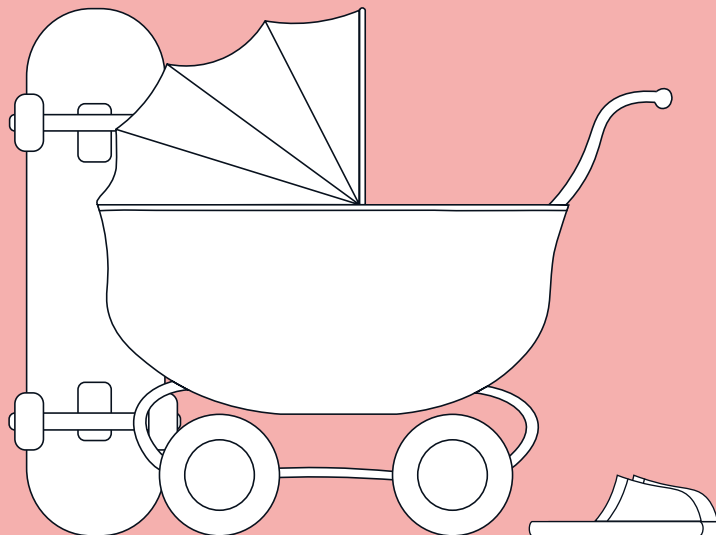


My Family

What defines a family may seem obvious to some, while for others it remains an open question: Who belongs? Family relationships can be shaped by closeness and familiarity, but also through distance and change. Family emerges from relationships and is sustained by them.

The past 200 years show that ideas of family have continuously changed. They are influenced by social developments, historical events, and laws — and, in turn, they shape the ways we live together as a society.

Wie sieht Dein Familienfoto aus?
What does your family photo look like?



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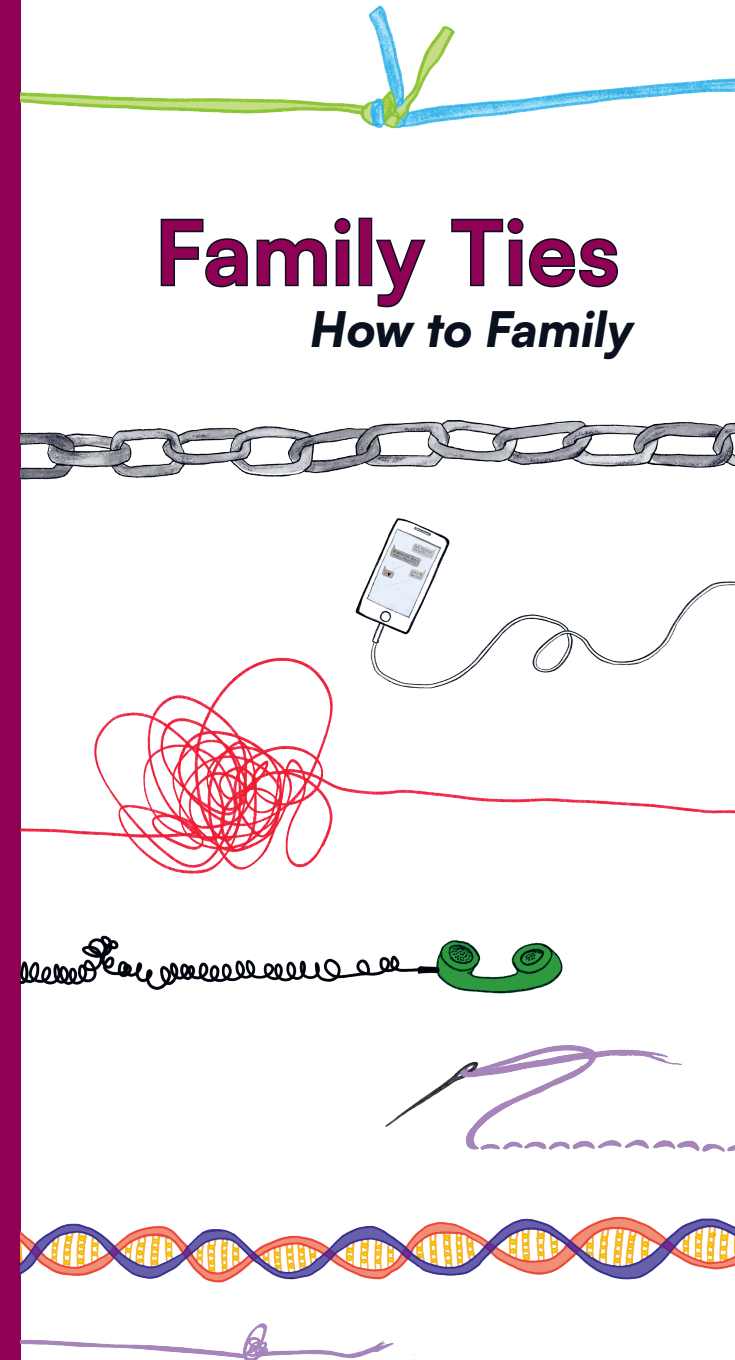
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Who is a part of my family? Today, the answers to this question are as diverse as families themselves. For some, family includes parents, children, and relatives; for others, it encompasses all those who are close to them. Social change and personal experience shape how we see family and how we relate to one another.

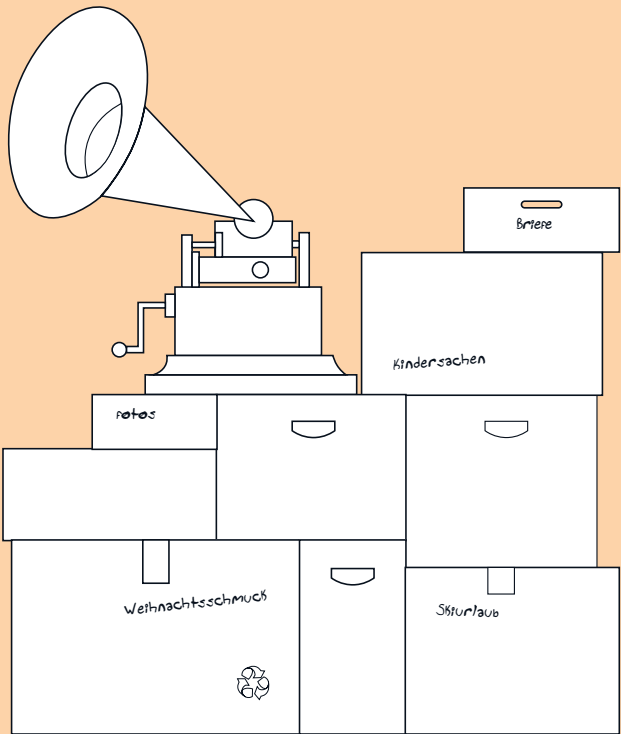
Communication, shared memories, rituals, and stories create closeness and a sense of belonging. Media plays an important role in this process: It connects people across generations and distances, preserves memories, and shapes our ideas of what family is, or might be. Traces of family life can be found in stories, photographs, letters, objects, and archives. This exhibition invites visitors to rediscover the concept of family as a lived relationship, a network of connections, and a shared history.

Who
belongs to
your family?



Tracing Family Stories

Family lives through shared memories. Yet memories change; they are continually reconstructed. Searching for one's own family history can help to fill in gaps and discover more about oneself. In cellars and attics, photographs, postcards, letters, toys, and long-lost objects lie waiting to be found. They recall moments shared with loved ones and the worlds of past generations. The search for answers and for missing relatives leads us to tracing services, databases, and archives.



Family Media

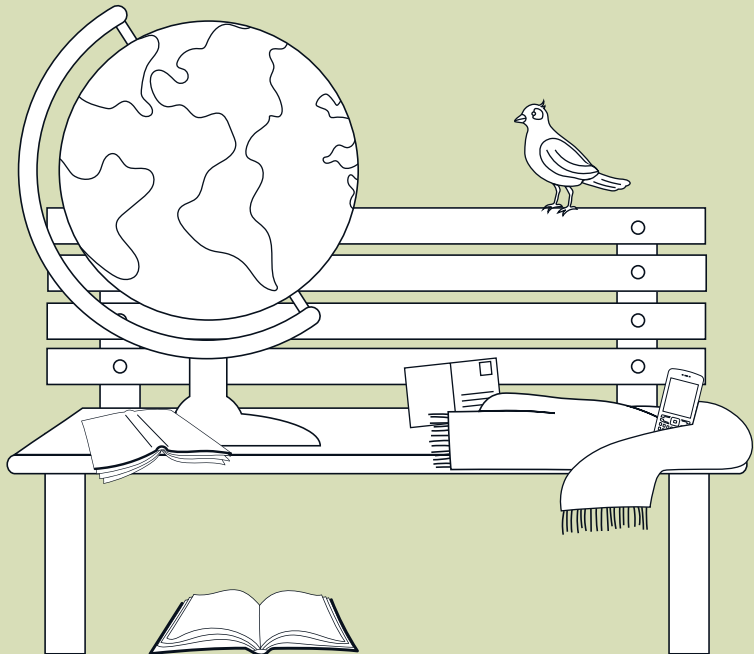
Media shape family life today more than ever before. Messaging services and social media create new opportunities to stay in touch, share memories, and maintain relationships. At the same time, they bring new challenges: Questions about appropriate use, privacy, and screen time have to be negotiated time and again in many families. Our ideas about family have also long been shaped by the media — whether through family photos shared on social media or the images presented in films, television, and advertising.

Narrating Families

How do we tell the stories of our families? And what role do rituals, shared activities, and experiences play in this process? The stories we tell about these experiences create a sense of belonging and shape how we understand and experience family. Many families today are connected across national borders. Global connections, migration, and communication across distances transform family relationships and give rise to new forms of togetherness.

Wie erzählen wir von Familie?

How do we talk about family?



Join in and discover!

We understand family as a lived practice of relationships rather than a fixed biological structure. Our museum embraces all forms of family and recognises the diversity of people's lives and experiences. We foster dialogue between generations and are committed to upholding the rights of children.

Audio Tour "Searching for Traces: Family History"
Listen to the stories of four different generations. The recordings were created with children, teens, adults, and seniors in various workshops. The audio track enriches your visit by offering new perspectives on family and communication.

Sensory Bags
Bags containing selected aids to reduce sensory input can be borrowed free of charge at the ticket counter.

Quiet Hour
For a low-stimulus visit in a calm atmosphere, we open the exhibition exclusively for this event. Bright lights and loud noises are reduced. The number of participants is limited. Dates and registration via our website.

Bookable Activities for School Classes & Groups
Discover the exhibition as a class or with your group on a guided tour (classic and hands-on) or in a workshop ("As Colorful as We Are" for 3rd grade and up, "Family Talk" for 7th grade, "Connected" for adults).

Further information on preparing for your visit can be found here:
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