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Flagler Museum Hosts Teacher Appreciation Hours, Partners with Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County for Book Drive

Free Admission for Local Educators Available During Select Hours October 21-24 by Advance Reservation Only

PALM BEACH, FL - This month, the [Henry Morrison Flagler Museum](#) (1 Whitehall Way, Palm Beach) is celebrating local educators with free admission and more. Also, a book drive will collect new books for young readers to promote literacy and learning during National Book Month.

• Teacher Appreciation Hours

October 21, 22 & 23, from 4 pm to 6 pm

October 24, from 9 am to 11 am

Free for Educators with valid ID

Advance reservations required

Free admission, free educational resources plus a special gift are being offered to local educators during Teacher Appreciation Hours at the Flagler Museum. The Museum has set aside certain hours on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings as well as Saturday morning (October 21st to 24th) for educators to safely tour Whitehall and the Flagler Kenan Pavilion. The second floor exhibition gallery will also be open for viewing "Walk This Way: Historic Footwear from the Stuart Weitzman Collection." Following the self-guided tour, each educator who attends will receive their gift bag at the Museum Store, which will also be open for socially-distanced shopping.

"We are very excited to welcome teachers back to Whitehall and hope they'll use our beautiful setting as a personal retreat as the school year begins," said Erin Manning, Executive Director of the Flagler Museum. "This teachers-only experience within Whitehall's vast spaces — indoors and out — will be a safe way for them to enjoy our historical architecture and outstanding collection of fine art."

Capacity is limited and reservations are required in advance in order to gain entry. Educators are asked to call (561) 655-2833 ext. 10 to reserve their spot. The Museum will be limiting parties to four, if educators wish to attend in small peer groups. Guest Admission Tickets will not be available. All visitors during Teacher Appreciation Hours will be required to follow the Museum's current Visitor Experience and Public Safety Protection policies (masks are required). For more information, visit www.flaglermuseum.us/teacher-resources.

Teacher Appreciation Hours are generously underwritten by Templeton & Company.

• Flagler's Spirit Book Drive

October 21 to 31 during regular Museum Hours

The Flagler's Spirit team, together with the [Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County](#), is hosting a book drive at the Flagler Museum from Wednesday, October 21st through Saturday, October 31st during regular Museum Hours. Visitors are encouraged to bring new books for young readers (pre-K to 5th grade) to the Museum upon their scheduled admission times. Visitors will be asked to place their book donations on the bookshelf in the Grand Hall, near the entrance to Flagler's Library. Children's books will also be available for purchase in the Museum Store, which is offering up to 20% off regularly priced books during National Book Month.

Staff members at the Museum came together to form Flagler's Spirit in 2016 as a way to give back to the local community, taking inspiration from Henry Flagler's many examples of generosity to the communities he developed along Florida's eastern seaboard. Flagler provided land, buildings and financial support to schools, places of worship, libraries, hospitals, agricultural operations

and more during his lifetime. Today, the Flagler's Spirit team focuses on providing opportunities for children and adults, who may not otherwise have them, to visit Whitehall and experience it in meaningful ways. The team also partners with local charitable organizations, such as the Literacy Coalition, Shoes2You and Dress for Success Palm Beaches.

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The Henry Morrison Flagler Museum

When it was completed in 1902, Whitehall, Henry Flagler's Gilded Age estate in Palm Beach, was hailed by the New York Herald as "more wonderful than any palace in Europe, grander and more magnificent than any other private dwelling in the world." Today, Whitehall is a National Historic Landmark and is open to the public as the Flagler Museum, featuring changing exhibitions and special programs. The Museum is located at One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach, FL 33480. For more information, please call the Flagler Museum at (561) 655-2833 or visit www.flaglermuseum.us.

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