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## **The History Center in Tompkins County Announces Access Program for Low-Income Families Museums for All to increase accessibility of high-quality museum learning resources**

*Ithaca NY* - The History Center in Tompkins County has joined Museums for All, a signature access program of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), administered by the Association of Children's Museums (ACM), to encourage people of all backgrounds to visit museums regularly and build lifelong museum-going habits. The program supports those receiving food assistance (SNAP) benefits visiting The History Center with free admission. Similar free and reduced admission is available to eligible members of the public at more than 500 museums across the country. Museums for All is part of The History Center in Tompkins County's broad commitment to seek, include, and welcome all audiences.

The Sciencenter and the Museum of the Earth are also Tompkins County participants in Museums for All. With three museums in Ithaca participating in Museums for All, our community has been named a Hub City in the Museums for All program. We are the 48th such Hub City overall, and the second in New York State after New York City.

*Museums for All* helps expand access to museums and also raise public awareness about how museums in the U.S. are reaching their entire communities. More than 500 institutions participate in the initiative, including art museums, children's museums, science centers, botanical gardens, zoos, history museums, and more. Participating museums are located nationwide, representing 48 states.

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### **About the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)**

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 35,000 museums. Our mission is to inspire

libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. Our grant making, policy development, and research help libraries and museums deliver valuable services that make it possible for communities and individuals to thrive. To learn more, visit [www.imls.gov](http://www.imls.gov) and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

### **About Association of Children's Museums (ACM)**

The Association of Children's Museums (ACM) champions children's museums worldwide. With more than 400 members in 48 states and 20 countries, ACM leverages the collective knowledge of children's museums through convening, sharing, and dissemination. Learn more at [www.childrensmuseums.org](http://www.childrensmuseums.org).

### **About The History Center in Tompkins County**

The History Center in Tompkins County (THC) is a generation-to-generation education and research center focused on engaging the public with the history of Tompkins County (located in the ancestral and contemporary lands of the Gayogohó:nq' Nation) and the Finger Lakes region. THC helps people use the tools of history to understand the past, gain perspective on the present, and play an informed role in shaping the future. The History Center is located within the Tompkins Center for History & Culture, a collaborative visitor center and event space on the Ithaca Commons home to twelve independent non-profits and community organizations. To learn more visit us at [www.thehistorycenter.net](http://www.thehistorycenter.net), and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).

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