Poudre School District social studies facilitator, Scott Van Tatenhove, gathers elementary teachers at the museum after a morning of discussion about the four disciplines of social studies.
April Legg of History Colorado explains the purpose of the exploration.
Teachers take a field trip to the Fort Collins Museum of Discovery to observe aspects of civics, economics, geography, and history in the special exhibit celebrating Fort Collins’ sesquicentennial (http://www.fcmod.org/the-museum-2/exhibits/fc150/).
As you walk through Old Town, you may be amazed by how thick the crowds are, the music wafting in the air, and the bustling activity. The area of Old Town and Lincoln Park is a vibrant neighborhood, perfect for those who enjoy the arts, history, and architecture. One of the pieces on display in the Cook County Historical Society is a sandstone block with the name "W.O. Mosman." This block was used to build the first permanent courthouse in Chicago, which opened in 1833. The courthouse was located at the corner of Dearborn and Washington Streets, and it served as the county courthouse until 1889.

The courthouse was a symbol of Chicago's growth and development, and it was the site of many important events in the city's history, including the trial of Chief Justice John Marshall Harlan in 1877. Today, the sandstone block is a reminder of Chicago's past and a testament to the city's resilience and strength. It is a place where history and culture come together, and visitors can learn about the city's rich heritage and the people who helped shape it.