

INTRODUCTION

A.K.A. Houdini: A Curriculum Guide serves as a complement to the *A.K.A. Houdini* exhibit at the Outagamie County Historical Society. The curriculum is geared to students in the 4th through 8th grades. Please feel free to download or print it in its entirety or pick and choose the activities that are appropriate for your students. This curriculum addresses Wisconsin state standards in several subject areas and attempts to integrate subjects outside the history discipline with a study of the past. It is our hope that you can use the subject of Houdini as a “hook” to engage students in an exploration of larger issues such as scientific principles involved in magic and urbanization.

We also invite you to explore the *A.K.A. Houdini* virtual exhibit. This exhibit will provide you with a store of background knowledge on Houdini and the context in which he lived and performed. If possible, an in-person visit to the museum is guaranteed to bring the subject to life for you and your students. To schedule a tour of the *A.K.A. Houdini* exhibit or other exhibits at the historical society, please contact Lee Hribal at 735-9370, ext. 104. Please direct questions about the curriculum to Jane Woolsey at 735-9370, ext. 115. Thank you for your support of the Outagamie County Historical Society.

Sincerely,

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