

Curator Report December 2020-January 2021

Collections

- Our last report had a total of 8,233 items in Past Perfect. Since then, our total is now 8,568. Thus, 335 more items were added.
- No new donations, but Village staff has been going through the basement and giving the museum old photos, newspaper articles, and other documents that can be added to the permanent collection

Exhibits

- New additions and revisions are complete for the Orland Park History Timeline
- Artifacts from the “All Aboard” exhibit are on display at the library until the end of February
- Volunteers and staff working on new exhibit, “It’s All Fun and Games,” which opens Saturday, January 30th
- Next exhibit planned is “In Sickness and In Health,” which will talk about medicine and health in rural America; thought this would be a good topic with COVID-19 and in July, a program about the 1918 Spanish Flu pandemic is set

Programs

- The museum’s last program was December 12th and was the story of Alexander Hamilton. 17 people came to the program, bringing in \$210. The presenter was \$280, so net loss of \$70. However, we received a family and individual membership that day. Although it was a loss, people enjoyed the program and it was a good way to end 2020
- Next programs lined up for February and the marketing is complete and in village facilities---spread the word!
- Summer programs already in their draft stages
- In February, planning to write an arts grant for the museum to have a historian and musician---more to come

Memberships

- Two new membership and 7 renewals
- Sent out January expiration letters and waiting on renewals
- Still wanting to send out letters and emails to local businesses about partnering with the museum and providing members with incentives but

when is good time? Should we wait until the spring? Great for businesses because it may bring people into shop BUT is it not a good time to ask when businesses have been impacted by the pandemic. When should be deadline to roll this out?

- Working with Peace Marketplace on a fundraiser/membership event for September 2021

Other

- Still working on agreement with OHS