

## THE EXPOSURE TO THE CLOSURE

The Newseum's closure is leaving people of all ages in despair

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**N**o! All museum explorers have another activity to miss out on next summer. That's right, the 22 year old building is closing down permanently!

The Newseum in Pennsylvania Avenue, downtown Washington DC has been educating visitors about free expression and the 1st Amendment in the United States Constitution -while tracing the development of communication. This seven story, 250,000 square-foot building is packed with artifacts from the Unabomber's cabin, to the Berlin Wall. It collects 40,000 print news items, 200,000-plus photographic prints and negatives and more than 22,000 objects related to news gathering and First Amendment Freedoms. Now THAT is a massive museum, isn't it!?

"I've been working there for about 10 years so I am extremely disappointed that I won't get to meet kids from all over who are just as interested in these artifacts as I am." tour guide Jane Donovan said.

"I'm really sad that the Newseum is closing. It was an amazing place and I gained so much knowledge and I hope I'll be able to go to the new establishment once it's relocated." said freshman at Mclean high school Mara Dyer.

Speaking of relocating, this will happen after

John Hopkins University pays the building \$372.4 million. This deal with Freedom Forum, the creator and primary funder of the The Newseum, is remarkably HUGE. Now the vast, spacious building is going to become a state-of-the-art education center. The museum got rid of all of their items beforehand.

"It's a shame that they have to shut the Newseum down, but it's an amazing opportunity for Hopkins students to head over to DC!", said Caroline Michaelson, Junior at John Hopkins University.

