



ONLINE WORKSHOPS

America at 250 - Just in time resources you can use at science centers and children's museums

Online Workshop Summary of Resources
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Resources

- All resources (including a PDF download of the slides and this summary): <https://nisenet.org/america-at-250>
- Recording of the online workshop on Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/nisenet/america-at-250>

Links Shared During the Workshop

NISE Network Resources

- America at 250 compilation of resources: <https://nisenet.org/america250>
- NISE Network Futures thinking activities: <https://www.nisenet.org/society>
- NISE Network Making resources: <https://www.nisenet.org/making>
- NISE Network Online Workshop Recording: America 250 - How Can Children's Museums and Science Centers Celebrate the United States Semiquincentennial? (2025) <https://nisenet.org/America250Workshop>
- Register for upcoming online workshops: <https://nisenet.org/events>
 - 7/21/26 - Practical Approaches to Immersive Digital Experiences in Museums: <https://nisenet.org/Immersive-Experiences>
 - 8/11/26 - Ready for Roman - Resources for Celebrating the Launch of NASA's Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope: <https://nisenet.org/Roman-Telescope-2026>
- 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>

Resources shared by Analisa Duran, Frost Science

- America250: Celebrating American Innovation resources from Frost Science:
<https://www.frostscience.org/america250>
 - View and download resources:
https://www.frostscience.org/resource_type/america250/
 - Interest form:
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=eMF8gs3mekeJYZZyEQdSUghglyinqqJLju9oJX9d4kVURUY3V1o3NIRIRzBZTDIxQINEVkhMQjM1SS4u&route=shorturl>

Resources shared by Addie Bouck, History Colorado

- The America 250 - Colorado 150 Commission:
<https://www.historycolorado.org/colorado-150>
- Moments That Made US free, customizable, print-on-demand exhibition:
<https://www.historycolorado.org/initiative-exhibition-for-community-organizations>
- America's Potluck: <https://america250.utah.gov/americaspotluck/>
- Sharing the Spirit of America - reading of the Declaration of Independence:
<https://hawaiiamerica250.org/sharing-the-spirit-of-america>
- Light to Unite: <https://nationalflagfoundation.org/light-to-unite/>
- National and Statewide Calendars:
<https://america250.org/calendar/?view=map&date=allFutureEvents>
- State commission's local calendars - states are very active:
<https://america250.org/our-partners/state-and-territory-commissions/>
- Colorado state commission's local calendars:
<https://www.colorado.com/am250-co150-events>

Resources shared by Catherine McCarthy, NISE Network: <https://nisenet.org/america250>

- America250 Nonpartisan federal initiative commissioned by Congress in 2015:
<https://america250.org/>
- State and Territories Commissions:
<https://america250.org/state-and-territory-commissions/>
- American Association for State and Local History (AASLH):
<https://aaslh.org/programs/250th>
 - Create a free account to download resources:
<https://www.aaslh.org/programs/250th/>
- SciStarter Citizen Science: <https://scistarter.org/citizensciencemonth>
- Science across America STAR Net - Libraries (and science centers who participated in this webinar) can register to receive free materials: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LC56BF3>
 - Cohort 2 applications are open:
<https://community.starnetlibraries.org/join-science-across-america-cohort-2-free-resources-and-no-requirements/>

- COSI American Innovations Kit:
<https://cosi.org/connects/kits/american-innovation-kit.php>
- PBS Film The American Revolution:
<https://www.pbs.org/kenburns/the-american-revolution/>
 - Supporting resources:
 - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd6_GcN7ShbSBqD6wMMuQQ0Fw3DvCAGCeVWQwzA6sZaHNI3tQ/viewform
 - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe11Gf-9bGsZV_h0EZx5CndAxkCF6NtDPhB3hjQrEiiRkzulg/viewform
- Made By Us resources for Wish Walls: <https://thecivicseason.com/wish-walls>
 - Guide with examples and graphics:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1B_JyXOlzIEKcq25cEPwtCiPUIW-BezG-J_iPOcy6ZO4/edit?usp=sharing
 - Digital versions: <https://www.mywishforus.com/>
 - OnOur250th.org: <https://www.onour250th.org/>
- 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>
- Celebrating American Craft National collaboration: <https://www.handwork2026.org>
- StoryCorps DIY advice: <https://diy.storycorps.org/>
- Oral history best practices: <https://oralhistory.org/best-practices/>
- Clio free mobile app: <https://theclio.com/about>
 - Creating a location-based tour with audio and images on Clio:
<https://theclio.com/>
- 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>