



Mark Your Calendars – We Reopen July 1!

We are very pleased to announce that the Frances Willard House Museum will reopen for tours beginning Thursday, July 1! We are ready to welcome visitors and have new procedures in place to do so in a way that is safe and manageable for our visitors and staff.



Tours will be available by reservation only (during normal business hours, 9am to 5pm). Visitors should request a tour at least 48 hours in advance using our [online reservation form](#) or by calling (847) 328-7500.

Tour fees are \$15 per person. Admission is free for students at all levels. Payment must be made online or over the phone once the tour day and time has been confirmed.

Please note that health and safety measures will be in place. At this time, tour groups will be limited to 5 visitors, and no children under 12 years old will be admitted. Visitors and staff must wear masks, practice social distancing, and stay home if not feeling well.

We look forward to seeing you at the Willard House soon!



A sneak peek of the *Rightfully Hers* pop-up display, courtesy of the National Archives and the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission.

Wells and Willard on WTTW



Check out the [companion website](#) for the new Ida B. Wells *Chicago Stories* special for an interview with Lori Osborne, our executive director. Osborne discusses Ida B. Wells's dispute with Frances Willard and what their encounter reveals about the possibilities and limitations of interracial collaboration in the post-Reconstruction era woman's movement. The website also draws on [Truth-Telling: Frances Willard and Ida B. Wells](#), our award-winning digital exhibit. We are grateful for the opportunity to help WTTW share this part of Wells's story!

New Grant for the Archives!

No more hide and seek for our archivists! Thanks to a grant from the Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board (ISHRAB), the WCTU Archives will be able to make our "hidden collection" of subject files visible to researchers. We'll be organizing, rehousing, and publishing a list of these folders, which contain a wealth of information related to women's history.

This is a great example of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) at work helping states – and the smaller repositories therein – keep history alive. Hooray for SHRABs nationwide!



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