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America 250 - How Can Children's Museums and Science Centers Celebrate the United States Semiquincentennial?

Online Workshop Summary of Resources
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Resources

- All resources (including a PDF download of the slides and this summary): <https://www.nisenet.org/America250Workshop>
- Recording of the Online Workshop on Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/nisenet/america250>

Links Shared During the Workshop

NISE Network Resources

- America 250 resources list on nisenet.org: <https://nisenet.org/america250>
 - This page includes links to all resources discussed during the first part of the workshop. These links are also listed below in the order they appear in the slides.
- Futures thinking activities: <https://www.nisenet.org/society>
- Staying connected to the NISE Network
 - Getting started with the NISE Network: <https://nisenet.org/gettingstarted>
 - Browse resources by topic: <https://www.nisenet.org/browse-topic>
 - Read the monthly newsletter: <https://nisenet.org/newsletter>
 - Follow #nisenet on social media: <https://www.nisenet.org/social>
 - Upcoming events & online workshops: <https://www.nisenet.org/events>
 - Recordings of past NISE Network online workshops: <https://www.nisenet.org/online-workshop-recordings>

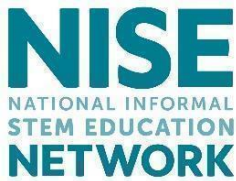
Partner Resources

- SciStarter's 2.5 Million Acts of Science - Citizen Science Month:
<https://pages.scistarter.org/citizen-science-month-2026/>
- COSI Connects Kits:
 - All COSI Connects Kits by STEAM theme: <https://cosi.org/connects/kits/>
 - COSI American Innovation Kit:
<https://cosi.org/connects/kits/american-innovation-kit.php>
 - COSI American Innovation Kit Educator Guide:
https://cosi.org/MOBILEAPP/kits/resources/educator-guide/AI250_Educator-DigitalGuide_FINAL.pdf

Resources (all available on our site: <https://nisenet.org/america250>)

- American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) resources:
<https://www.aaslh.org/programs/250th/>
- America250 Nonpartisan federal initiative: <https://america250.org/>
- Connect with your state and local commission:
<https://america250.org/state-and-territory-commissions/>
- Made by Us: <https://historymadebyus.org/>
- Youth 250 Toolkit Resources: <https://historymadebyus.org/youth250/toolkit>
- My Wish for US: <https://www.mywishforus.com/>
- On Our 250th: OnOur250th.org
- The American Revolution six-part film:
<https://www.pbs.org/kenburns/the-american-revolution/>
- Community engagement:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd6_GcN7ShbSBqD6wMMuQQ0Fw3DvCAGCeVWQwzA6sZaHNI3tQ/viewform
- Education resources:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe11Gf-9bGsZV_h0EZx5CndAxkCF6NtDPhB3hjQrEiiRkzulg/viewform
- American Museum of Natural History ArcheOLOGY ideas for personal time capsules:
<https://www.amnh.org/explore/ology/archaeology/create-your-own-time-capsule2>
- Library of Congress advice for community time capsules:
<https://www.loc.gov/preservation/resources/educational/timecapsule>
- National Wildlife Federation Trees for Wildlife Event Planning Guide:
<https://www.nwf.org/Trees-for-Wildlife/Get-Involved/Request-Trees/Plan-an-Event>
- StoryCorps DIY: <https://diy.storycorps.org/>
- Oral history best practices: <https://oralhistory.org/best-practices/>
- Clio free mobile app on iTunes and Google Play: <https://theclio.com/>
- American Craft 2026:
 - <https://www.handwork2026.org>
 - <https://www.craftinamerica.org/blog/craft-in-america-announces-handwork-celebrating-american-craft-2026/>
- MakerEd resources: <https://makered.org/>
- Ohio Creativity trail: <https://america250-ohio.org/ohio-creativity-trail/>
- COSI American Innovation Kit:
<https://cosi.org/connects/kits/american-innovation-kit.php>

- Get involved in Citizen Science Month & SciStarter's 2.5 Million Acts of Science: <https://pages.scistarter.org/citizen-science-month-2026/>
- My Wish for U.S. submission of wishes: <https://www.mywishforus.com/>
- OnOur250th.org submitting hopes and dreams: <https://www.onour250th.org/>
- Futures thinking activities from the NISE Network: <https://www.nisenet.org/society>
- iCivics resources: <https://vision.icivics.org/>
- Civic Learning Week resources: <https://civiclearningweek.org/>
- Educating for American Democracy: <https://www.educatingforamericandemocracy.org/>
- Exploring Civics through Historic Spaces: A Model for Civic Learning at Museums, Historic Sites, and Cultural Institutions from the Intrepid Museum: <https://intrepidmuseum.org/exploring-civics-through-historic-spaces-model-civic-learning-museums-historic-sites-cultural>



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