

Education Programs

HOBOKEN HISTORICAL MUSEUM



The Hoboken Historical Museum offers engaging, inquiry-based education programs for students in Pre-K through Grade 12. Rooted in New Jersey Student Learning Standards, our programs invite students to explore local history through artifacts, maps, photographs, and other primary sources.

By examining Hoboken's unique cultural history, architecture, and industrial past, students make meaningful connections between classroom learning and the world around them. Our hands-on approach encourages critical thinking, observation, and discussion, while fostering curiosity about how local history shapes everyday life.

Programs are designed to be interactive, adaptable, and age-appropriate, supporting educators as they meet curriculum goals while offering students a memorable museum experience.

Arrange a visit to the Hoboken Historical Museum for your class, school, or youth group to explore our current exhibition and participate in our education programs.

Please email the Executive Director, Bob Foster, at info@hobokenmuseum.org, or you may call 201-656-2240 to schedule a visit.

CURRENT EXHIBITION



The Hoboken Historical Museum's Main Gallery exhibition explores Hoboken's history through original artifacts, photographs, and immersive storytelling that connect past and present. The exhibition highlights the people, places, and events that shaped Hoboken, encouraging students to consider how history is preserved and interpreted over time.



Through close looking and guided discussion, students engage with primary sources that illuminate Hoboken's social, cultural, and industrial development. Exhibition content is regularly refreshed, ensuring return visits offer new perspectives and discoveries.

Educator-led activities and discussion prompts help students build observation skills, historical vocabulary, and confidence in interpreting visual and material evidence.

PROGRAM PRICING

Program Details

- All education programs are hands-on and interactive.
- Programs are 60 minutes unless otherwise noted.
- Program fee: \$75 per program

ONGOING EDUCATION PROGRAMS



Our Neighborhood: Shapes and Patterns

Grades K-2 | 60 minutes

Students explore the shapes, lines, and patterns found in Hoboken's built environment.

Using observation skills, students examine architectural details and translate what they see into a collaborative art-making activity. Through this creative process, students learn how design elements work together and how neighborhoods are shaped visually and functionally.

MAP IT!



Grades 1–3 | 60 minutes

Students learn how maps represent real places by observing their surroundings and working together to read and create maps. Beginning inside the Museum and expanding outward to the neighborhood, students explore symbols, landmarks, street grids, and scale.

By examining historic and contemporary maps, students gain insight into how Hoboken has changed over time and how maps help us understand geography, movement, and urban development. This program aligns closely with local geography curriculum standards and can be adapted for different grade levels.

DESTINATION HOBOKEN: Immigration and the City

Grades 3–5 | 60 minutes



Hoboken's history is deeply shaped by migration and immigration. This program traces the movement of people to and through Hoboken, from early settlement to major waves of immigration in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Using primary source materials such as ship manifests, photographs, and documents from the Museum's collection, students examine why people came to Hoboken and how immigration shaped the city's identity. Students are encouraged to think critically about migration as a historical and ongoing process.

History Detectives: Primary Source INVESTIGATIONS

Grades 4–10 | 60 minutes

Students step into the role of historians by analyzing artifacts, documents, and photographs from the Museum's collection. Through guided



inquiry, students learn how historians use primary sources to ask questions, make interpretations, and build evidence-based conclusions.

Program content may focus on Hoboken's industrial history or notable individuals connected to the city. Working in small groups,

students practice observation, critical thinking, and persuasive reasoning. This program can be adapted to meet different grade levels and curricular goals.

WALKING TOUR PROGRAM

Local History and Architecture Walking Tour

60–90 minutes | Seasonal

This guided walking tour connects Hoboken’s architecture to its social and historical development. Students begin by analyzing historic photographs and identifying architectural features, then compare those images to present-day buildings.

Discussions focus on preservation, change, and how the built environment reflects community values over time. Tours are available in spring, summer, and fall and can be customized for specific grade levels or class themes.

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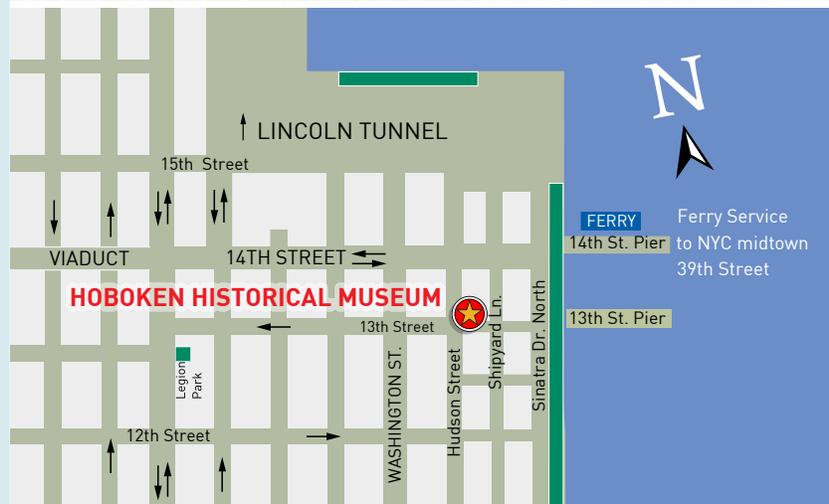
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With additional support from:

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We’re located at 1301 Hudson Street at 13th Street

Museum hours and program offerings are subject to change. Please contact the Museum to confirm availability and scheduling.



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Museum Hours:

Tues - Thurs: 2 - 7 pm

Friday: 1 pm - 5 pm

Sat & Sun: 12 pm - 5 pm

