



Delaware County Historical Society

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The Delaware County Historical Society offers numerous programs, lesson plans, and resources for educators, students, seniors, and organizations. All programs are guided by Ohio Department of Education Social Studies learning standards and are written by current and retired educators. The programs below are organized by grade level. Grade levels are suggested based on academic content standards. **All presenters are volunteers and so program scheduling is on a first-come, first-served basis and is subject to volunteer availability.** We now offer programs in-person ↑, online 🖥️, or both ↑ 🖥️. Additionally, we offer free 📄 resources. **To schedule a live program please contact us at schools@delawareohiohistory.org or online at <https://delawareohiohistory.org/curriculum-support/>.** We ask that your group follows polite museum etiquette.

SUGGESTED FEES: A \$50.00 fee or donation for small groups of 50 people or less, and \$100.00 for larger groups. Scholarships may be available for some programs.

RESOURCES



What is an Artifact? 🖥️ 📄 1st, 2nd grades
This program is designed to help students discover what an artifact is and the importance of studying them. Students learn that it is a necessity to research until facts are found to support your ideas.

Teacher Tote Bag Program-FREE Neither in person nor online. 📄 3rd grade
The bag consists of copies of archival photos and documents about the development of Delaware County. Each bag also contains: two DVDs, all of the Society’s brochures, a copy of Jeffrey Darbee’s *Delaware and Delaware County*, a folder on the history of the Nash House, and a teacher resource folder with lesson ideas and suggested read-alouds. **This educational resource may be checked out for the school year and returned in May.** *Contact us for delivery of your Tote Bag.



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Delaware County Then and Now Artifact Cart 🧑 🖥️ 1st, 2nd, 3rd grades
Students view the artifacts, and based on their observations, share ideas about the items’ original use.



How and Why a Town Begins 🧑 🖥️ 1st -11th grades
Why did our first settlers choose Delaware as their new settlement? Brent Carson walks us through the places where and reasons why our ancestors developed this area: for instance, adequate natural resources including water, trees, and animals for food.

Scavenger Hunt in the Cryder Research Center 🧑 3rd grade
Students explore our [Cryder Library Resource Center](#) and learn about the many artifacts displayed there. This tour is often paired with Tour of the Nash House.



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Tour of the Nash House

3rd grade

Tour the beautiful Nash House, built in 1878 by the Slattery family. Learn about the Slatterys and three generations of the Nash family who lived in this home. Visitors step back to the late 1800s and early 1900s. This tour is often paired with the Scavenger Hunt in Cryder Research Center.

Walking Tour of Early Delaware

3rd grade

How did the city of Delaware begin? On this walking tour students will hear stories from the beginnings of the city of Delaware. Usually paired with a Nash House tour and Scavenger Hunt at the Cryder Research Center.

Walking Tour on Winter Street

3rd grade

Hear about the families who built the homes on historic Winter Street when Delaware was new and growing.



Early Schools of Delaware County

3rd- 8th grades

What would it be like to attend school in 19th century Liberty Township? To schedule this program only email: sherry@powellhistory.org

1800s Ohio Schools

1st- 5th grades

What should it have been like to go to school if you had lived in the 1800s and attended a one-room schoolhouse? This program will give you a chance to write on slates with chalk, look through old McGuffey Readers, read from hornbooks, and learn a lesson the way it was taught in the 1800s. We begin the program with a slideshow introduction and then give the students the opportunity to imagine they have stepped back in time to a school day in the 1800s.

Rutherford B. Hayes

3rd- 11th grades

Our 19th president was born in Delaware, Oh. What were his accomplishments here and for the nation? Choose from several in-person and online programs.

- A. **Hayes In Delaware (Video):** 45-minute video program about Hayes focusing on his life in Delaware, and the new sculpture created by Mr. Cottrill. We will email you a link to the program.
- B. **Walk with Young & Old Hayes (Video):** A walking tour of Delaware led by young and old Hayes, reenacted by local historians. This is a video program.
- C. **The Life of Hayes (In-person presentation):** A live in-person presentation of the life of Hayes.





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The Barn at Stratford
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Delaware, OH 43015



Meeker House Museum
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Nash House
E. William Street
Delaware, OH 43015

From Slavery to Freedom



3rd- 8th grades

This video features the African Americans who lived and worked in Delaware County and northern Franklin County and includes the history of Africa Road, the Underground Railroad, the Lucy Depp Settlement, the Alum Creek Quaker abolitionists and more. The author of the program, Watson Walker, is available to come to your classroom to host a question-and-answer session before or after the video. **To schedule this as an in-person program, please contact Mr. Walker directly at watson19869670@att.net.**

The Underground Railroad Experience



Two programs from which to choose

4th, 5th, 8th grades

The UGRR experience may be adapted to fit your time and topics. Choose the program in its entirety or a few vignettes.

- A. **Meeker Homestead:** Imagine being a part of the Underground Railroad. Reenactors portray Mrs. Patience Meeker and Mr. William Cratty, two early Delaware County residents. Tour the Meeker property to find out why the Meekers settled here and their impact on Delaware.
- B. **Reader's Theatre:** Hear the voices of our early residence during the UGRR time through Reader's Theatre at the Stratford Barn OR your venue.

Early Settlers and American Indians of Delaware County



4th, 5th, 7th, 8th grades



Delaware County was home to the Wyandot, Shawnee, Lenape, and Seneca Cayuga (Mingo) tribes. Participants rotate through several stations to learn about our prehistoric and historic native people as well as the European people who began to move to this area in the 1700s. Vignettes may include stories about Pluggy's Town, American Indian games, the Three sisters, and journal entries from Mrs. Byxbe, the Rev. Finley, and the Cellar family.

Access a teacher packet with vocabulary, timelines, maps, and post visit activities by snapping a photo of this QR code.

To fit your time schedule and class content you may select several presentations from the vignettes and stories above. This program may be scheduled as an in-person presentation at the Meeker Homestead or your venue. On our website you will find seven interdisciplinary lesson plans and rubrics related to this program that you may download for free. <https://www.delawareohiovirtualhistory.com/early-settlers>



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Cultural Communities: Early Settlers and American Indians 1770-1850 📍 📺

8th- 11th

grades

Hear the stories of our early settlers and American Indians. How did they live together in our county while maintaining their cultural differences? Vignettes include the words of Laura Carpenter, William Little, Reverend James Finley, Dolly Byxbe, Benjamin Franklin Thomas, and stories about Africa, Ohio, Drake’s Defeat, American Indian Games, and dances inspired by the traditions of the Lenni Lenape. The full in-person program is 75 minutes including the introduction, closing and narrations. This video won the Ohio Local History Alliance’s 2021 History Outreach Award. For a link to the video please contact schools@delawareohiohistory.org.

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Cultural Communities: Stories from South Delaware (city) 📍 📺

3rd- 11th grades

This interactive program takes your class on a tour of Delaware’s south ward. Mr. Watson Walker visits your class in advance to inspire the students with stories of the area.

For more information about programs and fees, or to schedule a program please email us at schools@delawareohiohistory.org or go online to <https://delawareohiohistory.org/curriculum-support/>.

For more activities, videos, lesson plans and learning resources please go to www.delawarevirtualhistory.org and <https://www.delawareohiohistory.org/educators-parents/>.

The Delaware County Historical Society is a non-profit organization funded by donations, fees, and memberships. In addition to our school programs, we maintain our facilities such as the Nash House, the Meeker Homestead, the Mill House, and the Cryder Research Center, and the historic Delaware Jail. To keep these important sites open and programs available, we appreciate any financial contribution your school, PTO, or organization can provide.