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Oshkosh Public Museum Invites Community to Contribute to *Public Enemies* Exhibit

The Oshkosh Public Museum is inviting the community to loan props and artifacts from the filming of *Public Enemies* for display in its summer exhibit, *The Era of Public Enemies*.

Oshkosh, WI – April 9, 2009 – The Oshkosh Public Museum will open its summer exhibit, *The Era of Public Enemies* on Saturday, June 27. The museum is inviting community members to share props, artifacts and images from Wisconsin's 2008 filming of *Public Enemies* for display in the exhibit. The exhibit merges history and Hollywood and seeks to educate museum-goers on the 1930s and public enemy era, as well as give visitors an in-depth perspective on what goes into the filming of a Hollywood blockbuster.

In a special community-curated section of exhibit, props and images of downtown, actors, extras and set design will recreate the thrill of Hollywood in Wisconsin. The display will include a selection of public-submitted photos, movie extra props, filming artifacts and personal keepsakes. The museum has already received a selection of movie artifacts for display in the exhibit, including the hat worn by Johnny Depp during filming.

The museum will accept props, artifacts, images and souvenirs that were either used in the filming of *Public Enemies* or that tell the story behind the filming of the movie. All loaned objects will be exhibited behind protective barriers with proper security measures in place. Borrowed objects will be returned to their owners after the exhibit closes in October 2009.

The museum is currently working on exhibit design and limited space is available for submitted items. To include an item in the exhibit, potential lenders must contact museum curator Deb Daubert at (920) 236-5767 or ddaubert@ci.oshkosh.wi.us to schedule an appointment. No exceptions will be made. All submissions must be received by May 15 to be considered for inclusion in the exhibit.

About the Oshkosh Public Museum

The Oshkosh Public Museum was founded in 1924 and is accredited by the American Association of Museums. The museum houses artifacts, photographs, film and archival materials that represent the material culture, ideas and values of Oshkosh and the Lake Winnebago Region. It is dedicated to bringing history and heritage to life through creative, quality exhibitions, programs, publications and other educational experiences. The museum is a center for the preservation of local culture and encourages citizens to discover their community and its heritage. The Oshkosh Public Museum is located at 1331 Algoma Boulevard. For admission, hours and more information on *The Era of Public Enemies* and the Oshkosh Public Museum, call (920) 236-5799 or visit www.oshkoshmuseum.org.

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