

## What does MLI offer?

**M**useum Learning Initiative (MLI) at the Albany Institute of History & Art was established in January 2002.

The primary goal of MLI is to strengthen and expand the educational use of museum and cultural organization resources by schools of the Upper Hudson Valley. The Albany Institute of History & Art is taking this unique opportunity to encourage partnerships with more than sixty area organizations, whose educational offerings include options for school groups and virtual fieldtrips that often utilize object-based learning strategies.



## Partnering Organizations

- Albany County**  
Albany County Hall of Records  
Albany Heritage Area Visitor Center  
Albany Institute of History & Art  
Capital Repertory Theatre  
Colonial Albany Social History Project  
Empire State Plaza Art Collection  
Five Rivers Environmental Education Center  
Historic Cherry Hill  
Museum of the Big Guns at Watervliet Arsenal  
New Netherland Museum  
New York State Capitol Tour  
New York State Executive Mansion Tour  
New York State Museum  
Schuyler Mansion  
Shaker Heritage Society  
Ten Broeck Mansion  
USS Slater DE-766
- Columbia County**  
Columbia County Historical Society  
FASNY Museum of Firefighting  
Mount Lebanon Shaker Village  
Olean State Historic Site  
Robert Jenkins House & Museum  
Shaker Museum and Library
- Essex County**  
Essex County Historical Society/Adirondack History Center Museum
- Fulton County**  
Johnston Hall/State Historic Site  
Johnstown Historical Society Museum
- Greene County**  
Bronck Museum  
Irish American Heritage Museum  
Thomas Cole National Historic Site  
Zadock Pratt Park Museum
- Hamilton County**  
Adirondack Museum
- Montgomery County**  
Campbelle Library and Art Gallery  
Elwood Museum  
Fort Johnson  
Noteworthy Indian Museum
- Ortsego County**  
Farmers Museum  
Fotomore Art Museum  
National Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum
- Rensselaer County**  
Arts Center of the Capital Region  
Crailo State Historic Site  
Junior Museum  
Rensselaer County Historical Society
- Saratoga County**  
Brookside Museum  
Children's Museum at Saratoga  
Grant Cottage State Historic Site  
National Bottle Museum  
National Museum of Racing & Hall of Fame  
New York State Military Museum and Veterans Research Center
- Schenectady County**  
Empire State Aeroscience Museum  
Maher Farm Historic Site  
Niskayni Gallery  
Schenectady County Historical Society Museum  
Schenectady Museum & Suits-Bueche Planetarium  
Sovita-Glenville Children's Museum
- Schoharie County**  
Caverns Creek Grist Mill Museum  
Iroquois Indian Museum  
Schoharie County Historical Society/Old Stone Fort Museum
- Warren County**  
Chapman Historical Museum  
Hyde Collection Art Museum
- Washington County**  
Old Fort House Museum  
Pember Museum  
Skenesborough Museum  
State Valley Museum



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Encouraging collaborations between schools and museums and cultural organizations in the Upper Hudson Valley.

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## What does MLI offer?

### WEBSITE DIRECTORY

**Easy access to innovative programs that meet NYS Learning Standards.**

As part of the Museum Learning Initiative (MLI) project, the Albany Institute is creating a website directory of educational program offerings at museums and cultural organizations for area teachers and their students to explore. This easily accessible online directory provides information, links to all partnering museums and cultural organizations, and helps teachers use these organizations and their collections.

### SOME OF THE WEBSITES FEATURES INCLUDE:

#### Searchable listings

- Match curriculum topics with Upper Hudson Valley museums and cultural organizations

#### Direct links to websites

- Access to specific offerings including tour options and lesson plans for use in the classroom
- Links from each organization's website to the MLI directory—search for related program options at nearby locations

## How to use MLI?

### PROGRAM OFFERINGS CLEARINGHOUSE

**Getting a hard copy of materials in the mail.**

MLI offers access to educational resource materials produced by regional museums and cultural organizations for those who may not have the ability to download copies of printed material directly from the Internet.

### ELECTRONIC INFORMATION SHARING Staying in the informational loop.

Adding your name and contact information will allow MLI to provide up-to-date information on area program offerings, as well as maintaining open dialogues to better improve programs and educational needs.

### MLI IN DEVELOPMENT

#### Looking toward the future

##### *Collaborative Strategies*

- A team of regional professionals from education and cultural organizations are developing future programming strategies.

##### *Teacher Workshops*

- Search for a variety of professional development workshops, some for teaching credits.
- These workshops showcase a variety of interdisciplinary strategies for incorporating NYS Learning Standards.

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