



About Celebrate America's Freedoms: A Day of Remembrance

In recent months, many museums have expressed a desire to unite with their communities in remembrance of Sept. 11, 2001. In response, the American Association of Museums (AAM) and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) have developed Celebrate America's Freedoms: A Day of Remembrance. This initiative underscores museums' roles as stewards of the nation's stories and special places where communities can reaffirm and examine our:

freedom to assemble
freedom to create
freedom to worship
freedom to inquire
freedom to express ideas
freedom from fear

Call to Action: Working together, museums can make a powerful statement about the richness of the American experience in communities across the United States.

Who: Museums, from art to zoo, in every community in the country.

What: On and around Sept. 11, 2002, museums can offer programs, exhibits, and activities that support their communities and serve as forums for remembrance and understanding.

Why: Museums are centers of community life with programs and services for families, lifelong learners, schools, and others. Their responses to the Sept. 11 attacks were as diverse as the communities they serve and underscored the central role these institutions play in people's lives. Now museums seek to unite with their communities once again, this time to mark the anniversary of the attacks and celebrate the freedom's that sustain the nation's strength.

What will IMLS and AAM do?

- provide [Observing September 11: A Toolkit](#)
- support a national communications campaign.
- encourage museums to mark the day in a way that best suits their missions, resources, and the needs of their communities.

Let us know how your museum will mark the Sept. 11 anniversary. Send an e-mail to: celebratefreedom@aam-us.org.