

AVAILABLE LIGHT

American Writers Museum

Chicago IL



The new American Writers Museum in downtown Chicago is not merely a repository for the artifacts of writing; the museum is an homage to the art of the written word. Designed to be inclusive of classical, contemporary, and unorthodox writers (including Tupac and famous advertising slogan writers), the museum's 11,000 square feet includes a number of high-tech interactive exhibits immersing visitors in the full-on sensory experience of writing. An 85-foot-long interactive Writer's Wall highlighting 100 notable American writers includes an automated, ever-changing, and synchronized lighting rainbow of light. On an adjacent gallery wall, lighting delivers a myriad of carefully choreographed lighting events as visitors physically interact with various book covers. Throughout the museum visitors encounter super-graphics woven with multi-media presentations. Artfully focused lighting accentuates reflective artwork without distracting or washing out video screens or projections. A temporary artifact at the museum was Jack Kerouac's *On the Road* scroll, which required extra-special attention in regard to artifact conservation lighting. Thoughtful lighting design of the American Writers Museum supported a compelling visual environment and experience meant to delight visitors for years to come!

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