The Museum of North Idaho has been collecting, preserving and interpreting the history of the Coeur d’Alene Region fostering an appreciation of the area’s heritage since 1968.

Discover the Rich History
The Museum is located in a city-owned building at 115 Northwest Boulevard, Coeur d’Alene. Each season the Museum feature exhibit takes an in-depth look at an aspect of our local history. The permanent exhibit hall brings to life the people and history that make our area what it is today. The exhibit hall is open April 1 to Oct. 31, Tues.-Sat. 11-5, serving about 6,000 visitors. The office and research library are open year-round by appointment.

Presentations
The Museum partners with area libraries and the Idaho Humanities Council to bring local history presentations to the public.

Historian Robert Singletary presents local history to groups and students. Wearing period dress, he conducts living history walking tours of Old Fort Sherman and Downtown Coeur d’Alene.

Re-enactors are available for living history presentations representing leading historical figures in the region’s rich history.

More than a Place to Visit
Although the Museum’s exhibit hall is where visitors explore our unique heritage, the Museum offers more behind the scenes. It serves as the regional historical society where our community and family histories and artifacts are professionally documented, archived and kept safe. Over 30,000 photographs depict the region’s history of transportation, logging, agriculture, recreation, Forest Service and other subjects. Photos are used for many projects including environmental impact studies, trail and historical signs, public presentation and educational purposes.

The research library contains hundreds of books, manuscripts and printed material on local history, plus a collection of city directories, school annuals, telephone books, cemetery listings, homestead patents, newspaper articles, marriage records, school censuses, probate records and old maps, as well as reference books about museum practices and historic preservation.

The collections are accessible to the public by appointment year-round on a searchable in-house database.

An off-site storage building stores thousands of artifacts such as the smoke stack from the Miss Spokane and the Fort Sherman gate eagle.

Museum of North Idaho Press
The Museum has published over 25 books since 1991 related to regional history. Our publications reach audiences throughout the United States, especially our railroad books. Museum books are available at bookstores, the Museum store and online.

Since 1980, the Museum’s quarterly newsletter has featured local history and news of the Museum. The newsletter reaches about 1,000 households and businesses including over 500 paid museum members.

Museum Preserves Chapel
The Athletic Round Table donated the 1880 Fort Sherman Chapel to the Museum in 1984. It is one of only three buildings of the original 52 remaining on the Fort Grounds. The Museum has restored and continues to maintain the Chapel with funds from donations, weddings and rentals.

Museum Leadership
A member-elected nine-member board oversees the governance of the 501 (c) (3) operation. The Museum employs Director Dorothy Dahlgren, bookkeeper Lisa Hunt and Program and Marketing Director Robert Singletary. About 30 volunteers contribute over 2,000 hours a year.