

Historically Themed Teaching Boxes

In addition to live presentations, the History Center offers Teaching Boxes for in classroom use. Each box contains artifacts, books, activity ideas and curriculum materials. The boxes cover a wide range of topics and time periods including:

- Native Americans
- The Gold Lace Coat (Book - French & Indian War and Old Fort Niagara)
- Pioneers
- Civil War
- Treasure in the Little Trunk (Book - Early Settlers)
- Victorian Era
- One Room School
- Old Fashioned Toys and Games
- Transportation in Niagara County (including the Erie Canal)
- Underground Railroad

The boxes can be reserved for up to two weeks. There is no charge for using the boxes but you must pick up & drop off the boxes at the History Center. For more information call 434-7433. or email annmarie@niagarahistory.org.



Treasure in the Little Trunk Teaching Box



Summer and School Holiday Programs

The History Center also offers programming for students during the summer and on school holidays. The summer programs take place on Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Topics vary from year to year but are always historical themes. The cost is \$25.00 per child and includes hands-on activities and a snack.

Past programs have included Old Time Toys and Games, Pioneer Life, the Gold Rush, the Titanic, the Revolutionary War and the Civil War.

School holiday programs are from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and include hands-on activities and a snack. The cost of the program is \$15.00 per child. The programs take place:



- Columbus Day
- Veterans' Day
- Martin Luther King Day
- Presidents' Day

Reservations are required. Please call 434-7433.

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Niagara County History Center

215 Niagara Street, Lockport NY



Erie Canal Discovery Center
24 Church St., Lockport NY

Education Programs available
at the History Center, the
Erie Canal Discovery Center
or at Your School

History Center — 716-434-7433
Discovery Center — 716-439-0431

About the History Center

The History Center (aka Niagara County Historical Society) was founded in 1921 by a group of Lockport residents to preserve and interpret the history of the City. In 1947 the mission of the museum expanded to include all of Niagara County. Today the History Center maintains and operates a five building complex at 215 Niagara Street, the Colonel William Bond/Jesse Hawley House, 143 Ontario Street and the Erie Canal Discovery Center, 24 Church Street. The mission of the History Center continues to be the preservation and interpretation of the area. This is done through a variety of educational programs including school tours, outreach, monthly program meetings, live presentations, multimedia publications, and websites.

School tours can be arranged to fit time and budget constraints. All tours now fit the new Common Core Curriculum Standards.

Admission rates for the *History Center* tours:
Students & Chaperones: \$3.00; Teachers: Free

Admission rates for the *Erie Canal Discovery Center* tours:

Students & Chaperones: \$4.00; Teachers: Free

Ticket to Ride Program at the Erie Canal Discovery Center

Grants available from the Erie Canalway Nat'l. Heritage Corridor for bus transportation, admission to ECDC & walking tour of the Flight of Five Locks for WNY 4th grade classes. THIS IS NOT THE BOAT RIDE.

Education Programs at the History Center

Tour of the Historical Society Complex

The five building complex at 215 Niagara Street in Lockport interprets the history of the Niagara Frontier from the time of Native American occupation to the early 20th century. The 1863 Outwater Home features an Antique Toy exhibit and Civil War history. The Old Carriage House contains the Native American, Pioneer and Transportation Rooms. The reconstructed barn houses agricultural implements, fire fighting apparatus and recreated trade shops. The 1884 Kandt House contains exhibits relating to the business and industry of Niagara County as well as a 1930s kitchen and doctor's office. Finally, the 1835 Washington Hunt Law Office exhibits artifacts from an early 19th century land and law office. Tour takes about one and a half hours.

The Erie Canal Discovery Center

Housed in an 1843 former church, the Center opened in 2005 as a multi-media facility containing exhibits relating to the Erie Canal. The center-piece of the Center is a 20' tall mural, "The Opening of the Erie Canal." A 15 minute audio-visual presentation traces the building of the Flight of Five locks. Hands-on activities include a rock wall, working a small boat through a lock, and a Kids Korner with historic toys and reproduction historic clothing to try on. Tour takes about 45 minutes.

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School Outreach Programs

Step Back in Time

The *Step Back in Time* players re-enact the most prominent and well-known personalities of Lockport's past. Characters include Isabella Sutherland, Washington Hunt, DeWitt Clinton, Sarah Lamb Cushing, Eliza Mossell, Charlotte Cross and Aunt Edna Smith. The presentations take 30-45 minutes and include the use of artifacts. Cost is \$50.00 per class.

Pioneer History

This program is targeted to fourth graders. This activity includes four stations in the classroom. Stations in the program are artifact identification, wool carding, children's toys and games, and writing with a quill pen. There is also a short audio-visual presentation. Cost for the program is \$50.00 per class.

Agriculture in Niagara County

Developed for second grade classes, this program offers a variety of hands-on activities for students in the classroom. Stations include activities such as identifying seeds, a mother/baby animal matching game, a planting sequence activity and identifying the source of products we use everyday. There is also a short audio-visual presentation. The cost for the program is \$50.00 per class.

Special Request Programs

Depending on the subject and time frame, the History Center can offer customized programs on a particular topic. Call for fees and details.