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A History of the Postal Service ... for Kids!

WASHINGTON, DC — The U.S. Postal Service is offering a new activity book to teach kids about postal history. *A Kids' History of the United States Postal Service* is a colorful, 40-page booklet full of historic facts, photos and stories about the U.S. Mail and the people (and animals!) who kept it moving. The new publication is illustrated throughout with archival photographs and drawings.

Starting with the American Revolution and continuing through the present day, *A Kids' History* combines the Postal Service's rich history with activities and fun facts. Some of the activities, like word games, puzzles and mazes, can challenge a young person's skills. Others, like addressing an envelope or making a paper airplane, teach life skills and encourage creativity. Children can express their artistic talents by designing their own pretend postage stamp, while teachers might use the booklet in lessons about history, geography, writing, and math.

"We hope this book helps to teach kids about the important role the Postal Service played in uniting the nation. Even in this digital age, the Postal Service still connects us, just as it has for nearly 250 years," Judy de Torok, corporate affairs vice president, said in announcing the book.

The new activity book, created by Jenny Lynch, the USPS historian, and her team, is available now online.

Creating the book was "a labor of love," Lynch said. "We had fun thinking about USPS history from a kid's perspective — how to tell the most essential parts of our story, while keeping young readers engaged."

A Kids' History of the United States Postal Service can be downloaded for free from the [USPS website](https://usps.com).

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Please Note: The United States Postal Service is an independent federal establishment, mandated to be self-financing and to serve every American community through the affordable, reliable and secure delivery of mail and packages to nearly 165 million addresses six and often seven days a week. Overseen by a bipartisan Board of Governors, the Postal Service is implementing a 10-year transformation plan, [Delivering for America](https://usps.com/delivering-for-america), to modernize the postal network, restore long-term financial sustainability, dramatically improve service across all mail and shipping categories, and maintain the organization as one of America's most valued and trusted brands.

The Postal Service generally receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

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