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About Us

The Amherstburg Freedom Museum is a curated archive that preserves and shares Amherstburg's stories of the Underground Railroad, and the compassion and solidarity it took to make this network possible.

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Say Hello To Our Summer Employees!

Say hello to our new summer employees, Hallee, Erin and Jaidyn who will be working at the museum this summer thanks to funding from the Canada Summer Jobs program. They will be assisting with cataloging and research and will give guided tours. Here is a little bit more about them, in their own words.



My name is Hallee Kejick. I am 17 years old and have recently graduated. I will be attending Carleton University in the fall for Transnational Law and Human Rights. I am interested in pursuing a career as a Human Rights Lawyer. I enjoy spending time with friends and listening to music. I look forward to working as a Tour Guide at the museum once again. It has been a wonderful experience and I am excited to further my knowledge about my family's history and the Black history within the town.



Hi! I'm Erin. I am a 2nd year biology student at Mount Allison University in Sackville, NB, though I graduated from Assumption High School in Windsor. I am so excited and happy to be working here as the Collections Assistant for the summer! I have always loved history and wish to continue learning about it, even though it doesn't quite pertain to my principal focus of study.

Having grown up in various places internationally, I understand the significance of sharing (and learning about) local history, and see how that history has shaped communities. I'm excited to learn more about the Underground Railroad and Amherstburg's local history, and I'm also excited to meet the museum visitors. It really is important to keep history alive, and to be able to do that while learning more about events I was initially rather unfamiliar with is a truly wonderful opportunity!



My name is Jaidyn and I work as a tour guide at the Amherstburg Freedom Museum. I applied for this job in order to improve my public speaking and to learn more about my history. My interests are dancing, singing, painting, calligraphy, photography and all sports. Working here at the Museum will help me feel more confident presenting in front of others, gain confidence in myself and learn about the stories of how freedom seekers escaped to freedom.

The Talking Drum

The Talking Drum is published monthly by the Amherstburg Freedom Museum. Contributions, story ideas, suggestions and feedback are always welcome. Please contact Mary-Katherine Whelan at curator@amherstburgfreedom.org

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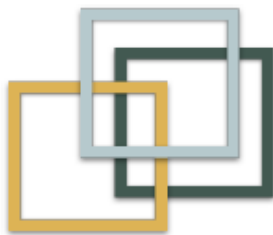


On Wednesday, July 3rd the community gathered at the Libro Centre for the relaunch of the Amherstburg Community Foundation, led by its president Richard Peddie. At this event, the audience was introduced to the new Board of Directors, but also heard four proposals to make “an even better Amherstburg.” Among the presenters was AFM Board President, Monty Logan, who spoke about the Museum’s Freedom Achievers Initiative which includes a mentorship program and a high-profile speaker series. Monty also made the exciting announcement that Dwane Casey, Coach of the Detroit Pistons, has agreed to kick off our speaker series, but we need your help to reach our goal of \$39,000 to make this program possible.



By donating to the Freedom Achievers Program you are helping us create a path to success for the youth of Essex County. Let's work together to make this happen!

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Amherstburg Freedom Museum

Create a youth mentorship program to inspire and direct career development. Develop a speakers series of diverse community builders to discuss challenges to freedom in the 21st century.

\$39,000



Out With the Old and in With the New Beginning: AFM Renovations



On March 5, 2019 an exciting new beginning for the Amherstburg Freedom Museum was put in motion. That was the day that the renovations to the permanent gallery, exterior of the Taylor Log Cabin and roof began. This was all possible thanks to an amazing grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation which consisted of almost \$120,000. We are proud of the Museum's new look and are thankful for your continued support. We would like to invite you to visit the museum and explore the new space because this was not just the Museum's journey, it was yours as well.





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Walter Perry Emancipation Golf Classic

Benefiting Amherstburg Freedom Museum

August 10th, 2019

Shotgun Start at 8am

\$120

Includes: Golf, Cart & Meal
\$30 Dinner Only



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