

BY THE NUMBERS

11,000

The square footage dedicated to showcasing American Writers past and present at Michigan Avenue's newest museum.

SEVEN

The museum's seven interactive galleries will allow visitors to explore topics ranging from great writers' hometowns to how exactly a writer writes. Do you have what it takes?

120,000

The number of visitors expected annually at this high-tech institution.

ONE

As the first and only museum of its kind in the United States, guests will discover American writers and their impact on our history, our national identity, and our daily lives. Readers of all genres, get ready to engage!

100

This museum offers guests the chance to delve deeply into 100 curated works of literature that represents emblematic American voices across history and genre.

10 Million

The amount of money the museum hopes to raise by opening day—\$9.2 million has been raised so far.

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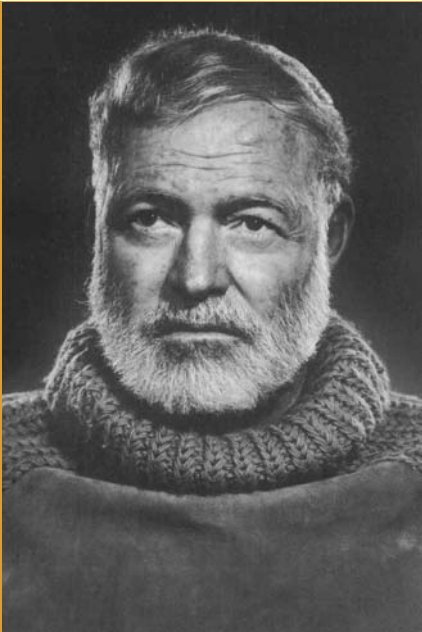
The literary history of the United States is presented chronologically in an 80-foot-long exhibit called "American Voices."

62

The museum works with 62 affiliate institutions, mostly organizations that have preserved an individual author's home or are dedicated to presenting a writer's place in history.

1899–1961

Oak Park native and Pulitzer- and Nobel Prize-winning author Ernest Hemingway will be highlighted in AWM's "American Voices" exhibit, which explores the writer who put the United States on the literary map.



"FOR A TRUE WRITER, EACH BOOK SHOULD BE A NEW BEGINNING WHERE HE TRIES AGAIN FOR SOMETHING THAT IS BEYOND ATTAINMENT. HE SHOULD ALWAYS TRY FOR SOMETHING THAT HAS NEVER BEEN DONE OR THAT OTHERS HAVE TRIED AND FAILED. THEN SOMETIMES, WITH GREAT LUCK, HE WILL SUCCEED." Ernest Hemingway