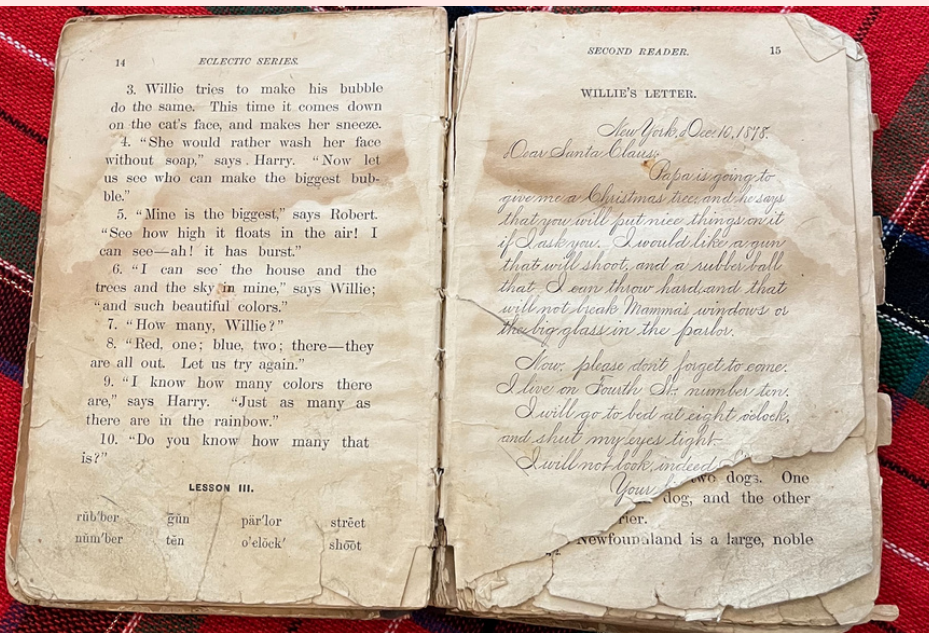


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You've Got Mail

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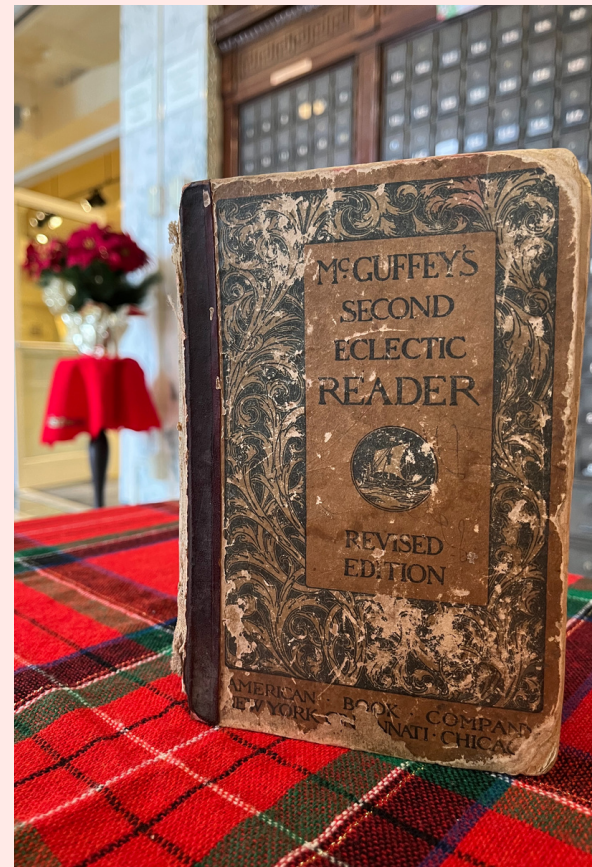
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WILLIE'S LETTER TO
SANTA

Pen Pals

THE CHILDLIKE WONDER OF SANTA LETTERS

Writing letters to Santa has always been an exciting concept. Children everywhere participate in this holiday tradition, but it's not something that's just a part of our generation. The first Santa letters date back to the 1800s, and the Museum is lucky enough to have a book titled *McGuffey's Second Eclectic Reader* with a special letter to Santa inside. A fan favorite is called "Willie's Letter". Willie writes Santa in December of 1848 in New York. He talks about how his father is going to get him a Christmas tree, what he wants for Christmas (a toy gun and a bouncy ball), and he tells Santa where he lives just in case Mr. Claus forgot. The curiosity shown from this letter is enough to warm your heart. The tale of Santa Claus has been passed down over the years to millions of children, and it has inspired people everywhere to believe in Christmas magic.





The Tradition Continues

THE MUSEUM'S CONTRIBUTION

Today, kids from our local community can come in and write Santa letters at the Museum. We provide them with themed parchment, writing/coloring utensils, and colorful stamps! It's always such a joy to see each child use their creativity to make a unique letter. They might not know it, but they're carrying on a beautiful tradition that will hopefully last for years to come.

When they return to pick up their response from Santa in their mailbox, it's even more fulfilling because they get to receive a custom written letter made just for them. Nothing is more precious than seeing the bright smiles on their faces when they break the seal and enter the magical world of Christmas imagination.



"THIS EVENT IS VERY SPECIAL & FUN FOR US. THE SMILES AND JOY ARE REMINDERS OF THAT CHRISTMAS MAGIC."
- RUTHIE STEVENS
MUSEUM DIRECTOR



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