Pittsburgh: A Tradition of Innovation

Founded in 1879 as the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania, the History Center is proud to be Pittsburgh’s oldest cultural institution. For more than 130 years, we have engaged and inspired a large and diverse audience with links to the past, understanding in the present, and guidance for the future.

Recently, we opened our long-term exhibition, Pittsburgh: A Tradition of Innovation, a personal look at the amazing innovators who changed our world over the past 250 years.

Throughout the 16,000 square-foot exhibition, visiting families can explore Western Pennsylvania’s indelible imprint on the world through rare collections and interactive experiences.
These new technologies encourage experiences inside *Pittsburgh: A Tradition of Innovation* that are both gratifying and enriching for our visitors.

In fact, each year more than 160,000 people—including 50,000 students—visit the History Center, the Smithsonian’s home in Pittsburgh.

*Pittsburgh: A Tradition of Innovation* complements the History Center’s other long-term exhibitions: *Glass: Shattering Notions; Special Collections; Heinz 57; The Underground Railroad; Clash of Empires: The British, French & Indian War; The Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum;* and more.

So join us as we celebrate Pittsburgh’s rich past and work together to build an even better future.

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