

# **CLEVELAND HISTORY CENTER**

of the WESTERN RESERVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## **Cleveland History Center joins Smithsonian Magazine's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Museum Day**

Free admission on September 22, 2018 with a downloadable Museum Day ticket

*Smithsonian Museum Day Starts Here!*

CLEVELAND, OH (September, 2018) – The Cleveland History Center of the Western Reserve Historical Society (WRHS) will open its doors for free of charge to all Museum Day ticketholders on Saturday September 22, 2018 as part of *Smithsonian Magazine's* 14<sup>th</sup> annual Museum Day. This annual event is a national celebration of boundless curiosity in which participating museums emulate the free admission policy at the Smithsonian Institution's Washington DC-based museums.

Museum Day represents a nationwide commitment to access, equity and inclusion. In 2017, over 250,000 people downloaded tickets for this event, and this year Museum Day is expected to attract more museumgoers than ever before.

The theme of this year's Museum Day is Women Making History, honoring women in society who are trailblazers in the arts, sciences, innovation and culture, and emboldening others to be pioneers. In honor of this theme, Cleveland History Center will be showing a special screening of *Smithsonian Channel's*, "I Was A Jet Set Stewardess." This film tells the true stories of the young women who chose high-flying lifestyles in the 1960s and made history in the workforce.

"We are one of seven museums in Northeast Ohio that participates in this program," says Museum Director, Angie Lowrie. "Clevelanders have the opportunity to learn about the important contributions women in our own community have made, while also being able to experience why Cleveland Starts Here<sup>®</sup> at the Cleveland History Center."

Smithsonian Museum Day will feature access to exhibits including Cleveland Starts Here<sup>®</sup> sponsored by the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation, Mad For Plaid in the Chisholm Halle Costume Wing and the Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum. Museum Day tickets are now available for download at [Smithsonian.com/MagazineDay](http://Smithsonian.com/MagazineDay). Visitors who present a Museum Day ticket will gain free entrance for two at participating venues on September 22, 2018. One ticket is permitted per email address. A list of participating museums can be found at [Smithsonian.com/MuseumDay/Search](http://Smithsonian.com/MuseumDay/Search).

For more information visit [wrhs.org/events/smithsonian-magazine-museum-day/](http://wrhs.org/events/smithsonian-magazine-museum-day/) or [Smithsonian.com/MuseumDay](http://Smithsonian.com/MuseumDay)

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## **About the Cleveland History Center**

*Serving as the headquarters for the Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland History Center houses exhibits that tell the story of Northeast Ohio through items, documents and artifacts. Through the use of the Western Reserve Historical Society's extensive collections Cleveland History Center provides the public with a much-needed sense of place in today's*

mobile society. Each document and artifact tells a story that personally engages individuals, young and old to make these stories come alive.

From the very first map of Cleveland to LeBron James' championship shoes, journey through Cleveland's history from 1796 to today, with the extensive collection and interactive exhibits at the Cleveland History Center. Ride on the restored Euclid Beach Park Grand Carousel, walk through two historic mansions, experience the evolution of the automobile in Cleveland and the world in the Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum, and discover why Cleveland is Mad For Plaid. Cleveland Starts Here. Cleveland Starts with You!

## **About the Western Reserve Historical Society**

Founded in 1867 as an historic branch of the Cleveland Library Association on Public Square in downtown Cleveland, the Western Reserve Historical Society (WRHS) shares the dynamic stories of Northeast Ohio and beyond – stories of the people, the artifacts and the archives that are the provenance for our region.

Operating six sites throughout Northeast Ohio, WRHS presents exhibitions, programs and experiences that tell the story of Cleveland and Northeast Ohio through art, documents and artifacts from a variety of collections. It is through this vast collection, visitors can learn about the history of Northeast Ohio, the innovation of those who lived here, and how it can be transferred into modern economic expansion. These experiences are found at the Cleveland History Center, in University Circle; Hale Farm & Village in Bath, Ohio; online at [www.wrhs.org](http://www.wrhs.org); and offsite at locations throughout Northeast Ohio.

WRHS is a Smithsonian Affiliate ([www.affiliations.si.edu](http://www.affiliations.si.edu)) a national outreach program that develops collaborative partnerships with cultural organizations to enrich communities with Smithsonian resources. It is supported in part by the residents of Cuyahoga County through a public grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture. Sponsorships, bequests, grants, admissions, and other funding are also used by WRHS to preserve and enrich the region's artistic and cultural heritage. The institution is also a proud recipient of a top four-star rating from Charity Navigator, the nation's most-used independent evaluator of charities and nonprofits.

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