Frequently Asked Questions

DO YOU HAVE A RESTAURANT AND A MUSEUM STORE?
Yes, the North & Clark Café and the Museum Store are on the 1st floor near the entrance of the Museum. The Café closes approximately 1 hour prior to the Museum closing. The Museum Store is open during Museum hours.

CAN I VISIT THE RESEARCH CENTER?
Please inquire at the Ticket Desk. Admission to the Abakanowicz Research Center is free. The current hours are Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 12–3:30 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Masks are required in the Research Center.

CAN I BECOME A MEMBER OF THE MUSEUM?
Absolutely, and the price of your ticket can be applied towards membership! Join today for exclusive access to events, exhibition previews, discounts, and more.

The Jaffee History Trail is an interpretive path incorporating features such as native species, a native species garden, the Couch Tomb, and a 13,000-pound, metal relic from the 1871 Great Chicago Fire.
FEATURED HIGHLIGHTS

**CITY ON FIRE: CHICAGO 1871**
Designed for children 13 and under, City on Fire offers visitors of all ages a chance to learn what life was like before, during, and after the Great Chicago Fire.

**BACK HOME: POLISH CHICAGO**
Explore stories about journeys, neighborhoods, and connections as told through the lens of Chicago’s Polish communities.

**CHICAGO: CROSSROADS OF AMERICA**
Learn what makes Chicago home sweet home. Explore moments and milestones in the city’s history through artifacts, photographs, and oral histories.

**FACING FREEDOM IN AMERICA**
From women’s suffrage to Japanese internment, Facing Freedom uses images, artifacts, and interactive elements to explore some of the ways Americans have struggled over the meaning of freedom.

**THE GREAT CHICAGO ADVENTURE**
In this exciting all-ages film, travel through time with Roger and his babysitter, Jean, to see major events in Chicago’s history. Showtimes are posted at the Ticket Desk and theater door.

**SENSING CHICAGO**
Stimulate your senses as you explore the sights, sounds, smells, and tastes of past and present-day Chicago.

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**FLOOR 3 (not pictured)**
The Abakanowicz Research Center is located on the third floor. Admission is free; register at the Ticket Desk.