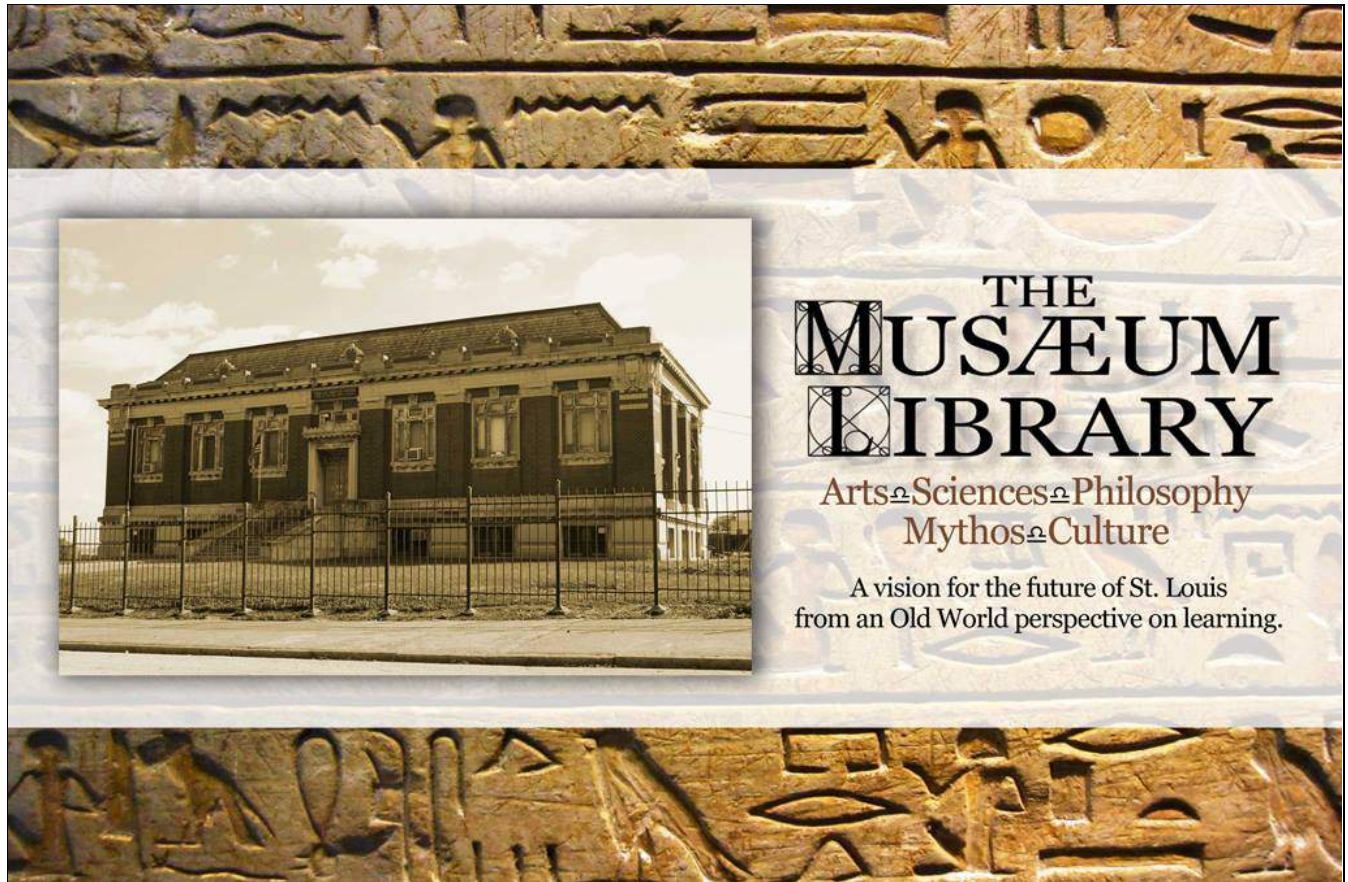


The Musæum Library is an in-person and virtual experience celebrating global heritage cultural Arts & Sciences. Visitors will find themselves and their heritage among interactive indoor and outdoor exhibits bridging ancient to modern human education. Created to empower all people with a sense of place and planetary perspective, this institution will uplift the community in St. Louis and around the world.



# The Musæum Library

## *An Introduction to the World Heritage Celebration*

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***Sankofa:***

***“Go back and fetch the past in order to move into the future.”***

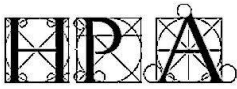
*From the Akan people of Ghana, Africa*

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**Like the Sankofa Bird, the mission of The Musaeum Library is to utilize ancient academic principles to dramatically engage and interact individually with people and students to give them a greater, philosophical perspective on their place in the world, and ultimately make them more excited about learning.**





## Vision of Renewal

**A world heritage cultural Arts & Sciences Musaeum blooms in Hyde Park, North St. Louis.** The Musaeum Library is a powerful rejuvenation for the neighborhood and residents of the region where students and people can find a personal sense of place in the celebration of global cultures.

A monument, community site, and bridge, The Musaeum Library connects the modern people of the region with the rich native heritage of this place and the vibrant cultures who came here. This iconic institution is a world-class, 21st century approach to the fundamentals of STEM education for humans of all ages. The direct connection between ancient and modern knowledge is tangible through interactive outdoor and indoor exhibits showcasing examples from North-Meso-South America's First Nations, Ancient African, Mid-East Orient, Eastern Asian, and Western European cultures. All individuals will be able to see their heritage in the exhibits. Social justice through education about global cultural perspectives is a subtle pillar of the institution.

Cultural and civic gatherings will showcase human arts and education in the community areas on site while artworks of all manner will be presented in fixed and rotating opportunities for local talent. Memorials to our lost children and the under-celebrated heroes of the region interplay with soothing spots for mindful experiences, amid natural water sounds and tones conducive for contemplation. Classic ancient temple shapes rise over multiple walking labyrinths on the grounds around the Library while a multicultural step pyramid rises above the banks of the Mississippi River, taking inspiration from the historic roof line of the Civil Courts Building in downtown Saint Louis. Through it all will be education and mental wellbeing opportunities for students and visitor interaction.

**Urban renewal includes restoration of both buildings and minds.** The Musaeum Library revitalizes both through public access cultural heritage education. Located at the historic, Carnegie-built, original Divoll Branch building of the St. Louis Public Library, the regeneration of this important educational and cultural center will:

- Provide the region's students and community with a unique learning experience
- Plant a seed of economic renewal in Hyde Park and North St. Louis
- Repurpose a once segregated institution as a place of education for and about everyone
- Harvest an exciting new cultural feature of benefit to the whole Metropolitan region

The establishment of The Musaeum Library includes:

- Restoration of the historic structure and upgrades to the Carnegie-built site
- Creation of a curriculum and exhibits indoors, outside, and online
- Participation in neighborhood revitalization and property development
- Development of local support operations and peripheral small businesses

By dramatically engaging students and visitors onsite and online, The Musaeum Library provides a greater philosophical perspective on their place in the world and ultimately excites enthusiasm for learning. This cultural landmark demonstrates how intellectual concepts and artistic expression are interrelated and crucial in our everyday lives. The historical, adventurous, and interactive approach to education at The Musaeum Library will enrich lifelong learning and all levels of students with a sense of place in humanity, empowering them to be mindful and contributing members of our global community.



## Inclusive World Heritage Curricula

**Inspired by the Mouseion Library of Alexandria, Egypt** and other temple-libraries found throughout the world, the 1910 Beaux-Arts building and surrounding grounds will again be a unique environment for learning. The Musaeum Library, built in the rejuvenated center for study and cultural connection, offers an educational experience that is:

- Based on ancient, enduring academic principles.
- Aligned with Missouri Educational Standards.
- Inclusive of all grade levels and graduate studies.
- Presented in a historic place from a global heritage perspective.
- Anchored by local North St. Louis and St. Louis regional heritage information.

Carved into stone at the cornice ledge of the Library are the 16 fundamental classical subjects:

- Music-Art
- History-Travel
- Science-Fiction
- Poetry-Drama
- Ethics-Religion
- Logic-Letters
- Politics-Oratory
- Trades-Law

These subjects create the common, ancestral, human education framework in which STEM-STEAM-STREAM lessons are described throughout the exhibits. These lessons will be echoed in the robust online and virtual reality

opportunities for visitor interaction. The curricula will be developed in collaboration with local public school systems to be well suited to supplement classroom education. The Musaeum Library will also operate as an educational field trip destination and a center for the study of the foundations of the Arts, Sciences, and Philosophies of the world.



**The celebration of humanity is realized through the inclusion of perspectives** from Indigenous and First American Nations, Ancient African, Mid-East Orient, Eastern Asian, and Western European cultural groups. This inclusive stance on global cultural heritage fuels a greater mission of human mental health awareness and practice of medicinal and holistic therapies to enable better quality of life.

All of the educational opportunities supported by the inclusive heritage curricula will benefit students and the public by giving them a more in-depth experience and exploration of these fundamental aspects of our world's civilizations. Expansive material ranging from Kemet, Hellenistic, and Native cultures to modern applications of the ancient education will excite them to connect with other academic pursuits by making learning an adventurous, enjoyable and rewarding experience. The curricula and experiences will describe from many perspectives how cultural education, mindfulness, and personal development form an inherent path toward community development and wellbeing.



## Portals of Access

### The Musaeum Library Presentation Online:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1aXdE3pYqdpW4Lf1aYifKpE-gUHGwkHZeVOtUNhZsDo/edit?usp=sharing>

### Onsite

- Revitalized Carnegie Library building interior
  - Permanent exhibits including North St. Louis and local Indigenous heritage
  - Curated reading collection and seating area
  - Temporary exhibits and artworks including augmented reality experiences
  - Auditorium for classes, events, and meetings
- Exterior 1.20 acres of historic-terraced grounds developed with interactive experiences
  - Built exhibits of global heritage design with augmented reality experiences
  - Educational native gardens and landscape design
  - Public gathering and individual seating areas
  - Memorials honoring local children lost to violence and unsung local heroes
- Up-cycled historic two-family dwelling
  - Permanent exhibit of St. Louis geometric design and brick architecture
  - New ADA Public Restrooms
  - Facility office / Security guard in residence
  - Artist in residence / garage-studio-workshop, storage areas

### Virtual

- Website contains an exhibit portal, educational curricula access, and other interactive media
- Virtual Reality experience connected and relating to the online exhibit portal
- Virtual Reality learning adventure for Oculus Rift VR devices, then greater market outreach
- Promotes extensive international networking of historical, anthropological, academic, and cultural arts institutions, sites, and resources
- Embraces and leverages Social Media

### In Print

- Access to this information will be made for everyone in the regions around the locations of The Musaeum Library to overcome the digital divide in our communities
- Pamphlets, Flyers, and small reference materials for individuals to engage with
- Books will include
  - Curricula Vitae: The development story and research for The Musaeum Library
  - Children's picture books and books for all reading levels about mindfulness, ancient wisdom, and the cultural Arts & Sciences



## Bridge to Mindful Mental Health

**A core mission of The Musaeum Library is to support human wellbeing and mental health.**

“A sound mind in a sound body” - Thales of Miletus 623-545 BC

Mental health is critical to sustainable individual wellbeing and healthy relationships with our neighbors and planet Earth. With so many changes present in the world, humans are experiencing stress and emotional extremes more often. Quality of life is difficult and social justice is lacking for many of our friends and family. We have modern tools to aid this plight available to us through licensed mental health therapists and specialty practitioners. The Musaeum Library is committed to raising awareness of mental health and promoting accessible high quality mental healthcare around the world.

21st century mental health connects ancient wisdom and modern science. The Musaeum Library curricula of global cultural Arts & Sciences presents a tapestry in which to introduce modern and ancient holistic healing techniques such as Mindfulness, Nutrition, Sound, Nature, and Art Therapies. As a contribution to global wellbeing, The Musaeum Library is investigating opportunities to participate with regional networks to develop community aid through access to a spectrum of positive healing and mental health therapies. This emerging cultural cornerstone is not only an exciting, interactive educational experience for all ages, it is a pathway to healing individuals and our global community.

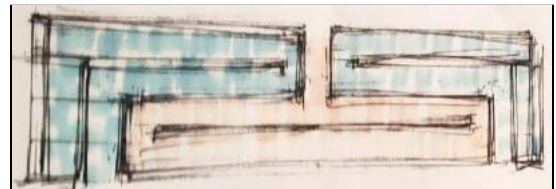
### The North St. Louis Mindfulness Project

- Mindfulness is a bridge to civic engagement, public education, and community mental health
- NSTLMP was born in 2020 as a response to mental health needs in North St. Louis
- Posters, a meditation soundtrack, and a Summer Solstice event were offered to the public
- Please visit <http://nstlmp.com/> for information and to access the poster and meditation track

### Sound Minds in Sound Bodies Program

- Mental Health awareness and support campaigns using cultural and public art platforms
- Mental Health access information campaigns using print and online media
- Heal the Healer direct mental health resilience support for mental health practitioners
- Community healing activities including group meditation, Tai Chi, Qigong, and Yoga gatherings
- Onsite Labyrinth activities at The Musaeum Library in one of several labyrinths
- Art and Holistic Therapy education path through The Musaeum Library exhibits and curricula

As part of the Sound Minds in Sound Bodies Program, visitors will be able to walk the Labyrinth paths in a mindful manner as independent visitors or in conjunction with mental health therapy. The Musaeum Library will promote and aid the development of other Labyrinth and interactive mental health cultivating experiences in the region. The examples below are of a Round, 3 circuit classical Labyrinth, and a 7 circuit Rectangle Labyrinth inspired by the Minoan Civilization of ancient Crete.

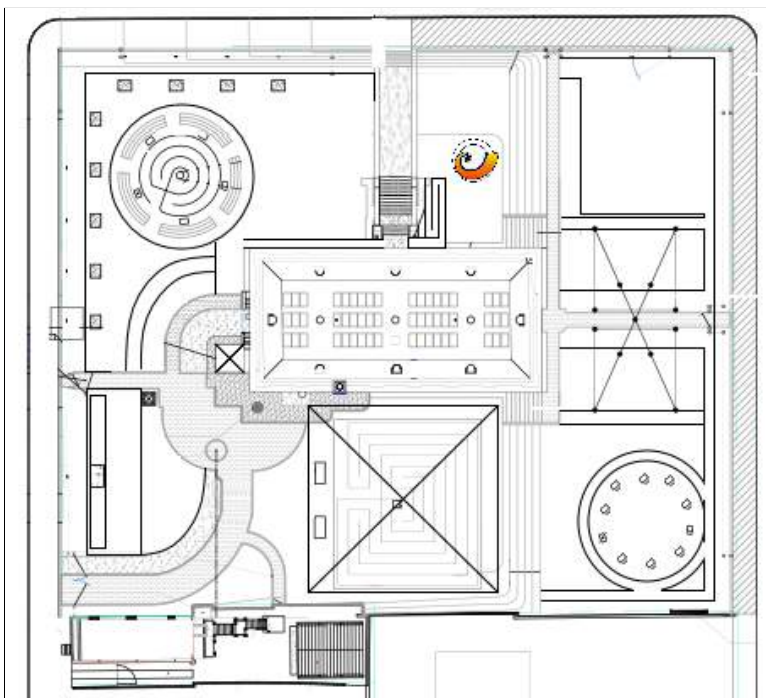


## Flagship Facility & Interactive Grounds

**The Musaeum Library in St. Louis consists of the building and grounds** of the historic Carnegie Library and a historic two-family home adjacent to the property. The initial scope of The Musaeum Library facility development consists of 3 primary areas:

1. Historic restoration and construction of the 1910 Carnegie Library building
2. Design and construction of outdoor areas on property and development of single family building
3. Development of installation art and properties in Hyde Park Cultural District

Surrounding the historic building are 1.20 acres of terraced grounds and open-air educational opportunities. Gardens of native plants, fruit, herbs, and vegetables border community gathering and teaching areas inlaid with global heritage designs.



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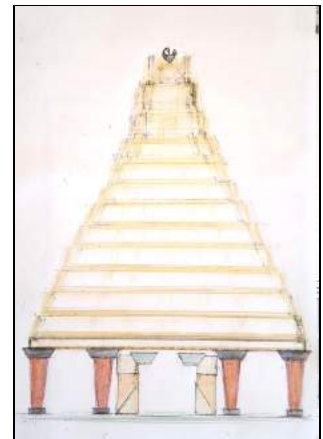
*Bordered by N. 14th St. to the West,  
 Farrar St. to the North,  
 N. 11th St. to the East,  
 and Salisbury St. to the South*

### Major outdoor, interactive exhibits

- Multicultural Step Pyramid with elevated riverscape overlook and Cretan Labyrinth
- Hellenic Tholos Temple with theater in the round and circular labyrinth
- Scaled replica of the Minaret of Jam, Afghanistan, architectural exhibit
- Architecture of Cahokia and ancient America exhibit
- Scaled replica of the Arch of Palmyra, Syria, architectural exhibit
- 9 Muses and Eternal Flame of Humanity rotating artwork exhibitions
- Fibonacci inspired Interchi sculpture installation
- Memorials for children lost to violence and unsung local heroes

### Additional Facility Features

- Business Office and New ADA Visitor Restroom Building
- SnackBar, Gift Shop, Maintenance, and Storage Building







## Location & Cultural Development Solutions

**The Musaeum Library sits on a hillside above the Mississippi River in St. Louis**, two miles north of the Gateway Arch, at the Salisbury Exit of Interstate 70, where The McKinley Bridge is located. Overlooking this northern entrance to the Hyde Park Cultural District and North St. Louis development locations including the new West Campus of the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, the historic edifice is a short walk from the greenspace and community gathering areas of historic Hyde Park itself.

The new civic institution rises in a neighborhood already bustling with the energy of revitalization. Hyde Park is both an Opportunity Zone and Promise Zone of St. Louis. The Musaeum Library will be a cornerstone of this redevelopment experience, promoting purpose and potential in Ward 3. Part of this grassroots, community based urban revitalization is strong emphasis to lead with compassionate emotional intelligence as a bridge to understanding the beneficial interaction of all sides in regional development, particularly the existing residents and businesses in a neighborhood. By connecting to and understanding the void of social issue recognition in development, The Musaeum Library project involves working deep into the meaning of equality, equity, diversity, and inclusion. Solutions to gentrification and social issues around real estate development lie through that path. Mindful remembrance of history, from the ancient to the modern, can aid these solutions and The Musaeum Library, as a civic institution, promotes this knowledge and spirit into modern life, education, business, and real estate development concepts.

### The Musaeum Library footprint in the Hyde Park Cultural District

- The Musaeum Library Campus
- Additional Musaeum Library Offices and Workshop Facilities
- Community Gardens, Seating Areas, and Parking Areas
- Collaboration with St. Louis Public Schools for an Academy of Exploration & Civics
- Traffic controls with art and culture exhibits on North 14th Street at Farrar and Salisbury Streets
- Citizens of the World Walk along North 14th Street
- Pedestrian safety corridor and mural installation along North 11th Street







## Multi-level Musaeum Development

**The opportunity arises to celebrate global heritage cultural Arts & Science** while opening a path to social justice and representation of all people. This iconic cultural hub is designed to meet the needs of 21st Century humans, searching for a sense of place in the vast and interconnected world. Anchored in Hyde Park, St. Louis, The Musaeum Library model and brand can be propagated across the United States through institutional collaborations and new site developments. Other Carnegie Libraries will be approached about revitalizing their property and community using the model followed by the flagship facility. There is opportunity for international partnerships with like-minded institutions while brand new Musaeum Libraries can be created to stimulate people and economies in areas of cultural need.

The Musaeum Library will exist in local, national, global, and social dimensions of this world:

### Local

- Musaeum Facility in Hyde Park Cultural District
- Adjacent and nearby properties for office, workshop, and storage purposes
- Events and activities in St. Louis region
- Uplifting knowledge of local and national Indigenous Peoples

### National

- Carnegie Library or historic cultural building transformation model
- Satellite Musaeum Library installations, exhibits, and events in other Museums
- Nationwide events and activities
- Uplifting knowledge of each site's local Indigenous Peoples and national groups

### Global

- Satellite Musaeum Library installations, exhibits, and events in other Museums
- Development of The Musaeum Library in new sites, historic structures re-used, if possible
- Global events and activities
- Uplifting knowledge of each site's local Indigenous Peoples and the international relationships among the various cultural groups

### Social

- The historic Carnegie-built building and many others were created using capital and means which were not considerate of or beneficial for all people involved in or effected by the projects
- This institutional project connects to and seeks to understand, then shed light on the void of social issue recognition in real estate and community development
- The Musaeum Library project involves working deep into the meaning of equality, equity, diversity, and inclusion of the perspectives, heritage, and legacies of all humans on Earth





## People are the Purpose

**Human wellbeing and better quality of life will be byproducts of The Musaeum Library** for visitors, students, staff, volunteers, and the community of the region. 21st century approaches to business best practices put the mental and physical health of people at the center of an organization's efforts. Innovative human resource policies uplift gender and social justice in our framework and culture. Hyde Park Atelier of the Arts & Sciences and The Musaeum Library organization also collaborate to develop community gatherings and education opportunities involving inclusion, anti-racism, and mindfulness.

Personal wellbeing and continuous personal development will be encouraged among staff and volunteers of the organization. Through individual health we will resonate healthy mindsets to the visitors and surrounding community. Sound minds in sound bodies is an overarching goal at The Musaeum Library. To achieve this goal the Staff, associates, and volunteers of Hyde Park Atelier and The Musaeum Library will be trained in Mental Health First Aid so as to be gentle first responders to anyone having mental health needs while they are onsite or at an activity. This training will enable them to correctly and efficiently refer to appropriate levels of care for the individual while helping their fellow human or colleague in the moment of need. Human mental health and wellbeing will always be considered among the top priorities of the institution.

Plans are underway to engage new Board Members, Musaeum Directors, and organization Staff. If you, your friends and family, or your organization are inspired to align your talents and resources with this opportunity to build incredible impact in our community, please contact Mark Pappas:

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**Thank you,**

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