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The National Czech and Slovak Museum & Library

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Národní české a slovenské muzeum a knihovna

Na současné místo přestěhováno v roce 1983.



**Hours**

Museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 9:30 am to 4 pm. Sunday, noon to 4 pm. The museum is closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The museum is open Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Group rates are available. Handicapped accessible. Admission charge.

**Membership**

Members receive free admission, publications, and other benefits. For information about membership, please call (319) 362-8500, or visit our website at [www.ncsml.org](http://www.ncsml.org).

The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library is located at 30 - 16th Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in the Czech Village. Look for the brown Czech and Slovak Museum exit signs off I-380 and follow street signs.

**Library**

Whether scholar or merely curious, guests are welcome to explore the library's collection of books, periodicals, and archival materials in English, Czech, and Slovak. Library users will find a variety of materials on history, literature, and art, as well as an extensive collection of sheet music. The library's reading room allows visitors to browse through the English-language *Prague Post*, news from the Czech and Slovak embassies, publications from Czech and Slovak groups across the country, and many other materials of interest.

**Map:** The map shows the location of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library at 30 16th Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404. It highlights the intersection of I-380 and 16th Avenue SW, and the location of the museum in the Czech Village. The map also shows the location of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, and the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library.

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Left: *Homelands: The Story of the Czech & Slovak People* features hundreds of artifacts in a dramatic, multimedia setting.  
Right: Czech and Slovak language and culture have been preserved in the United States through dozens of publications, such as those produced on this 19th century press.

# Homelands

The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library honors a rich heritage kept alive through centuries of hardship and remarkable achievements.

Officially dedicated in 1995 by President Bill Clinton, Czech Republic President Václav Havel, and Slovak Republic President Michal Kováč, the museum/library hosts thousands of guests each year from around the world.

You are invited to explore Czech and Slovak history and culture, and then extend your experience with a journey to the surrounding Czech Village with its distinctive ethnic shops and restaurants.

## Museum Exhibits

*Homelands: The Story of the Czech & Slovak People* reveals the history and accomplishments of a people who battled oppression for hundreds of years in their struggle for cultural and political freedom.

Visitors to *Homelands* will see exceptional examples of hand-crafted folk art, glass and ceramics, Macha prints, rare maps – even a classic motorcycle and an antique printing press on which Czech language newspapers were printed.

*Homelands* offers surprises at every turn. A castle-like room features a life-sized bronze statue of Czechoslovakia's first president, Tomáš Masaryk, while just beyond, an interactive electronic presentation offers the opportunity to listen and learn a little of the Czech language.



At the center of *Homelands* is Costume Square, where the museum's internationally recognized collection of Bohemian, Moravian and Slovak kroje (folk costumes) is displayed. With brilliant colors, flourishes of gold thread, and intricate lace work, Costume Square illustrates the vibrant spirit of the Czech and Slovak people.

You will leave *Homelands* with a new understanding of the Czech and Slovak people – their history, language, politics, immigration, art, technological advancements, and everyday life.

The 19th Century Immigrant Home is located just outside the main building. The two-room house was built in the 1880s, moved to the museum in 1983, and furnished and restored to the 1880-90 period. You will see immigrant traditions come alive in this cozy house through cookware, musical instruments, toys, furniture, clothing, and more – all made or used by early immigrants.

Special exhibits are scheduled at varying intervals. If you're planning a visit, please call, write, or check our website at [www.ncsml.org](http://www.ncsml.org) to see what's showing, as exhibit schedules are subject to change. Exhibits planned for 2001-2002 include:

- A National Collection: [Feb. 8 – April 22, 2001]
- 20th Century Sensations: [May 24 – Sept. 23, 2001]
- Roads to Understanding: [Oct. 25, 2001 – Jan. 20, 2002]
- Art of Glass: [Feb. 14 – April 28, 2002]
- Kroje! [May 30 – Sept. 29, 2002]



Left: About 12 to 15 kroje (folk costumes) are on exhibit at any given time. Many artifacts are rotated in and out of storage for the purpose of preservation.

Above: This 1935 Janus Lidový 175 (courtesy of D. Schumann) helps illustrate a variety of Czech and Slovak industries.

Right: Visitors to *Homelands* learn about Slovakia's best-known national



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