Make History With Us

The Hagen History Center collects, preserves, and interprets the history of Erie, Erie County, and the surrounding region. With a wide range of exciting educational programs and modern museum exhibits, the Hagen History Center has something for everyone. Explore our exhibits to find your place in Erie’s story!

NEW EXHIBIT BUILDING

- **Connecting Erie** illustrates the networks that put Erie at the center of regional and national stories.
- **Erie and the American Dream** is an exploration of the region’s manufacturing boom, community growth, and infrastructure progress during the early 20th century.
- **Coming to Erie** (Opening Soon) will tell the story of the waves of immigrants that continue to shape our dynamic community.
- **Erie at Work** (Opening Soon) will explore stories of working in all aspects of our region’s agriculture, fishing, commerce, industry, and labor.

WATSON-CURTZE MANSION

- **Period Rooms** let you explore life in one of Erie’s finest Gilded Age mansions.
- **Winifred’s Room—A Children’s Gallery** is a place for younger visitors to explore childhood amongst the rich and poor.
- **Erie in the Civil War** documents our region’s service in the American Civil War.
- **Griswold Cast Iron** gives you just a taste of our incredible collection of one of Erie’s most famous products.
- **Collections Galleries** also display major parts of our collections.
- **Temporary Exhibit Galleries**

WATSON-CURTZE CARRIAGE HOUSE

- **Welcome Desk**—purchase your admission ticket.
- **The Museum Shop** contains a wide variety of Erie focused books and gifts.
- **Visit the Reading Room** for assistance researching local history and genealogy.

THE KING-MERTENS ARCHIVAL STORAGE BUILDING

The archives building contains over 200 years of Erie history. (Exhibits Opening Soon)

- **Open Storage** will give you a window into how we preserve your history.
- **The Erie Hall of Fame** will celebrate the achievements of individuals from every corner of our community.
- **The Temporary Exhibit Gallery** will be a space for traveling exhibits and special exhibits on even more Erie stories.

WOOD-MORRISON HOUSE

- **Erie and the Navy** navigates the historic connection between our region and the United States Navy.
- **The Admiral Thomas Weschler Military Gallery** preserves the sacrifices of men and women of Erie in the service of our country.
- **The Erie Extension Canal** follows the rise and fall of this almost forgotten path from Lake Erie to the Allegheny River.

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