

Dear Friends:

Did you know 2021 is the 150th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire? The fire forever changed Chicago, and we are exploring its impact in our newest exhibition *City on Fire: Chicago 1871*. This family activity kit includes everything you need to learn more about this important part of our city's history and to plan your visit to the Museum. The kit contains enough materials for up to four children to complete the activities. Craft supplies for each activity are included; some are shared, and others are for each child.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:



Great Chicago Fire Artifact Detective:

Analyze melted artifacts and guess what they were before the fire.

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Kids' Voices Matter! Justin's Letter:

Read the amazing story of how a young boy and his family survived the fire. Then document your own family memories.

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Make Your Own Firefighter Hat:

Learn about firefighter helmets in 1871. Then make your own!

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The Burnt District Today Mapping Activity:

Compare a map of the burnt district and maps from today to see your relationship to the fire's path and mark important places in your life.

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The folder also contains a **Family Gallery Guide** to use when visiting the exhibition. Plan your visit today at chicagohistory.org/visit. We look forward to seeing you!

Queridos amigos:

¿Sabían que este año se cumple el 150 aniversario del Gran Incendio de Chicago? El fuego cambió a Chicago para siempre, y estamos estudiando su impacto en nuestra nueva exhibición, *City on Fire: Chicago 1871*. Este kit de actividades familiares incluye todo lo que necesitas para aprender más sobre esta importante parte de la historia de nuestra ciudad y para planear tu visita al Museo. El kit contiene suficientes materiales para que cuatro niños completen las actividades. Se han incluido elementos de manualidades para cada actividad; algunos se comparten y otros son para cada niño.

LAS ACTIVIDADES SON:



Detective de artefactos del Gran

Incendio de Chicago: Analiza los artefactos derretidos y adivina qué eran antes del incendio.

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¡La voz de los niños es importante!

La carta de Justin: Lee la increíble historia de cómo un niño y su familia sobrevivieron al incendio. Luego documenta tus propios recuerdos familiares.

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Haz tu propio sombrero de bombero:

Aprende sobre los cascos de bombero de 1871. Luego, ¡haz el tuyo propio!

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El distrito quemado hoy:

Actividad cartográfica: Utiliza un mapa del distrito quemado y mapas actuales para visualizar tu posición en la trayectoria del incendio y para marcar los lugares importantes de tu vida.

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La carpeta también contiene una **Guía de Galería Familiar** para utilizar cuando visites la exhibición. Planea tu visita hoy mismo chicagohistory.org/visit. ¡Te esperamos!

Want to know more? These resources can help!

Para los que hablen inglés y deseen saber más sobre el incendio, ¡estos recursos pueden ayudar!



BOOKS

The Chicago Public Library has many books about the fire. Here are a few to get you started:

- ★ **I Survived the Great Chicago Fire, 1871** by Lauren Tarshis; ages 7 to 10
- ★ **Fiery Night: A Boy, His Goat, and the Great Chicago Fire** by Sally M. Walker; ages 8 to 11
- ★ **Children of the Fire** by Harriette Gillem Robinet; ages 8 to 12
- ★ **Emmi in the City: A Great Chicago Fire Survival Story** by Salima Alikhan; ages 8 to 12
- ★ **The Great Chicago Fire of 1871** by Kay Melchisedech Olson; ages 9 to 12
- ★ **The Great Fire** by Jim Murphy; ages 9 to 12

Scan this QR code to view the list:



MEDIA

★ **Lessons from History: The Chicago Fire of 1871**

Featuring Casey Grant from the National Fire Protection Association and best-selling author Lauren Tarshis of the I Survived book series. Running time 7:09. Recommended for ages 8 and up. [youtube.com/watch?v=VZhvbmqYniA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VZhvbmqYniA)

★ **The Great Chicago Fire: A Chicago Stories Special**

PBS special that includes animations, recreations, and interviews with historians and with descendants of eyewitnesses. Running Time: 56:24. Recommended for ages 11 and up. [pbs.org/video/the-great-chicago-fire-i17jer](https://www.pbs.org/video/the-great-chicago-fire-i17jer)



WEBSITES

★ **City on Fire: Chicago 1871**

Learn more about the exhibition, programming at the Chicago History Museum and around the city, and additional resources. chicago1871.org

★ **The Great Chicago Fire and the Web of Memory**

This site includes many artifacts and documents from the Chicago History Museum that kids will enjoy seeing, but best navigated with an adult as the site is very dense. greatchicagofire.org

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