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The Franklin Institute Named Finalist for 2023 IMLS National Medal for Museum and Library Service

PHILADELPHIA—The Institute of Museum and Library Services announced today that The Franklin Institute is among 30 finalists for the 2023 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. The Franklin Institute is one of three institutions in Pennsylvania to be selected as a finalist for this award.

The National Medal is the nation’s highest honor given to museums and libraries that demonstrate significant impact in their communities. For more than 25 years, the award has honored institutions that demonstrate excellence in service to their communities.

“The Franklin Institute is honored to be selected as a finalist for this year’s prestigious IMLS National Medal for Museum and Library Service. The recognition is a tribute to The Franklin Institute’s staff and board who work tirelessly to inspire a passion for learning about science and technology,” said Larry Dubinski, President & CEO of The Franklin Institute. “As we approach our remarkable 200th year in 2024, we celebrate The Franklin Institute as one of the nation’s premier science centers, an iconic cultural institution, and the most visited museum in Pennsylvania. We are committed to continuing to serve our communities and make an impact every day as a trusted source for science communication, a critical economic driver for the region, and a valued resource for schools and organizations nationwide.”

“So many museums and libraries across the country are committed to providing programs that are vital to the health and growth of engaged communities. We are very proud to announce the 30 finalists for this year’s IMLS National Medal,” said IMLS Director Crosby Kemper. “These institutions represent the best of what museums and libraries do for their communities.”

To celebrate this honor, IMLS is encouraging The Franklin Institute’s community members to share stories, memories, pictures, and videos on social media using the hashtags #ShareYourStory and #IMLSmedals, and engage with IMLS on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). For more information, please visit the [IMLS website](#).

National Medal winners will be announced in late May. This summer, representatives from winning institutions will be honored for their extraordinary contributions during an in-person National Medals Ceremony.

To see the full list of finalists and learn more about the National Medal, visit the [IMLS website](#).

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