

Information for Educators

School visits

The Pritzker Military Library has much to offer educators and students. Library staff can pull materials on a specific subject in advance of your visit for students' browsing. All age groups are welcome, but the content is generally suited for grades 6 and up. Visits are scheduled on the hour starting at 9:00 a.m. and go until 2:00 p.m. (6 slots), Tuesday through Friday. The Library can accommodate up to 60 students in a one-hour block. A chaperone is required for every ten students. General tours last approximately 45 minutes, which includes the *Citizen Soldier* and *Medal of Honor* permanent exhibits, two rotating exhibits, and a selection of artifacts and rare books. The Civil War or World War II history cart component is an additional 45 minutes. School visit request forms are available on our website, www.pritzkermilitarylibrary.org, and must be printed and either faxed or mailed to us.

History carts

Our Civil War and World War II history carts are available for use with student visits. Each contains a replica uniform for students to try on and items that a soldier from those wars would have had with him such as a haversack, hygiene kit, and rations. Through a presentation given by staff, students learn about the day-to-day life of a soldier and the conditions he endured in the field.

Lesson plans

On the "Education" tab on our website are lesson plans related to American wars and American history. Each one includes a bibliography of resources available at the Library.

Online catalog

By becoming an online member of the Library, which is free, you have access to our online catalog and online gallery. The online catalog lists our books, periodicals, audiovisual materials, and many of our posters. The online gallery lists our archival items, such as medals, letters, and photographs. You can search to see what we have in advance of a visit, and we can pull those items for you and have them available for you and your students to see. Or, if you find a book you are interested in, you can borrow it via interlibrary loan through your school or local library.

Gallery exhibits

There are two permanent exhibits in the Library, *Citizen Soldier* and *Medal of Honor*. Both include items from our collection and on loan from individual people. *Citizen Soldier* has artifacts that represent the five branches of the military and their history. *Medal of Honor* has artifacts and art that help tell the story of men who have received the nation's highest award for valor in combat. The other gallery spaces are devoted to one or two rotating exhibits. Past exhibits have included World War II sketches drawn by a soldier to photographs of Medal of Honor recipients to paintings done by the Midwest Air Force Artists Association. There is always something fascinating on display.

Research

The Library is open Tuesday – Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and until 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays. Adult admission for non-members is \$5.00. Children 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. Students between 13 and 18 and accompanied by a member are free, without an adult are \$5.00. Library staff is available to help with research questions. The circulating books, reference books, and periodicals are accessible. There are computers for using the catalog and for researching on the internet.

Professional Development

The Pritzker Military Library has weekly programs, both during the day and in the evening. These include author talks and interviews with Medal of Honor recipients. All of our programs are eligible for CPDUs. Visit our website, www.pritzkermilitarylibrary.org, for the schedule of upcoming programs.

Any questions? Please contact Laura Martinez, Education Coordinator, at 312-374-9333 or at lmartinez@pritzkermilitarylibrary.org.