

EXHIBITION & EVENT SCHEDULE



ANATOMY OF HEALTHCARE: DUPAGE COUNTY MEDICAL HISTORY

Guests will step into the rich history of healthcare in Elmhurst and explore how the community's medical services have evolved over the years with *Anatomy of Healthcare: DuPage County Medical History*. From humble beginnings to modern-day advances, this exhibition will highlight the dedicated individuals, key moments, and transformative innovations that have shaped health care in the area. Discover the founding of Elmhurst Memorial Hospital, celebrating its 100th year, the development of medical technologies, and the stories of local pioneers who laid the groundwork for compassionate care. *Anatomy of Healthcare: DuPage County Medical History* will offer a fascinating glimpse into the legacy of healing and innovation that continues to impact the lives of those in the area today.

January 23 - May 3, 2026



HISTORY OF HER: WOMEN WHO SHAPED CHICAGOLAND

For more than 250 years, women have made an impact on the history of our country. Playing a vital role in shaping who we are and what is possible, inspiring generations of girls today. From trailblazing activists to ground-breaking artists, educators, athletes, and community trailblazers, these women have transformed their fields and the region itself. Across countless disciplines, they have made their mark, especially here in the Chicagoland area. Since its establishment in 1833, Chicago and its surrounding neighborhoods have watched generations of girls grow into influential leaders, innovators, and advocates for their communities.

As young adolescents, they learned, worked, and discovered their voices within the “city of big shoulders.” In the exhibition *History of Her: Woman Who Shaped Chicagoland*, we will explore the early pioneers who settled in the region, examine how girls were educated, and trace the career paths that propelled them forward. Other themes explored will be women in politics/news, social work, the arts, and sports. The exhibition will feature artifacts and archival materials that illuminate their journeys and highlight the lasting impact they made on history. This is more than an exploration of the past—it is a celebration of how girls and women, both then and now, continue to shape the world around them.

May 29 - August 9, 2026



BEAR DOWN: FOOTBALL IN THE WINDY CITY

“Nobody who ever gave his best regretted it,” said George “Papa Bear” Halas. For over 100 years, the Chicago Bears have dedicated their best efforts to the city of Chicago. Their history is not only deeply intertwined with the essence of Chicago, but it is woven into the fabric of the hallowed stadiums that they’ve played on and their fans that have cheered them on since 1920. From the moment George Halas decided that Chicago needed a professional football team to the competitive ambition of today’s squads, fans have witnessed the transformative journey and experienced the highs and lows of each season while seeing some of the greatest players in sport’s history. *Bear Down: Football in the Windy City* will allow fans to explore the dynamic journey of the franchise through its triumphs and challenges. It will showcase significant moments that have defined the team and its impact on local football and the National Football League as a whole.

August 28, 2026 - January 24, 2027



4TH FRIDAYS SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

From May through September, the Elmhurst History Museum will host their 4th Fridays Summer Concert Series on the fourth Friday of each month, presenting an eclectic range of musical performances outdoors at the Museum. Held on the Museum’s outdoor bandshell, the five summer concerts attract hundreds of locals and visitors alike for family-friendly shows. Past popular performances have included Bluegrass, Blues, Swing, Rock n’ Roll, Jazz, Salsa and Cumbia music, and more.

May - September 2026