



Celebrating Girlhood

ABOUT US

Girl Museum is the *first* and *only* museum in the world dedicated to celebrating girls and girlhood. Established in March 2009, we believe girls are the key to a brighter, better future and that girls deserve to have a museum of their own.

We are:

- A **virtual museum** for the research, preservation, and presentation of girl culture.
- A **community** of passionate and creative individuals dedicated to creating a world where all girls are guaranteed their rights and the ability to live safe, healthy, happy lives.
- A registered **501(c)3 non-profit** educational organization in the United States.

Our mission is to celebrate girlhood and provide a positive, safe virtual space for girls. We research and collect cross-cultural historic and contemporary images and stories from and about girlhood. Through our research, we produce and present exhibitions, publications, and projects that explore and document the unique experience of being born and growing up female around the world in the past and present.

Girl Museum is led by our founder and Head Girl, Ashley Remer, and overseen by a Board of Trustees. All of team members are volunteers. They include:

- Hillary Hanel, Museum Education Consultant,
- Sarah Jackson, Communications Officer,
- Tiffany Rhoades, Program Developer,
- Katie Weidmann, Social Media Manager, and
- Our Junior Girl interns.

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EXHIBITIONS

Since 2009, we have produced exhibitions that examine the lived and imagined experiences of girls around the world in the past and present. Each of our exhibitions is an in-depth look at a topic intimately related to the experience of girlhood. To date, we have created 18 content-rich exhibitions and continue to develop at least three every year. These exhibitions include:

- *Illustrated Girls*, a broad look at how girls have been illustrated from Medieval times to the present across a variety of cultures.
- *Surfer Girl*, a collaborative exhibit featuring the voices of female surfers from around the world to celebrate how surfing brings them together and enables them to impact the world in positive ways.
- *Celebrating Girl Up*, developed in partnership with the United Nations;
- *Girl for Sale*, an investigation of girl trafficking through poetry and art, developed in partnership with the American Poetry Museum.
- *STEM Girls* and *STEAM Girls*, which celebrated the historical and modern women working in science, technology, engineering, math, and arts fields.
- *Gamer Girl*, our largest exhibition to date, which explored the origins and contemporary culture girls and women in the gaming industry.
- Our *Heroines Quilt* series, celebrating girlhood heroines and their stories and held every even year.
- *Girl Child in India*, investigating how girlhood is experienced in India.



Hands-on Projects



Heirloom is a community project that provides girls the opportunity to learn about their family histories through interviews and researching old photographs, artifacts, and heirlooms. Done in partnership with Chick History, this ongoing project showcases exciting object-based stories from around the world.

GirlsSpeak is our bi-weekly podcast series in which we explore and discuss girls' art, culture, and history; interview guest speakers on girl-related topics; and report on the latest girl-related news from around the world. If you have an idea for a story, a person to interview, or a piece of artwork you would like explored, send us an email.



PostViolence was a Tumblr-based creative project for One Billion Rising, the global movement to end sexual violence. Our Tumblr invited survivors of sexual violence to anonymously share images and videos to help in the healing process and inspire others. *PostViolence* was retired in 2015.

Why I Game is an ongoing series of contributions related to our 2015 exhibit, Gamer Girl. Contributors answer the questions, “Why do you game? How has gaming positively impacted your life?” Their answers provide insights into the profound ways that gaming impacts girls around the world as individuals, communities, and agents for social change.



Educational Resources

Exploring knowledge and creating confidence in the ability to express thoughtful ideas builds self-esteem. We give girls ideas to think about on their own as well as create dialogue.

Most of our programs align with United States and United Kingdom educational standards. Each exhibition is accompanied by a downloadable **Educational Guide** for use at home and in classroom settings at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.



We also are developing and releasing **interactive quizzes** on our exhibitions and girl-related topics, which will also include printable certificates for use by teachers as assessment tools for student learning.

Students may also participate in our **hands-on projects**, such as Heirloom, which can be utilized as supplementary activities in classrooms to encourage students to investigate the world around them.

Our **Girls' Book Club**, created in partnership with *In This Together*, encourages girls to review and share books that showcase positive role models. All books shared in the club are also shared on our blog and social media channels.

We also provide our **Pamphlet Series**, created to help girls and their families learn about and handle a variety of issues they may encounter. These are downloadable, printable PDFs that girls can share with family, friends, schools, and communities to help raise awareness and take action. As of December 2015, our pamphlets include *Environmental Responsibility* and *How to Handle Bullying*.

We've Been Featured!

You can view our features in recent press on the Press Room page of our site. Notably, we have been featured in the *Museum Education Monitor*, GoGirlGlobal blog, *Rhizomes: Cultural Studies in Emerging Knowledge*, and the Gamine Expedition blog. We have also guest starred on the Ladies of the Roundtable Livestream and *HerStory* podcast. We have also partnered with many organizations, including:



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