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OHIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

History Day Educators Conferences

State History Day staff will lead educators through a day of activities to learn about the National History Day program and how to create effective projects.

Learn about topic selection, how to analyze historical topics, and how to effectively interpret primary sources along with additional activities specific to the 2010-2011 theme:

Debate & Diplomacy in History: Successes, Failures, Consequences

Workshop Dates:

Wednesday, October, 13, 8:30-3:00
at the Ohio Historical Society

Friday, October 22, 8:30-3:00 at
Toledo Public Schools

Saturday, November 6, 9:30-3:00 at
Hamilton County ESC

History Day webinars are also being planned for the fall. Stay tuned for more information!

For workshop registration, as well as other History Day events visit:

www.ohiohistoryday.org



TEACH OHIO!

TEACH OHIO! is the Ohio Historical Society's high-quality professional development program in American and Ohio history. Since 2002, OHS has worked with twenty-two Teaching American History grants in a variety of capacities, from presenting stand-alone activities to coordinating the entire professional development experience.

The staff at OHS has an in-depth knowledge of the needs of Ohio teachers and experience working with teachers in urban, suburban, rural and Appalachian school districts.

We look forward to partnering with your district to create a professional development experience that will meet the needs of your teachers as well as

the budget of your district.

For more information on TEACH OHIO! please visit:

<http://www.ohiohistoryteachers.org/teacherpd.shtml>

Or email:
teacherpd@ohiohistory.org

MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT:

The Bicycle Museum of America

The origins of the Bicycle Museum of America come from the Schwinn Bicycle collection. In 1997, Jim Dicke II of Crown Equipment Corporation, a manufacturer of electric lift trucks, purchased the extensive collection of bicycles and memorabilia in Chicago and moved the collection to New Bremen.

It is only fitting this museum has found its home in Ohio. The state has played an important part in the history of the bicycle. The Wright Brothers Bicycle Shop, where the first

plans for flight were born, was located in Dayton. In 1892, the Davis Sewing Machine Company produced the famous Dayton bicycle.

Ohio has also been the home to five prominent bicycle manufacturers. Huffy, also in Dayton, remains today an important distributor of bicycles. Other manufacturers gone but not forgotten include Colson of Elyria, Shelby Bicycles of Shelby, and Cleveland Welding, the producer of Roadmaster.

The Bicycle Museum of America is located at:

7 West Monroe St.
New Bremen, OH 45869
(on the corner of Routes 66 and 274)

For guided tours and group arrangements, call 419.629.9249 or visit

www.bicyclemuseum.com

Fall/Winter Hours:

Mon.– Fri: 11am–5pm

Sat: 11am–2pm

Summer Hours (June– August)

Mon–Fri: 11am– 7pm

Sat: 11am– 2pm

Education & Opportunities

Workshops for K-12 Teachers at COSI

Come to a [COSI Teacher Workshop](http://tinyurl.com/24r5ry6) (<http://tinyurl.com/24r5ry6>) to develop your science skills and increase your science content knowledge. Participate in inquiry-based lessons that connect to Ohio's science standards and meet experts who connect theory to everyday applications.

Workshops will be held at COSI on October 15 and November 6, 2010 from 8am–4pm.

The cost is \$130 if reserved by 9/17/10, \$155 afterwards.

Graduate credit is available from Ashland University for an additional fee.

The workshops are recommended for teachers of grade 3–8



COSI Academy: Go Beyond

[COSI Academy](http://tinyurl.com/2apyyjx) (<http://tinyurl.com/2apyyjx>) is a career exploration program for high school students considering science, technology, engineering, math, and health careers. Academy students meet at COSI on the first Saturday of each month from October through May with additional opportunities throughout the school year. Scholarships are available.

Each meeting includes a field trip to area labs and technology companies, or to colleges and universities offering science programs. In addition to monthly meetings and field trips during the school year, COSI Academy students take two day-long field trips to facilities outside of central Ohio and one multi-day trip to out-of-state destinations.

Applications are being accepted now!

Ohio Academic Content Standards Update

In June, the Ohio State Board of Education approved the revised Ohio Academic Content Standards.

During the summer and fall, the Ohio Department of Education along with teachers, is working on an accompanying model curriculum. The revised standards are made up of a series of content statements, while the model curriculum will contain content elaborations, expectations for learning, and

additional resources.

Some changes have been made in scope and sequence: fourth grade is *Ohio in the Context of American History*, fifth grade is *People and Regions of the Western Hemisphere* and sixth grade is *People and Regions of the Eastern Hemisphere*.

The revised standards will only be available online. You can download them online to find

out more information about the draft model curriculum.

The new standards are effective in the fall of 2011, but ODE reports that it will take several years to implement new assessments, so full integration to the new standards will be complete in June 2014.

To download new standards go to: <http://tinyurl.com/2czjxgn>

Elementary Teachers Wanted for Curriculum Writing

The Ohio Historical Society is seeking to hire 8 teachers/educators with experience at the fourth grade level to work collaboratively and write sections of a fourth grade electronic textbook that is being developed based on the revised Ohio Academic Content Standards in Social Studies. Writers will be required to attend two meetings in Columbus and complete the writing work at home.

The first meeting will take place on Saturday, October 23, 2010. Each writer will be compensated with a \$1,000 stipend and will be reimbursed for travel costs.

To receive and application packet please contact project manager Megan Wood at mwood@ohiohistory.org or 614.297.2343



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This Day in History:

MTV Launches in August 1981



On August 1, 1981, at 12:01 a.m., MTV: Music Television launched with the words "*Ladies and gentlemen, rock and roll.*"

The original purpose of the channel was to play music videos guided by on-air hosts known as VJs. At one time, MTV had a profound impact on the music industry and popular culture. Slogans such as "I want my MTV" became embedded in public thought, the concept of the VJ was popularized, and both artists and fans found a central location for music events, news, and promotion.

MTV is based in New York City and at the moment of its launch, only a few thousand people on a single cable system in Northern New Jersey could see it. The first music video that was aired was "Video Killed the Radio Star" by The Buggles

DEVO: Part of Ohio's History

On August 4, 2010 Akron New Wave band Devo visited the Ohio Historical Center to see their memorabilia on exhibit. The display "Q: Are We Not Men? A: We Are DEVO!" will be featured through August 28, 2010.



Celebrating History:

The Gay Ohio History Initiative

In January 2006, *Outlook Weekly* and The Gay Ohio History Initiative (GOHI) formed a partnership with the Ohio Historical Society to preserve, archive and curate Ohio's LGBT history and culture. This is a groundbreaking partnership between Ohio's preeminent history preservation organization and LGBT Ohioans.

www.gohi.org

If you would like to contact us, we can be reached through the following methods— there are plenty of opportunities to get involved:

Mail

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Email (checked weekly)

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Resource Spotlight



National First Ladies Library

As the first and only facility of its kind, the National First Ladies' Library serves as a unique national resource for patrons from school children to serious scholars. As a national archive devoted to educating people about the contributions of First Ladies and other notable women in history, the Library's holdings fill an informational void that has long frustrated academicians and armchair history buffs alike. The Library fulfills this mission by serving as a physical educational facility and an electronic virtual library, in an effort to educate people in the United States and around the world.

www.firstladies.org

