

# Lowell Milken Center FOR *Unsung Heroes*



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## Resources for Educators

### Irena Sendler

1. **Website** – [www.irenasendler.org](http://www.irenasendler.org)  
Shares the story of Kansas students who discovered Irena’s story and shared it with the world. Contains first-hand accounts, photos, video clips, time-line of events, etc.
2. ***Life in a Jar: The Irena Sendler Project*** by Jack Mayer. (\$19.95)
  - This book shares the extraordinary story of Irena Sendler entwined with the inspirational story of the Kansas students who uncovered her story. Proceeds from the book support surviving Holocaust rescuers.
  - Appropriate for middle school, high school, and adult book studies (Group discounts available)
3. ***The Courageous Heart of Irena Sendler*** - Hallmark Movie based on Irena’s life (\$20)
  - The two world premieres of the movie: Hollywood, CA and Fort Scott, KS.
4. **Life in a Jar DVD** (\$10 suggested donation)
  - A documentary sharing the students’ project experiences and time with Irena
  - Study Guide available
5. ***Mommy, Who Was Irena Sendler*** by Cathy Werling (\$9.95)
  - Children’s book – (Grades 2 – 5) Discussion Guide Available
6. **Lowell Milken Center Museum – Irena Sendler Exhibit**
  - In-person tours available – no charge (Virtual tours/presentations also available)
  - Great resources in personnel – Museum’s executive director is the teacher from the Life in a Jar Project, and the program director is one of the students from the project. (Video interviews available)
7. **TEDx Talk- The Irena Sendler Project by Megan Felt.**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TRFcrvVRb3o>

## Unsung Heroes

- 1. Unsung Heroes Curriculum – Secondary/Middle School and Elementary** (\$29 for flash drive complete with both curriculums)
  - Secondary/Middle School: Project-based comprehensive learning modules with scaffolded lessons to engage students in discovering, investigating, and sharing the story of an unsung hero. (Irena Sendler included)
  - Elementary: Based on children’s literature about unsung heroes and the character traits exhibited and organized by grade levels K-5 (Children’s Unsung Heroes Book Series included)
- 2. Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes Museum**
  - Features amazing Unsung Hero exhibits – in person tours available (no charge) (Virtual tours/presentations also available)
  - Website - <https://www.lowellmilkencenter.org>
  - Discovery Award competition (Grades 4-12)
  - ArtEffect Competition (Grades 6-12)
- 3. Lesson Plans:** <https://www.lowellmilkencenter.org/curriculum/lesson-plans>
- 4. Project-Based Learning Guide** (Available on request)
- 5. Children’s Unsung Heroes’ Book Series** (Grade Levels: 2– 5, but adaptable for K, 1, and 6) <https://www.lowellmilkencenter.org/childrens-book-series>  
More books will be added, but the current heroes and books are:
  - Stubby, WWI dog - *Why Did Sergeant Stubby Go to War?*
  - Ken Reinhardt, friend of Little Rock Nine - *Why Did Grandpa Cry?*
  - Irena Sendler – *Mommy, Who Was Irena Sendler?*
  - Andrew Jackson Higgins, WWII Higgins boat developer – *What If Higgins Had Given Up?*
  - Overview of Unsung Heroes – *The Hero Within*Activity sheets and handouts for the books are available in PDF form – see contact information below.
- 6. Blog: Educator Insights**  
<https://www.lowellmilkencenter.org/curriculum/educator-insights>
- 7. Banners for the Classroom:** (Price information available on website)  
<https://www.lowellmilkencenter.org/curriculum/banners>
- 8. LMC Newsletter for up-to-date program information**  
<https://www.lowellmilkencenter.org/about/newsletter>

**9. “Highlight the Hero” workshops for teachers, featuring unsung heroes and presenting features of project development**

- Presented by Nate McAllister and Susan Sittenauer, award-winning teachers and Lowell Milken Center Fellows, along with guest speakers
- Next workshop highlights hero, Alice Seeley-Harris - March 24<sup>th</sup> from 7-8 p.m.
- To sign up for workshop, follow us on Twitter or sign up to receive newsletter

**10. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LowellMilkenCenter>**

Great videos, unsung hero stories and information, resources for educators, important updates (contest information, new exhibits, events)

**11. Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/LowellMilkenCtr>**

Informative videos, unsung hero stories, interviews with students on project development

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