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[For nearly 150 years, a Czech community has thrived in south Cedar Rapids.]

X: on this project:

- Interpretive Planning
- Exhibit Planning
- Value Engineering
- Design
- Graphic Design
- Project Scheduling
- Project Management
- Sampling and Prototype Development
- Media and Mechanical Interactive
- Drawings and Specifications
- Artifact Mounting
- Gallery Lighting Design
- Fabrication
- Installation

Rebuilding for the Future Celebrating the immigrant spirit in each of us

On June 13, 2008 the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library (NCSML) was dealt a devastating blow by unprecedented flooding in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Eight feet of water engulfed the museum causing extensive destruction to exhibits and the artifacts within them – and altering existing plans for expansion.

Xibitz is proud to partner with the NCSML staff and Lord Cultural Resources in a visionary model for recovery and growth. Plans include elevating the original 15-year-old structure and integrating it within an enlarged museum campus.

Since its founding, the NCSML has become one of the world's preeminent institutions for sharing and preserving Czech and Slovak history, culture and language. Plans to rebuild will honor this rich heritage, combining interactive and multimedia components with artifacts, images and oral histories.

NCSML tells the story of the Czech and Slovak people –

from old-world tribes, to the formation of the modern-day Czech and Slovak Republics, to the immigration stories of those who left their native land for opportunities in America.

[“This museum represents and tells the story of hundreds of thousands of immigrants and their history. It is a symbol of the courage and vision of Czechs and Slovaks around the world and it will be the symbol of rebirth for Cedar Rapids.”

– President/CEO Gail Naughton]