERS STORIES ABOUT COLLECTIONS

The Society is drawing upon its world-class collection of nearly 290 million items to create exhibitions in the new history center that will leave visitors curious and inspired by our state's history. Over the past year, the Society has identified and studied thousands of items to inform storytelling in the history center—but sometimes they must dig a little deeper.

“Our team has been on a glorious treasure hunt to research the stories behind our collections,” said collections director Jill Sterrett. “We have uncovered new findings and stories about our collections that will enhance storytelling and delight future visitors to the history center.”

20-STAR CIVIL WAR LOYALTY FLAG

A 20-star Civil War Loyalty Flag is one exceptional object that required further investigation. The flag was donated to the Society in 1896 by Horace Beach, a Prairie du Chien businessowner and president of the local Union League. During the Civil War, Union Leagues formed across the North to promote loyalty to the Union.

Why would a Union League in Prairie du Chien use a 20-star flag to represent their club when the official United States flag at the time sported 34 stars? What was the flag's origin and how could it best be displayed in its fragile state? That's what a group of experts set out to uncover during a two-day study session supported by a grant from Americana Corner in October 2023.

The collaborative research panel included experts from the Smithsonian National Museum of American History, UW-Madison School of Human Ecology's textiles program, Midwest Art Conservation Center and cross-disciplinary Society experts.

“The Society assembled an impressive level of expertise to exchange ideas on the range of possibilities involved in the conservation, location and interpretation of the Prairie du Chien Loyalty Flag,” said Marilyn Zoidis, senior curator emerita of the Star-Spangled Banner Preservation Project at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History. “Because historic flags carry complex issues that evoke personal meanings, everyone recognized the challenges. The Society welcomed and embraced multiple viewpoints and made us all feel that we had a stake in the outcome—a model for any such undertaking.”

Through lively discussion, the group gained a better understanding of the historical and geographical context during the flag's use, including that it was homemade in accordance with government specifications at the time. While the exact significance remains a mystery, the team identified new leads to continue this research. All participants in the prestigious group of experts acknowledged that this interdisciplinary approach is unique in the field of collections research and set a new precedent for research possibilities at the Society and beyond.





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Larry Plucinski, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

MENDOTA DUGOUT CANOES

Collaborative research over the past year with Native Nations in Wisconsin revealed new details about the Mendota Dugout Canoes and the archaeological site where they were discovered. These findings will support sharing the history of Indigenous peoples who have called the land now known as Wisconsin home for thousands of years—both in the history center and beyond.

Two submerged canoes, approximately 1,200 and 3,000 years old, were previously identified and recovered from the site in 2021 and 2022, respectively. Researchers identified at least eight additional submerged canoes offering more evidence to enhance the histories shared at the history center and beyond. The news of the additional findings and expanded significance of the archaeology site reached a world-wide audience in the summer of 2024.

“We have a lot to learn from the Mendota canoe site, and the research happening today allows us to better understand and share the stories of the people who lived here and had a thriving culture here since time immemorial,” said Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Larry Plucinski, who participated in the recovery and research.

Archaeologists hypothesize that the canoes may have been intentionally cached in the water to prevent freezing and warping in the winter months and were later buried by natural forces over time. Radiocarbon dating results indicated the oldest canoe in the cache is approximately 4,500 years old—making it the oldest dugout canoe now recorded in the Great Lakes Region.

The Society will not attempt to recover additional canoes from the site due to their fragile condition. The decision was made in collaboration with Tribal historic preservation officers.

While research continues at the site, the two recovered canoes are undergoing a preservation process that uses Polyethylene Glycol (PEG) to stabilize the wood and takes several years. Once complete, the canoes will be transported to Texas A&M University to undergo a freeze-drying process that leaves the canoes in a stable, solid structure suitable for public display.



MORE INFORMATION

Learn more about this discovery and ongoing research at wihist.org/canoe



HISTORY MAKER SPACE

TEMPORARY PROGRAMMING SPACE SERVES THOUSANDS OF WISCONSIN RESIDENTS

It may be a temporary home for history-related activities until the opening of the new Wisconsin History Center, but the History Maker Space made some history of its own this past year.

The space, located on the first floor of the US Bank Plaza on Capitol Square, welcomed thousands of visitors in its first full year of operation to provide continued educational services and public programming while the Wisconsin History Center is under construction. Visitors enjoyed a full calendar of events, camps and special activities in the space, which also includes a retail store focused on Wisconsin-inspired products and makers, and an interactive education hub for school groups.

The History Maker Space hosted more than 7,600 students, teachers and chaperones from communities across Wisconsin. Educators and students lauded the programs offered in the space and praised their focus on building critical thinking skills and providing hands-on, experiential learning opportunities.

"These hands-on activities encourage students to see the relevance of history in their lives today, fostering a connection between their learning and the world around them," said Carol Patterson, fourth grade teacher in the Sauk Prairie School District, who brought her students to the History Maker Space

in May. "By actively participating in historical reenactments or crafting items from a particular era, they gain a richer, more personal appreciation of the people, cultures and events that have shaped our world. This direct interaction with historical artifacts and processes makes history exciting and memorable, and it often ignites a lifelong interest in the subject."

Other offerings attracted a broad audience. In April, approximately 150 people attended a Polka Party in the History Maker Space, which commemorated the 30th anniversary of polka's designation as the official state dance. People of all ages filled the spaces with music and dance, enjoying tunes from a polka band and DJ. Food and beverages complemented the theme and digital displays presented a fascinating glimpse of polka and dance hall history in the state. In June, the Society hosted the Madison Black History Walking Tour, which highlighted the city's Black community from the 1860s to the early 1900s.

The retail store found success by prioritizing local vendors, makers and authors to showcase locally made products and stories—generating nearly \$40,000 in sales to support the Society's operations. The History Maker Space is made possible by generous support from J.H. Findorff & Son and Urban Land Interests.



MORE INFORMATION

Learn about upcoming History Maker Space events and programs at wihist.org/historymakerspace



HISTORY MAKERS TOUR

SOCIETY KICKS OFF 3-YEAR STATEWIDE ENGAGEMENT TOUR

A collaborative effort designed to bring history directly to communities throughout the state saw more than 30 events and 55,607 visitors over the course of its first year. The Wisconsin History Makers Tour, an innovative program allowing the Society to continue serving communities statewide while the new Wisconsin History Center is under construction, launched in September 2023, traveling first to the south central and southeastern parts of Wisconsin.

The tour features pop-up exhibits, artifact displays, interactive historic image installations, author talks and other special events. Many tour stops are coordinated with local or regional partners, such as libraries, history organizations and cultural venues. The tour was made possible through the generous support of Culver's and a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences (Grant Number: MA-253159-OMS-23).

A key feature of the tour is the collaboration with community partners, which helps increase engagement and allows for more meaningful events. One traveling environmental exhibit on the Great Lakes and water's role in shaping Wisconsin was seen by thousands of viewers at public libraries in Germantown, Mount Horeb and Beaver Dam. Beaver Dam Public Library coordinated the exhibit to coincide with the library's annual Science Festival, attended by more than 600 people.

Another traveling display highlighting the women's suffrage movement in Wisconsin, "We Stand on their Shoulders," was hosted by numerous historical museums and public libraries and illustrates the ways local organizations can help shape the event. In Columbus, the public library organized and ran voter registration events concurrent with the exhibit and estimated nearly 2,000 attendees. Meanwhile, the Sun Prairie Historical Library and Museum added material from its own archives to make the experience even more relevant for visitors.

The History Makers Tour also features brand-new customizable exhibits that allow compelling historical artifacts to travel across the state, invite the public to "step into history" by posing in life-sized historical images and learn more about Wisconsin culture through outdoor "history walk" pop-up exhibits.

The tour will visit other areas of the state over the next few years, leading up to the opening of the new Wisconsin History Center in 2027.



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MORE INFORMATION

Check out where the History Makers Tour will be next at wihist.org/historymakerstour



NEW ERA OF VISITOR EXPERIENCES

HISTORIC SITES EXPAND STORYTELLING, EVENTS AND EXPERIENCES

Across the state, growing attendance at the Society's 12 historic sites and museums over the past two summers served as a testament to the success of efforts to provide more engaging and immersive visitor experiences. From an in-depth exploration of the Ojibwe peoples' long presence on the Apostle Islands, to new events at Black Point Estate & Gardens, to flashback field trips for adults at Old World Wisconsin, the new interactive experiences are attracting increasing numbers of visitors, young and old.

"It's an exciting time at the historic sites and museums," said Nick Hoffman, administrator of the division of museums & historic sites for the Society. "We're testing new ways for visitors to experience history, strengthening collaboration both across the Society and with communities, and expanding the power of layered history at our sites to tell more dynamic stories."

Our innovative experience development process produced the compelling and significant new exhibition on "Passages: Ojibwe Migration to the Place Where Food Grows on the Water." With design led by Madeline Island Museum's new director, Michael Wiggins Jr., former Tribal chairman and executive director of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, the exhibit explores the history of the Apostle Islands through the stories of the Ojibwe people who have long called the area home.

"Stories passed on through generations recount our 500-year journey from the east coast to this powerful region where food grows on water," said Wiggins. "Much of our ancestors' travel was prophesied, and this exhibit offers a rare look into our culture, from establishing a home here to the efforts of Chief Buffalo to secure our land for the future."

The Society's other sites hosted numerous special events throughout the year, many centered around historic holiday traditions, arts and trades, or Wisconsin-inspired food and drink. Visitors found themselves playing era-appropriate games, dining on locally sourced, seasonal feasts, riding in horse-drawn carriages, crafting tools, and partaking in numerous time-honored activities carefully designed to bring history to life.



**HISTORIC SITES AND
MUSEUMS WELCOMED
220,930 GUESTS
IN FISCAL YEAR 2024**

A new era

At **WADE HOUSE**, visitors forged their own knives in the blacksmith's shop and sipped their way through a mixology lesson at two of the more than two dozen special events scheduled for the 2024 calendar year.

At Old World Wisconsin, the Halloween-themed **LEGENDS & LORE** enlisted students from the Kettle Moraine School for Arts and Performance to bring eerie tales to life. Ticket sales nearly doubled from the previous year.

Old World's **HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS** celebration stretched over three weekends and invited visitors to join in festive activities sure to spark holiday cheer. Attendees made crafts, sipped on cider as they listened to fireside stories and got in some last-minute holiday shopping in the Crossroads Christmas Shoppe. Attendance was up considerably over the previous year, a trend noticed across the state.

"History never gets old! There are more stories we're excited to tell and new history-inspired experiences we can't wait to share at our historic sites and museums across the state," said Hoffman.



MEMBER PASTPORT

The 2023 site season was the first with our Member PastPort—encouraging members to travel to all historic sites and museums to get their PastPort stamped and win special prizes. We handed out 1,778 PastPorts in 2023 and heard from 66 members who received stamps from nine sites in one season. The Member PastPort returned for the 2024 site season.

● **9,581**
BLACK POINT
ESTATE & GARDENS

● **17,408**
H.H. BENNETT
STUDIO & MUSEUM

● **74,115**
OLD WORLD
WISCONSIN

● **7,610**
STONEFIELD

● **62,204**
CIRCUS WORLD

● **9,430**
HISTORY MAKER SPACE

● **2,739**
PENDARVIS

● **11,246**
VILLA LOUIS

● **959**
FIRST CAPITOL

● **14,202**
MADELINE ISLAND
MUSEUM

● **383**
REED SCHOOL

● **11,053**
WADE HOUSE

HISTORIC INVESTMENTS AT HISTORIC SITES

BUILDING IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES ACROSS THE STATE

The Society's plans for its 12 historic sites and museums across the state include significant investments in infrastructure to expand programming. In addition to completing 30 capital projects totaling \$4 million at locations across the state, the following major projects highlight how these investments will support greater cultural and economic impact in Wisconsin communities.

"Our historic sites and museums are deeply embedded in their local communities," said Angela Titus, the Society's assistant deputy director & chief program officer. "We are excited to make strategic investments in all areas of the state to serve the public and to provide Wisconsinites unprecedented access to their history and historic places."

CIRCUS WORLD ADDS HISTORIC AL. RINGLING THEATRE

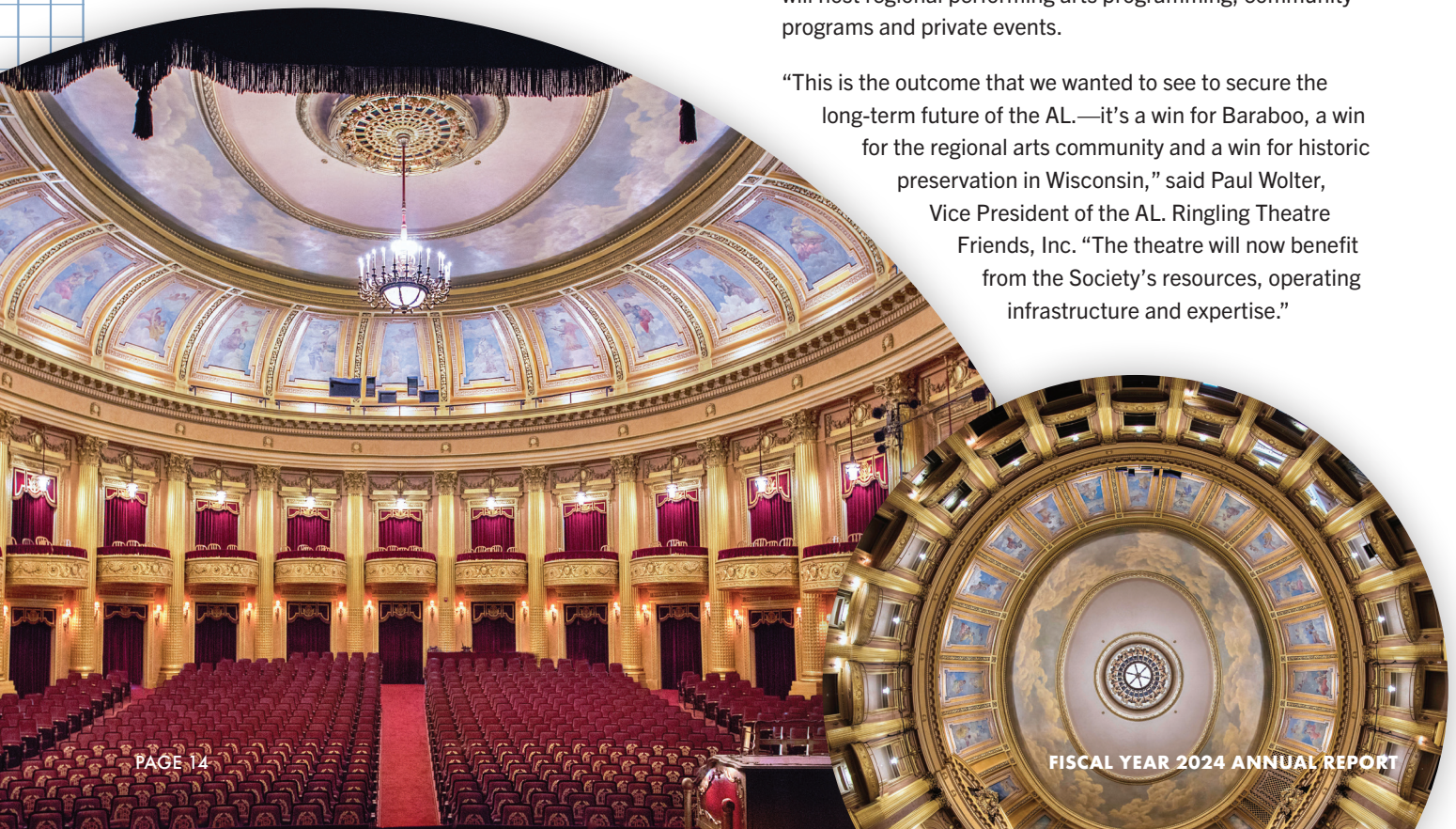
In March 2024, the historic AL. Ringling Theatre was donated to the Society to join Circus World's operations, a move that ensures the long-term future of the beloved regional theatre. The donation was made possible by working with the AL. Ringling Theatre Friends, Inc., to secure \$3.07 million in private gifts from community donors.

Designed in the opulent style of grand French opera houses, the 700-seat theatre was built in 1915 by Al Ringling, co-founder of the world-renowned Ringling Bros. Circus. The theatre, which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976, has hosted national touring companies, vaudeville, motion pictures and more, bringing performing arts and culture to Baraboo and the region.

"Operating the AL. with the rest of the Society's historic sites is a natural tie to our mission of connecting people to history by sharing stories and serving communities throughout our great state," said Christian Øverland, the Ruth and Hartley Barker Director & CEO. "We are grateful for the incredible support from the people of Baraboo—a place that is rich with history and a community where the Society has strong roots already with Circus World."

As the Society works toward its master plan at Circus World, the acquisition underscores its commitment to the Baraboo community and surrounding Driftless region. The theatre will be an extension of Circus World, turning it into a year-round, multi-venue attraction. In addition to big top shows and exhibitions on the Circus World grounds, the nearby theatre will host regional performing arts programming, community programs and private events.

"This is the outcome that we wanted to see to secure the long-term future of the AL.—it's a win for Baraboo, a win for the regional arts community and a win for historic preservation in Wisconsin," said Paul Wolter, Vice President of the AL. Ringling Theatre Friends, Inc. "The theatre will now benefit from the Society's resources, operating infrastructure and expertise."



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PRESERVATION IN
WISCONSIN."**

*Paul Wolter, Vice President,
AL. Ringling Theatre
Friends, Inc.*



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NEW HORSE ARENA OPENS AT WADE HOUSE

During the past year, a beautiful new horse arena was completed at Wade House, the historic site in Greenbush where guests immerse themselves in the horse-powered world of the 1800s.

The new arena, funded by a generous gift from the Kohler Trust for Preservation and dedicated in memory of Herbert Kohler, Jr., ushers in a new era of equine events at the site and elevates its annual Carriage Driving Days event. The event celebrates the sport's beauty and pageantry, with elegantly attired drivers, skillfully maneuvering their horse-drawn carriages through a series of competitions. In July 2023, the inaugural event in the new arena broke attendance records with 440 tickets sold, attracting media, tourism and visitors to Sheboygan County.



NEW TO THE SOCIETY'S COLLECTIONS

A FOCUS ON COLLECTING FOR THE NEW WISCONSIN HISTORY CENTER

As the Wisconsin Historical Society prepares to open a flagship history center that shares the story of Wisconsin and beyond, our team has been actively identifying and acquiring compelling new collections that represent the people, places and innovations that have shaped our state and impacted the nation. "In partnership with advisory groups and community councils, our team has been collecting items that fill gaps in our collections, acquiring some incredibly iconic artifacts and growing our collections to include unexpected or previously untold stories," said Jill Sterrett, director of collections. "We are grateful to steward these items as part of our collections and excited to make them accessible to people across the state through the new Wisconsin History Center."



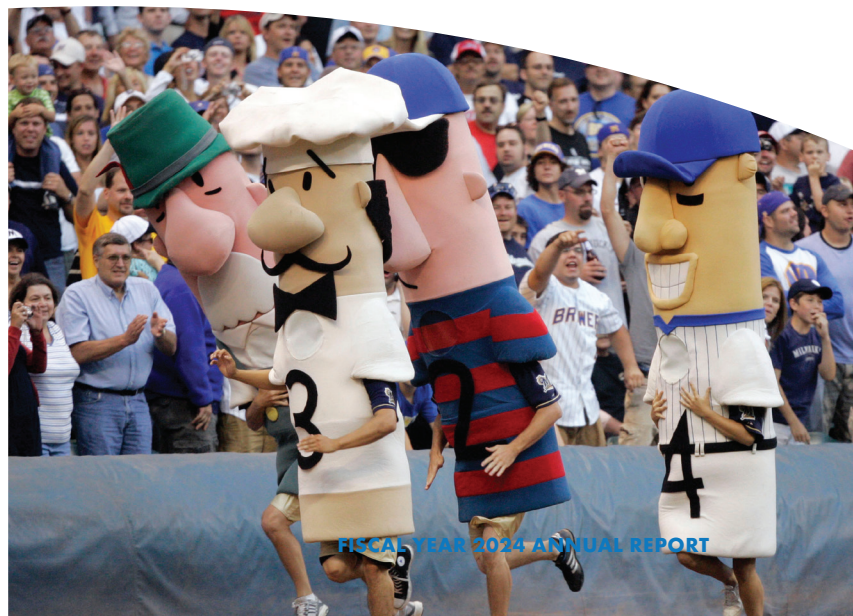
OLD STYLE NEON SIGN

Beer production helped put La Crosse on the national map thanks to G. Heileman Brewing Co., which was founded in 1858 (as The City Brewery) and eventually brought its signature Old Style lager to the national market. This iconic neon sign from the Old Style Country Stage stood high above the crowds at Milwaukee's Summerfest from about 1983 through 1996. Once restored, it will be prominently displayed in a staircase that will connect the third and fourth floors of the Wisconsin History Center and feature historic neon signs from across the state. The collection donation from Sandy Cleary, a descendent of the Heileman family, helped launch the collection project to highlight unique neon signs in the new history center. *Promised gift of Sandy Cleary.*



RACING SAUSAGES

The original three Milwaukee Brewers "Racing Sausages"—Bratwurst, Polish and Italian—which debuted on the field in 1993, joined the Society's collection. Based on a scoreboard animation, Michael Dillon—graphic designer and family friend of a team executive—pitched the idea of a real race and fabricated the 7-foot-tall foam costumes in his garage. Today, two-thirds of all MLB teams have adopted similar characters to entertain their fans. *Purchased by the Wisconsin Historical Society.*





CHARRO OUTFIT

Javier Sánchez Macías came to Wisconsin in 1966 to work on a dairy farm near Elkhorn. Prior to that he was a Charro, competing in Charrería (Mexican horsemanship). The Society has acquired several items worn and used during these competitions through a partnership with the Wisconsin Latinx History Collective.



Javier wearing the Charro garments from the papers of the Sánchez family, including photographs, correspondence, immigration documentation and related ephemeral materials, circa 1930-1970.



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

The year 2024 marks the 50th anniversary of the creation of Dungeons & Dragons. This influential role-playing game was created in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin in 1974 and went on to become a world-wide phenomenon. The Society acquired a 1979 Basic Dungeons & Dragons box set as part of a collecting plan for the Wisconsin History Center that highlights the social and emotional impact Dungeons & Dragons has made around the world. *Donated by Ben Klepzig.*



DAVID MARANISS PAPERS

The Society acquired papers of veteran journalist and New York Times best-selling author, David Maraniss, a Madison native who won two Pulitzer Prizes and wrote 13 nonfiction books. His notable books include, "They Marched into Sunlight," about UW-Madison student protests against the Vietnam War and, "When Pride Still Mattered," a biography of Vince Lombardi. The papers include his story research, drafts, correspondence, publicity, photographs and other materials.

STATEWIDE IMPACT OF YOUR STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WHERE HAS THE WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY BEEN IN FISCAL YEAR 2024? SEE JUST SOME OF THE WAYS OUR WORK REACHES ALL 72 WISCONSIN COUNTIES!

LEGEND



ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD WORK PROJECTS (121)

The State Historic Preservation Office and Society's Museum Archaeology Program (MAP) conducts archaeological field work and research across the state every year.



SCHOOLS ADOPTING FOURTH-GRADE WISCONSIN HISTORY TEXTBOOK (385)

The Society's elementary history textbook "Wisconsin: Our State, Our Story" encourages critical thinking and invites students to become eyewitnesses to the past.



AREA RESEARCH CENTERS (14)

The network of Area Research Centers provides access to local records and manuscript collections. Patrons can also request collections from across the state to be sent to their local ARC.



SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN NATIONAL HISTORY DAY (81)

NHD is more than a day; it is an opportunity for students to think beyond the textbook by researching and creating their own project based on a historical topic that interests them.



LOCAL HISTORY AFFILIATES (438)

The Society provides resources for local history organizations, including an annual conference, webinars, workshops, grants and information to start local history organizations.



SCHOOLS VISITING HISTORIC SITES & MUSEUMS (451)

Students across the state visit our historic sites and museums for sensory-rich, wonder-filled field trips that align with state educational standards while incorporating creativity, critical thinking and storytelling.



HISTORIC SITES & MUSEUMS (12)

In fiscal year 2024, the Society's historic sites and museums welcomed 220,930 visitors to 12 locations across the state!



SOCIETY PRESS AUTHOR TALKS & BOOK EVENTS (170)

The Wisconsin Historical Society Press hosts author talks and book events all across the state, letting you connect with your favorite Wisconsin history authors!

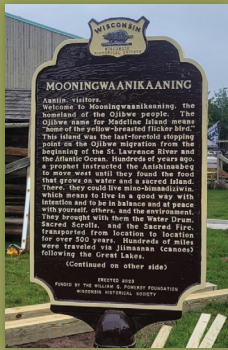


NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES LISTINGS, NEW IN FY2024 (30)

Wisconsin is home to approximately 2,400 listings in the National Register of Historic Places, the nation's official list of historic places worthy of preservation.

Making an impact





MOONINGWANEKAANING

A new historical marker, Mooningwanekaaning, was dedicated in September 2023 and replaced a 1961 marker inaccurately stating that the island was discovered by the French. The new historical marker, which bears the Ojibwe name for Madeline Island and was developed using input from the Bad River and Red Cliff Ojibwe communities, recognizes the central role of Ojibwe peoples in the island's history.



SURVIVAL FOOD

Published by the Society Press in fiscal year 2024, "Survival Food: North Woods Stories by a Menominee Cook" shares author Thomas Pecore Weso's stories of growing up on the Menominee

Indian Reservation and the important role that food and foodways played in his community. The book was selected as the Wisconsin entry in the "Great Reads from Great Places" program at the Library of Congress's National Book Festival, among other awards and accolades.



LOCAL HISTORY & HISTORIC PRESERVATION CONFERENCE

The 2023 Local History & Historic Preservation Conference welcomed 242 attendees, representing 49 Wisconsin counties and three states, in La Crosse to learn under the theme of "Centering Community: Exploring the Intersection of Community, Identity and History."

WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2024 FISCAL YEAR BY THE NUMBERS



HISTORIC SITES & MUSEUMS

● **220,930** total attendance at historic sites and museums

● **30** capital projects completed across the state

● **44,227** K-12 attendance at historic sites and museums

● **9,430** people served at History Maker Space





LIBRARY, ARCHIVES & MUSEUM COLLECTIONS

● **193,366** patrons served by the Society's library & archives

● **244** objects acquired for collections

● **92** archival collections acquired

● **279,291** collection items digitized

● **166** local governments served via in-person consultations

● **1,500+** artifacts & archival collections researched for the new Wisconsin History Center

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Thanks to a \$750,000 Save America's Treasures grant administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Society can preserve and digitize 26 critical collections documenting those at the forefront of the American Civil Rights movement.

Grant Number: MA-253159-OMS-23



By the numbers



HISTORIC PRESERVATION

- **22,140,021** dollars approved in federal historic preservation tax credits
- **225,348,431** dollars invested in rehabilitated historic properties
- **3,922** projected jobs created by rehabilitation projects
- **255** buildings rehabilitated using tax credit programs
- **58** buildings added to the National Register of Historic Places
- **30** individual properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places

OUTREACH

- **242** attendees at 2023 Local History & Historic Preservation Conference
- **551** consultations with local history affiliates
- **55,607** people reached through the History Makers Tour
- **32** pop-up events or displays as part of the History Makers Tour
- **13** new Wisconsin State Historical Markers installed

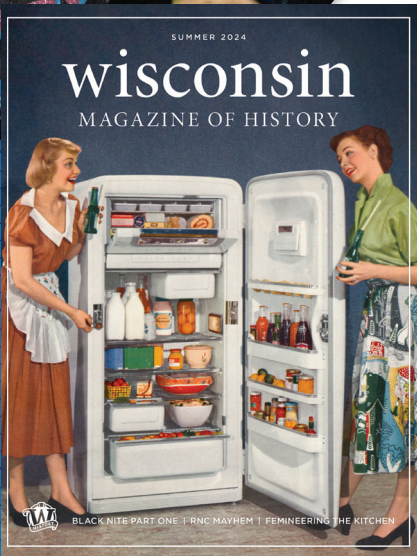
PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

The Ojibwe Winter Storytelling Series, which featured four Ojibwe speakers over four weeks in January 2024, reached more than 6,000 viewers.



PRESS

- **7** books published by the Society Press
- **44,940** books sold by the Society Press
- **170** in-person author talks and book events
- **41,390** copies of the Wisconsin Magazine of History delivered to Society members



PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

The Wisconsin Magazine of History completed a major redesign, introducing a more visual and accessible layout that features both longform scholarly articles and bite-size, digestible pieces of history.

EDUCATION

- **6,000** Wisconsin students participated in National History Day (NHD) program from 81 schools
- **56,814** students used the Society's elementary Wisconsin history textbook
- **58** students qualified for NHD national competition in Maryland
- **5,972** students served at History Maker Space from 122 schools
- **4** students finished in the top 10 or won special awards at NHD nationals
- **451** schools visited historic sites & museums for a field trip or educational program

SINCERE THANKS TO OUR LEADERSHIP TEAMS

We gratefully recognize the members of the Wisconsin Historical Society Board of Curators, Wisconsin Historical Foundation Board of Directors and Wisconsin Historical Real Estate Foundation Board who served from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. Your leadership and direction helped achieve amazing results and set the plans and blueprints for the future of history. Thank you for your extraordinary service!

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Wisconsin Historical
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FISCAL YEAR ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2023-JUNE 30, 2024



2024

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Thank you for building the future of history!



DEAR FRIENDS,

As I reflect on the 2024 fiscal year, I am so inspired by what you accomplished. Our dedicated members, supporters and friends made tremendous investments in Wisconsin history over the past year that will pay dividends for generations to come. The progress is astounding, and all I can say is...thank you!

Collectively, you contributed more than \$15.4 million in support of the Wisconsin Historical Society. The Wisconsin Historical Foundation's work as the Society's official nonprofit partner is made entirely possible by your generosity. With your support this past fiscal year, we have reached major milestones and set strong plans for the future.

First, we fully funded the design and construction budget for the Campaign for a New Wisconsin History Center by raising \$48.2 million in generous private support to, in turn, release \$112.3 million in state funding for the project. This goal was achieved thanks to a second incredible \$10 million gift from W. Jerome Frautschi as well as many other generous campaign supporters.

The Foundation is now working to reach our full \$66.5 million private fundraising goal to fully fund exhibit fabrication, program development and transition costs.

Although this flagship project represents a huge accomplishment—there is a lot more to celebrate! We had a record number of new members join the Robert B.L. Murphy Legacy Circle, which recognizes those who have made the decision to leave the Society in their will or estate plans. We launched a statewide sponsorship with Culver's in support of the Society's History Makers Tour, which will travel to all regions of the state through 2027. We also secured \$1.3 million in federal and private grants to support key initiatives across the Society.

In addition to these big achievements, your support as members allows the Society to continue delivering on its mission to collect, preserve and share stories every day. Over the next two years, our organizations are going to stretch and grow as we prepare to open the new Wisconsin History Center, expand operations and guest services across our historic sites and museums, and launch a digital transformation to increase accessibility to the Society's collections. Your support makes these new investments possible while sustaining the core services of the Society to benefit millions of people across the state and beyond.

Your generosity is the foundation upon which we can build all our plans for the future of collecting, preserving and sharing history. Together, we will move these plans forward and achieve great things for our state. Thank you for all you have done, and all you continue to do, to protect our history and share our story.

With deepest gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Lussier". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Julie" being more prominent than the last name "Lussier".

Julie Lussier
Executive Director
Wisconsin Historical Foundation

The Wisconsin Historical Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1954 to support the Wisconsin Historical Society. The Foundation secures grants and donations, administers the membership program, and provides marketing and communications services on behalf of the Society.

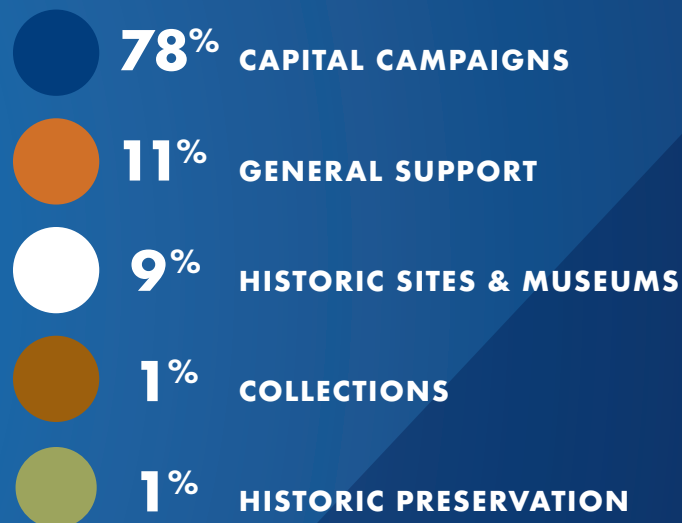
WISCONSIN HISTORICAL FOUNDATION FY2024 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

JULY 1, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2024



REVENUE:

\$15,489,730



2024 FISCAL YEAR BY THE NUMBERS

FUNDRAISING

11,130 Wisconsin Historical Society members
19 new members of the Robert B.L. Murphy Legacy Circle
\$9,902 raised on the Society's Giving Day
\$22,573 raised on Giving Tuesday
881 new general fund donors
1,459 people gave a gift membership
2,888 new Society members

CAMPAIGN FOR A NEW WISCONSIN HISTORY CENTER

\$53 million
raised to-date
(as of 6/30/24)

\$13.5 million
needed to reach
our goal

\$66.5 million
total private
fundraising goal

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

229,301 followers on Society social media accounts
58 million impressions of Society Facebook posts
7,633,935 unique visits (page views) on wisconsinhistory.org

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The following pages recognize the individuals and organizations who contributed a total of \$250 or more to the Wisconsin Historical Foundation from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024. This includes pledges and gifts of membership. Your generosity directly supported the work of the Wisconsin Historical Society over the past year and will help set great plans for the future!

Thank you!

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL

President's Council members contribute at least \$5,000 annually to the Wisconsin Historical Foundation. These annual leadership gifts provide critical support to sustain the Wisconsin Historical Society and its consistent delivery of superb programs, resources and services to people across Wisconsin and beyond. Each year, we recognize the generosity of the President's Council with a dinner. Thank you for your visionary leadership and confidence in our mission.

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The Wisconsin Historical Society has made significant progress on the new history center over the last year and it has been exciting to watch the design come together. The Wisconsin History Center promises to be a vibrant hub of learning for the state of Wisconsin and one of the leading cultural experiences in the Midwest. I'm proud to support this project and excited to welcome this new addition to Madison's growing cultural district.

W. Jerome Frautschi, Madison, donor to the Wisconsin History Center





Supporting the Society is the right thing to do for someone who values history and how it shapes us. You want to know that you are funding a quality experience for a diverse group of interests. The Society does that. I trust the Society to use my funds with care.

Mary Hilfiker, St. Paul, Minnesota, Wisconsin Historical Society President's Council member and donor to the Wisconsin History Center



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Having served as a past president of the Board of Curators, I realize what a unique treasure the Society's collection is to the nation. It gives me a sense of accomplishment to support the Society and provide for future generations.

Judy Nagel, De Pere, Robert B.L. Murphy Legacy Circle member, former Wisconsin Historical Society Board of Curators president



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Last year we moved from Oklahoma to Wisconsin. I am glad to be a member of the Society and look forward to exploring more of its historic sites. Last summer we visited Old World Wisconsin. I also appreciate the reciprocal museum benefit that comes with my membership. I used it when my family visited the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, Illinois.

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Diane and Kenneth Heisig, Fitchburg, Wisconsin Historical Society Heritage Circle members

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