How can I help?

Fascinated by language? This is your museum!

We invite you to help sustain NML by becoming a member. Annual memberships are on the basis of the calendar year: January 1 - December 31. All members receive a monthly newsletter and advance notice of special programs and events. Member benefits include access to *Transparent Language Online*, a language learning course.

Volunteers needed

We are looking for help with our social media, writing grant applications, hosting the speaker series, and virtual exhibits. Foreign language knowledge is not required. Email us at info@languagemuseum.org.

Membership Levels

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To join the NML by mail, choose the appropriate membership level, fill in the information to the right, and mail the form along with your check to the Museum. Note: Members outside of the US should add an additional fee of $6 to cover mailing costs. Automatic payroll deduction for federal workers is available through CFCNCA #32298.

Please mail your application and check payable to:
The National Museum of Language
P.O. Box 453
Greenbelt, MD 20768-0453

To pay online, access our Paypal link on http://languagemuseum.org/ or scan the QR code on this brochure with a smart phone. The NML is a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization under the Internal Revenue Code. Memberships are tax deductible.

Complete the form to join by mail or scan the QR code to join online.

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If you would like to host one of the museum’s exhibits, email us at info@languagemuseum.org

Themes of the Museum

Three major themes govern presentations, exhibits and programs:

**Universal Aspects of Language**
- Origins of Language
- Sounds of Language
- Recording systems for language
- Language Change
- Language Acquisition

**Language in Society**
- Language as a carrier of crucial cultural information
- Language in education, literature, history, religion, law, and commerce
- Language in everyday speech, poetry, and technology

**Languages of the World**
- Language families
- Endangered language preservation
- Unique features of different languages
- Linguistic heritage of America

The National Museum of Language

Our mission is to inspire an appreciation for the magic and beauty of language.

The Museum is moving forward and evolving!
See inside and visit us online at languagemuseum.org
Our extensive Chinese language displays are now appearing in public and charter schools through the support of the Confucius Institute at the University of Maryland.

**The Museum as Forum**
The Amelia C. Murdoch Speaker Series presents a variety of expert speakers on language topics:
- Spain: Four Languages and Cultures
- Teaching African Languages in the US
- People and Languages of the Middle East
- Native American Code Talkers
- Painting Demonstration with Amharic Characters
- Black Sign Language

**The Museum as Partner and Collaborator**
The National Museum of Language strives to collaborate with other organizations, educational institutions, and diverse groups that support our mission. Previous collaborations include:
- **Around the Language World**: Our popular Summer Language Camp partners with a parks and planning recreation center to introduce school-aged children to four languages and cultures: Chinese, Arabic, French and Spanish.
- **Language Learning Software**: NML partners with Mango Languages and Transparent Language to provide discounts on language learning software to members.
- **Maryland Public Television**: MPT convened a conference to develop a historical documentary, inviting NML curators to consult on language aspects of the script.
- **The Five-Minute Linguist**: NML co-sponsored the development of this collection of essays on language topics for the general public.
- **The International Flag of Language**: The world’s only flag honoring all languages was designed through a contest sponsored by the National Museum of Language.

**What has changed?**
NML closed the exhibit hall in 2014. We are focusing our efforts on building virtual exhibits and continuing our outreach by hosting speakers and a summer world languages camp.

**What is the new NML?**

**The Virtual Museum**
Online exhibits are being upgraded to provide an interactive educational experience for students, teachers, and adults. This is a web-based Museum that will contain interactive exhibitions aimed at inspiring an appreciation for the magic and beauty of language.

Our first virtual exhibit is based on The Philogelos, an ancient Greek collection of approximately 265 jokes. Dating to the 4th or 5th century CE, it typically bears the title of the world’s oldest surviving collection of jokes. NML Associate and Latin teacher Linda Thompson created the cartoons from the collection.

Our upcoming virtual exhibit is based on the Dictionary of American Regional English (DARE). It will use graphic stories, games and quizzes to engage visitors in the experiences of the field workers who collected the dialect data for the DARE dictionary.

**The Movable Museum**
Exhibits that were in our physical museum are now temporarily on loan to institutions, libraries, schools, universities, and other public spaces. Our Noah Webster wall is now at the Noah Webster House in West Hartford, CT.

**NML in Social Media**
The past year has seen tremendous growth in our social media presence.

We began a digital newsletter for members and a regular blog at http://languagemuseum.org/blog/. The blog has featured interviews with lexicographer Orin Hargraves and a discussion of invented languages with CONLANG writer Arika Okrent.

Our active Twitter account, @languagegeeks, has over 1,000 followers.

On Facebook, we regularly share language news at our page, https://www.facebook.com/LanguageGeeks/. Like us and share your news by writing for the blog. Contact us through the contact form on our website or email us directly at info@languagemuseum.org.