

# ANATOMY OF HEALTHCARE

## DUPAGE COUNTY MEDICAL HISTORY

**ON VIEW**  
 JANUARY 23  
 THROUGH  
 MAY 3, 2026

**FREE ADMISSION**

**ELMHURST**  
**HISTORY**  
**MUSEUM**

Calendar of Events:

January - May 2026

NEW EXHIBIT

# ANATOMY OF HEALTHCARE: DUPAGE COUNTY MEDICAL HISTORY



**JANUARY 23 - MAY 3, 2026**

Step into the rich history of health care 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, our new 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.

**EXHIBIT SPONSORED BY:**



**ELMHURST HERITAGE  
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# PROGRAMS & EVENTS

## JANUARY

### SPECIAL EVENT: BLOOD DRIVE

#### Elmhurst Gives Back Blood Drive

**Saturday, January 24, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

**Location:** Elmhurst History Museum

**Register:** [elmhursthistory.org](http://elmhursthistory.org)

REGISTER  
ONLINE!



Did you know that every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood? Join the Elmhurst History Museum during National Blood Donor Month in supporting our local community through donating life-saving blood with Vitalant. Just one donation can help save multiple lives! Guests are invited to donate on Vitalant's Blood Donation Bus, and whether participating in the drive or not, can also explore the museum's brand-new *Anatomy of Healthcare: DuPage County Medical History* exhibit. As a thank you, donors will receive a \$5 Elmhurst City Centre gift card. Sign-up online by January 23. 30 spaces available. Must be at least 16 to donate. Walk-ins welcome!

## FEBRUARY

#### ADULT LECTURE

#### **Nature Cure: The Lindlahr Sanitarium**

**Sunday, February 8; 1 p.m.**

**Location:** Elmhurst History Museum Education Center

**Cost:** **FREE to Members, \$8 Non-Members**



Elmhurst is well known for its hospital, but in the early 20th century the city was a destination for a different kind of healing center. Curator of Collections, Dan Lund, will share the unique story of the Lindlahr Sanitarium, founded in 1914 by Dr. Henry Lindlahr where patients from all over the world came to receive "Nature Cure" treatments in a country-like atmosphere.



### REGISTER ONLINE!

To learn more and/or to purchase tickets for upcoming programs & events, please scan the QR code or visit [elmhursthistory.org](http://elmhursthistory.org).

## GALLERY TALK

### **Anatomy of Healthcare: DuPage County Medical History**

**Sunday, February 22; 12 p.m.**

**Location: Elmhurst History Museum**

**Cost: FREE to Members, \$8 Non-Members**



Step into the rich history of healthcare in DuPage County with Elmhurst History Museum Curator of Exhibits, Sarah Cox, for an exclusive guided tour of the museum's latest exhibit! *Anatomy of Healthcare: DuPage County Medical History* offers a fascinating glimpse into the legacy of healing and innovation that continues to impact the lives of those in the area today. 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 over the past 100 years.



## **MARCH**

### LECTURE

#### **Medicine of the Civil War**

**Thursday, March 5; 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

**Location: Elmhurst History Museum Education Center**

**Cost: FREE to Members, \$8 Non-Members**



Learn how doctors and nurses faced the challenges of limited knowledge, rudimentary tools, and battlefield conditions as they worked to save lives during the war. From amputations and battlefield surgeries to the origins of modern medical practices, Kenosha Civil War Museum

Curator, Doug Dammann, will uncover the innovations, struggles, and courage of those who treated the wounded. This eye-opening discussion offers a glimpse into the resilience of both patients and practitioners during one of the most challenging periods in American medical history.



## BUS TOUR

### **International Museum of Surgical Science**

**Wednesday, March 18, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. (arrive by 8:15 a.m. for check in)**

**Location: Elmhurst History Museum Education Center**

**Cost: \$85 Members, \$95 Non-Members**

Experience the fascinating world of surgical history and medical innovation at the International Museum of Surgical Science (IMSS)! Embark on a guided tour through the IMSS's unique exhibits and collection of medical artifacts, learning about the development of anesthesia, germ theory, and anatomical knowledge. Located in the historic Eleanor Robinson Countiss House, one of the few remaining lakefront mansions in Chicago, the tour will also feature an interactive demonstration of a leg amputation from the mid-1800s, with no anesthesia and no sterilization! After the tour, enjoy lunch at Orso's Italian Restaurant in the nearby Old Town neighborhood. Ticket price includes IMSS admission, transportation, and a three-course lunch. Space is limited to 35.

## **APRIL**

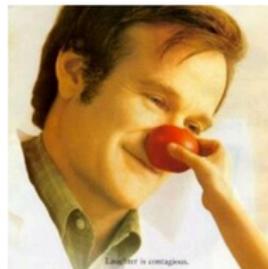
### FILM SCREENING

#### **Patch Adams**

**Friday, April 10, 2 p.m.**

**Location: Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S Prospect Ave.**

**Cost: FREE**



Over the years, doctors have discovered the power of humor and compassion in treating patients. Enjoy a showing of the 1998 Robin Williams movie "Patch Adams," based on the inspiring true story of real-life doctor Hunter Adams. All ages, no registration required. Rated PG-13. Running time: 1h 55m.

### WORKSHOP

#### **Spring Floral Arrangements**

**Saturday, April 18, 1 – 2:30 p.m.**

**Location: Elmhurst History Museum Education Center**

**Cost: \$40**



In honor of Stress Awareness Month, destress with the Elmhurst History Museum and create a unique floral arrangement as we partner with the Illinois Extension Master Gardeners. Workshop attendees will create beautiful spring arrangements through the instruction of DuPage County Master Gardener Marlene Ashby. All materials, including flowers and vases, will be provided. Light bites and beverages will be available. Space is limited to 20.

# MAY

## SPECIAL EVENT

### Rescue & Ready Kids Day

**Saturday, May 2; 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**Location:** Elmhurst History Museum Education Center

**Cost:** **FREE**



Curious about medicine and the people who help during emergencies? Join us for a family-friendly event exploring the ins and outs of the human body, featuring real-life EMS (Emergency Medical Services) heroes! Kids can enjoy fun, hands-on experiments and crafts, including a germ station demonstrating the importance of hand washing, creating an articulated human hand model, and mega-sized blood and body cells to better understand the tiniest parts of the human body. Guests will also be able to hop on one of Superior Ambulance Service's ambulances and explore the life-saving equipment onboard, meet local EMTs, tour a historic Elmhurst Fire Department 1922 Seagrave Fire Engine, and learn more about health with interactive activities from Endeavor Health Elmhurst Hospital.

## **SUMMER CAMP 2025 - REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 3!**

### **Museum Explorers Summer Camp**

**Session 1: June 8 – 12, 2026**

**Session 2: August 3 – 7, 2026**

**Register:** [elmhursthistory.org](http://elmhursthistory.org)

**Cost:** **\$225/camper**



Museum Explorers Camp is designed for children who like to engage in a variety of STEAM activities with an emphasis on learning, cooperation, fun, and creativity in a respectful atmosphere. The camp format is structured with daily lesson plans incorporating age-appropriate activities with scheduled outdoor playtime and visits to other museums in the area. In 2026, campers will learn about the history of the United States in honor of our country's 250th Anniversary. From exploring the museum's own *History of Her: Women Who Shaped Chicagoland* summer exhibit, to learning about Native women in Illinois, a field trip to the Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary art to learn about fossils and women in STEM, and more, campers will enjoy a well-rounded experience and even construct their very own museum exhibitions!

Due to popular demand, we're adding a second camp session this summer! The same curriculum will be presented during both sessions, so campers are invited to register for one or the other. **2026 Camp registration will open at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 3 at [elmhursthistory.org](http://elmhursthistory.org).** 20 campers/session.

## ADULT LECTURE - AVAILABLE TO BOOK!

### Snapshots in Time: 250 Years of Elmhurst History

Cost: \$50/session (plus mileage for groups outside of DuPage County)



Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary with Elmhurst History Museum Executive Director, Dave Oberg's new lecture on Elmhurst history! Presented in 25 year intervals, this lecture will provide a 250 year retrospective on how the area we call Elmhurst today has changed over time. This talk covers the vast and sweeping changes our area has seen, from the time when Pypegee strolled along the banks of the Wewanippissee (now called Salt Creek), through the arrival of the iron horse, incorporation under Village President Henry Glos, explosive growth in the '20s and '60s, and a new era of construction in the 21st century. Patrons will experience the lives and worlds of ten generations in under an hour.

Interested in bringing this special history lecture to your 2026 meeting or event? Contact [eheducator@elmhurst.com](mailto:eheducator@elmhurst.com) or call the museum at (630) 833-1457 to book a program.

## ENJOY MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP IN 2026!

 *Did you know the Elmhurst History Museum is supported by the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation?*

### ELMHURST HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Kick off the new year with an annual Elmhurst Heritage Foundation membership! Members enjoy exclusive benefits including invitations to exhibition preview receptions, special events, discounts and/or free admission to public programs, membership in the nationwide Time Travelers Program, and more!

As the fundraising arm of the museum, the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation raises critical funds to support the Foundation's mission and ongoing commitment to the culture and history of the community. Your support helps enhance new exhibits, expand community activities, offer engaging educational programs at the Elmhurst History Museum and the Churchville One-Room Schoolhouse, and preserve the rich history of Elmhurst for generations to come. Scan the QR code or visit [elmhurstheritagefoundation.org](http://elmhurstheritagefoundation.org) to sign up or learn more.

