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Oshkosh Public Museum's Second-Floor Transformation Entering Next Phase in April 2023

Oshkosh, January 24, 2023 – [The Oshkosh Public Museum](https://oshkoshmuseum.org) is excited to announce the next phase in the complete transformation of its second-floor gallery spaces. The Museum will continue to serve the Oshkosh and Lake Winnebago Region community throughout this exciting time of transformation during 2023. Strategizing for the second-floor transformation began in 2018, the first phases of which were the closure of the Paine Lumber Model in 2019 and the official opening of the *Menominee Clans Story* in 2021.

"We are excited to announce that our newest long-term exhibition *This Is Winnebagoland* will open to visitors on April 1, 2023," says Museum Director Sarah Phillips, "Other Museum spaces will remain open and accessible to welcome visitors this year. We will continue to host field trips from The Oshkosh Area School District and other neighboring districts as they explore *People of the Waters*, the *Menominee Clans Story*, and the Historic Sawyer Home."

Longstanding spaces, full of *Memories & Dreams* will close on April 3, 2023. Closures will include the temporary exhibition space, *Memories & Dreams*, including *Grandma's Attic*, the *Pioneer Log Cabin*, and the Civil War and labor history exhibition sections. These spaces will remain open to visitors through Sunday, April 2, 2023. Following the closures, Museum Curators will be carefully returning artifacts to safe storage, in a months-long process.

Construction will begin mid-year to strengthen our building's capacity to welcome many years of traveling exhibitions from around the country and showcase items within our collection. A new, flexible temporary exhibition space will be unveiled in 2024.

The Oshkosh Public Museum is currently planning its suite of programming and events for 2023. These will include the second-annual Día de los Muertos Celebration on Saturday, October 28, 2023, and the continuation of the monthly Family Discovery Days program every second Saturday 11 am – 2 pm.

"Now is the time to celebrate the thousands of lives touched by these longstanding spaces, but also to welcome the countless possibilities a new space will bring," reflects Phillips, "This new space, and the exhibitions it will welcome, will offer new opportunities for discovery, connection, and inspiration for years to come."

For more information on the second-floor transformation, visit oshkoshmuseum.org, and tune in to the Oshkosh Public Museum's social media for a behind-the-scenes look. ##