Step into the pages of Eric Carle's colorful picture books!

Enter the magical world of Eric Carle's imagination starting September 21st by visiting Very Eric Carle: A Very Hungry, Quiet, Lonely, Clumsy, Busy Exhibit at the Mississippi Children's Museum (MCM). This fall, this play-and-learn exhibit invites visitors into the pages of Eric Carle's beloved books for a journey of discovery and friendship.

Here, children can follow the path of the Very Hungry Caterpillar as it eats, weave a web with the Very Busy Spider, and compose a symphony with the Very Quiet Cricket. When not spending time with Carle's beloved characters, also including the Very Lonely Firefly and the Very Clumsy Click Beetle, visitors can enjoy a gallery of Carle's work or choose to create their own masterpiece using Carle's famous hand-painted tissue paper collage technique.

As the author and illustrator of over 70 books, Eric Carle's legacy in children's literature is unquestioned. His books have become timeless classics because of their messages of friendship, creativity, and the power of the imagination. They encourage children to love reading by making it fun, and this exhibit, which was co-organized by Children's Museum of Pittsburgh and The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art in Amherst, MA, allows museum visitors to capture the magic that makes Carle's books so inspiring. Don't miss this special visiting exhibit, downstairs in the Wild About Reading gallery through January 13th!
You may have heard that literacy is essential to a child’s educational development, but want to know exactly what that means, especially to MCM. “Literacy is the ability to read, write, and speak,” Monique Ealey, MCM Director of Education and Programs, explains. “For MCM, that means providing children with opportunities as often as possible to read, to write, and to speak, and to provide those that are struggling with literacy the help that they need.”

MCM promotes literacy skills across Mississippi by working directly with children, families, and educators to implement literacy programming in the classroom and at home. Through its programs, exhibits, and camps, MCM provides children with engaging, hands-on literacy activities, while it utilizes special programming for parents and caregivers, as well as professional development workshops for educators, to share techniques to encourage a love of reading.

One of MCM’s goals is to celebrate literacy and show how fun and interactive it can be. At the museum, children don’t even realize they are learning literacy skills like reading and writing, no matter where they are playing. Ealey says that every gallery offers educational literacy opportunities. For example, in the Healthy Fun gallery, there are signs describing what children are seeing and hearing near all of the exhibits, including favorites like Mr. Bones and the Gastro Climber. Even at the farmer’s market truck, children can scan fruits and vegetables to read fun facts about the food they eat.

By using inquiry-based learning opportunities, MCM encourages children to explore the space around them by asking questions, and that includes reading, talking, and listening with their family. “Parents and caregivers learn how to engage because they have to point those things out to the children and say, ‘Oh, did you see this?’,” Ealey explains. “There’s plenty of space to spark that imagination and creativity and provide children with literacy opportunities.”

In addition to the exhibit galleries, MCM features a variety of programs designed to encourage children and their families to participate in literacy activities at every age. From infants learning to listen, to children writing and creating their own stories, MCM offers a world of opportunity and strives to foster a lifelong love of literacy.
Every Wednesday morning at MCM, the ABC Come Play with Me program offers interactive literacy activities for infants, toddlers, and their caregivers. Guests are encouraged to enjoy story time with MCM staff before participating in a hands-on art activity based on a selected book. Children engage in every part of literacy in this pre-school program by hearing a story, seeing the words and illustrations, and creating connections to the program activities.

ABC Come Play with Me focuses on the fundamental skills children need to be prepared for preschool, including the alphabet, numbers, and how to use the 5 senses to discover the world around them in a friendly, approachable learning environment. It also offers the museum’s youngest visitors the opportunity to make new friends. MCM Member Kloy Bunniran says that the program has had a lasting impact on her daughter Aubrie, not only with basic educational skills, but with her social development as well. “ABC Come Play with Me has a special place in Aubrie’s heart. The staff members are always so generous, and each week the program helped her develop social skills with new friends that she encountered,” Bunniran explains.

MCM Director of Education and Programs Monique Ealey says that the program offers families the opportunity to learn techniques to become their child’s first teacher and help them develop lifelong learning skills before they begin school. With the addition of an art activity, MCM shows caregivers that art and movement are very much a part of early literacy development and encourages growth through arts-integrated learning, which has been proven to encourage creative problem solving and critical thinking skills.

This program is also used as a model for parents and caregivers of how to make reading with their children an interactive activity. Children are encouraged to ask questions, make predictions, and create connections after the story is over. By showcasing these ways to engage with reading, MCM provides an example for how families are able to enjoy books together at home as well.

At this year’s Mississippi Book Festival, MCM partnered with the Barksdale Reading Institute and Mississippi Public Broadcasting (MPB) to present the “Mississippi Children’s Museum Roundtable on Literacy.” Led by experts, this roundtable discussed the importance of childhood education programs. “Early Literacy Development is the foundation to a child’s success in school,” Director of Early Childhood Education at MPB and roundtable speaker Sheila Brown-Robinson explains. “Early Childhood programs and initiatives are not only very important, they are very necessary for the entire family.”

The best approach to learning for early learners is to take an educational hands-on, fun-filled, encouraging, and positive attitude to introduce them to teaching. Then the learning follows. Best practices of teaching and learning must be fun and engaging along with patience, enthusiasm, motivation, responsibility, and conversation to reach every learning style. This roundtable also included interactive educational activities featuring beloved children’s books Dragons Love Tacos by Adam Rubin and The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle. Save the date for next year’s Mississippi Book Festival: August 17, 2019.
Based on the award-winning Mississippi Public Broadcasting show of the same name, the Between the Lions Library gives children an inviting, imaginative space to fall in love with reading. Whether you want to read a book from the museum’s collection, write a story in the big magnetic book, or challenge yourself with a puzzle, the Between the Lions Library has activities for all ages and learning types.

This exhibit space is frequently used to host MCM’s programs, such as Ready to Roar Reading Time, as well as numerous activities during special events like Dr. Seuss’ Silly Birthday Celebration and the Storytelling Festival. This space is both a quiet area to curl up with a good book and a fun-filled exhibit to make word blends with Gawain’s word joust. In the Between the Lions Library, children can dive into a world of their imagination through books or act out their favorite stories, all while learning fundamental literacy skills.

Each year, MCM partners with Mississippi organizations, children, and educators to vote on their favorite books in four age categories. These votes culminate in the Magnolia Book Awards, which allow children to participate in choosing the winning selections while also instilling a lifelong love of reading.

Children are encouraged to dive in and get creative by showing why they love their favorite book. Whether collaborating with other children to present a book through live-action plays or working with educators in a classroom debate, the Magnolia Book Awards inspires children to explore their love of literacy.

Voting is held annually in February, with winners announced each April at the Faye B. Kaigler Children’s Book Festival at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg.
Children can find a world of wonder and storytelling amongst the magical pink mushrooms and whimsical Dancing Waters Wordfall in the Gertrude C. Ford Literacy Garden at MCM. This 13,000-square-foot outdoor space is a fairytale come to life, inviting visitors to follow the Topsy-Turvy Pathway, admire the gardens, and create their own stories through literacy activities and outdoor play.

This garden, which opened in 2014, offers new ways for children and their caregivers to experience literacy by combining innovative technology with the wonder of nature. Here, children can learn letters as they appear in the water of the museum’s one-of-a-kind waterfall, create stories in the mushroom forest, and study plant life in the Jack and the Beanstalk Edible Garden.

The Literacy Garden also encourages collaborative play and creativity by pairing active play with an imaginative space. This exhibit area is the perfect way for families to come together, explore nature, and discover the magic of the imagination.

MCM regularly hosts many of its weekly programs in the Literacy Garden, including Know to Grow, Fit for Fun, and The Science of Bubbles, making it the perfect extension of the museum’s indoor exhibits.

To complete the Literacy Garden, MCM was awarded a significant honor through a competitive grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in 2014.

IMLS celebrated the continued learning opportunities provided in this unique space, by featuring the Literacy Garden on the IMLS blog this summer. “As children continue to explore the wonderland of the Literacy Garden,” the post reads, “the hope is that they’ll discover the magic of learning.”

MCM’s Story to Stage exhibit allows children to transform their favorite story into an imaginative production in a space designed to exercise their creativity through performance-driven activities. In this traveling exhibit, children can take a story from the page to the stage by reading from the library, creating a storyboard on a mobile kiosk, writing their own fantastic adventures, and exploring their theatrical side with a performance.

Available for rent by schools and libraries, Story to Stage encompasses all areas of literacy, MCM Director of Education and Programs Monique Ealey comments. “There is a space for them to read, a space to write or create their own story, and a stage and costumes so they can act out their stories,” she says. “Story to Stage encourages children to get creative and get active all while engaging in educational literacy programming.”

This exhibit was funded by a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation through a partnership with the B.B. King Museum and Delta Interpretive Center. Learn more about renting this exhibit by visiting our website.
MCM believes that literacy is fundamental to a child’s educational development, and the importance of early literacy education can be seen throughout the concept design of MCM-Meridian’s new 20,000 square foot space.

MCM-Meridian Executive Director Elizabeth Wilson explains that MCM-Meridian is committed to improving the early literacy development of East Mississippi’s children through place-based experiences that incorporate literacy and language concepts within the museum’s galleries and through innovative programs that focus both on the mechanics of reading and the enjoyment of it.

This focus on early literacy development can be seen especially in the Arts and Literacy Gallery of MCM-Meridian, which will feature interactive, hands-on activities that reflect the world around children from writing their own play and performing it on the grand opera house stage to exploring the magical world of their favorite fairy tales. This exciting all-ages space will open a world of imagination through reading, writing, and speaking, while inspiring a lifelong love of reading.

By weaving in East Mississippi’s rich cultural heritage, MCM-Meridian will be a unique resource for the region’s children and families with a goal to make reading an important part of early childhood play and education. MCM-Meridian will use these innovative experiences to allow children to tap into their natural curiosity and creativity while learning through play.

“We always have SO much fun visiting children’s museums! We can’t wait for our city to finally have one!”

- Chloe & Kylie Reid
3rd Grade, West Lauderdale Elementary
Each year, the Mississippi State University (MSU) Riley Center provides residents of Meridian and East Mississippi with quality children’s entertainment through professional theatrical performances. This season, families are invited to come together to enjoy fun-filled educational programming with shows such as The Magic School Bus: Lost in the Solar System, The Phantom Tollbooth, and Diary of a Worm, A Spider and a Fly. But the fun doesn’t start with the show!

“For the second year, MCM-Meridian has partnered with MSU Riley Center to provide a hands-on learning experience prior to each show,” MCM-Meridian Partners Outreach Chair Lou Ann Lamar comments. “Each activity is tailored to the show to enhance and enrich each child’s learning experience. These events incorporate MCM’s educational initiatives with arts-integrated, hands-on activities and play, all complementing the theme of the performance. Last year experiences included MCM’s traveling exhibit Story to Stage; this season’s patrons can look forward to magical transportation interactives and much, much more!

The MSU Riley Center has both a family show and a school show available for each of the three musicals featured during this season. While the shows included in the Family Series might be fun to watch, they also provide an educational component through curriculum connections such as arts, social studies, music, and science. Visit www.msurileycenter.com/school to reserve your seats today!

**RILEY CENTER FAMILY SERIES**

An important part of increasing literacy in Mississippi is making reading fun for children of all ages, and no one knows what children like to read better than children themselves! MCM-Meridian asked students from local elementary schools to share some of their favorite books.

**Kenzie George**
2nd grade, Poplar Springs Elementary

“I enjoy this book because it makes me smile and laugh.”

**Jonnoah Skinner**
3rd Grade, Newton Elementary

“I like when Harry Potter won the quidditch game. It makes me feel good that I can read such a big book!”

**Isabella Lee**
4th Grade, Lamar School

“I like this book because it is interesting. I like the characters that are rebels!”

**Junie B. Jones is Captain of Field Day by Barbara Park**

**Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone by J.K. Rowling**

**Ever After High: A Semi-Charming Kind of Life by Suzanne Selfors**
UPCOMING MCM-MERIDIAN EVENTS

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Help us bring a Children’s Museum to East Mississippi! If you have questions about the MCM-Meridian project or are interested in making a donation, please contact Liz Wilson, MCM-Meridian Executive Director, at liz@mcm.ms or 601-207-5392.

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The Junior Auxiliary of Meridian, MS has been serving the Meridian community since 1941. During this time, they have been dedicated to bettering the lives of children through educational, social, and health-centered projects. In particular, their interest in furthering education for the children of East Mississippi is evident in their support of programs such as MCM-Meridian and childhood literacy.

Kim Knight, president of the Junior Auxiliary of Meridian, explains their history of service: “Junior Auxiliary of Meridian members have been promoting literacy by reading to school children in Meridian and Lauderdale County for over forty years. We are proud to provide volunteer and financial support to MCM-Meridian so that we can continue promoting literacy, child development, and learning opportunities for children in our community.”

The Junior Auxiliary of Meridian, comprised of nearly 50 dedicated community members, averages more than 3,000 hours of service to the children of east Mississippi, and their support of MCM-Meridian is essential to its success. Through their help, MCM-Meridian will be better able to serve and enrich the lives of children.

Since its inception in 1938, Southern Pipe & Supply has always been operated in the spirit of “family.” It is that sincere generosity of spirit has led to their 75+ years of success. This success is much broader than the bottom line. Their heart is always to provide opportunities for their family members, and for that reason they have been one of Mississippi’s top places to work year over year. Founded and operated by the Davidson Family for four generations, Southern Pipe & Supply is dedicated to family values, treating each employee like a member of the family—with respect, love, and attention. This spirit can be seen not only in their business operations, but in the community they support.

Jay Davidson, President of Southern Pipe & Supply, comments on their support of MCM-Meridian: “We believe the impact the museum has on our youth is boundless. The question of how to improve Mississippi’s future is one that leaders across our state often ponder.

“As Southern Pipe we believe that while the Mississippi Children’s Museum-Meridian is not the only answer to this question, it is definitely part of it,” Davidson explains. “We embrace the opportunity to be a part of helping shape the great future of Mississippi.”

Lloyd Gray, Executive Director of the Phil Hardin Foundation, has been a strong advocate for MCM-Meridian since early in the project. Because of his leadership and the Phil Hardin Foundation’s generous support, MCM-Meridian will be better able to serve the children of Meridian and East Mississippi. Gray, a native Mississippian, has long championed Mississippi initiatives, serving as the Executive Editor of the Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal as well as acting as an Assistant Secretary of State for the State of Mississippi. He is dedicated to furthering education in Mississippi, serving as past President of the Mississippi Press Association and former Chairman of its Education Foundation.

“We have believed from the outset,” Gray says of MCM-Meridian, “that this can be a transformative project for the children of this region, especially those who wouldn’t otherwise have the kinds of educational enrichment opportunities a high-quality children’s museum offers.” His support of MCM-Meridian through the Phil Hardin Foundation’s signature sponsorship will provide East Mississippi invaluable educational resources and community support.
For the past four years, the Beasley family have been members of MCM, growing and learning inside the museum. For parents Brandy and Drew, along with children, Noah, 8, Otto, 4, and Wilder, 2, MCM has been a place for their children to express themselves through art, music, and play. Equipped to cater to children of many ages, MCM offers each of them something different: Noah loves to paint in the Express Yourself Gallery, while Otto can’t wait to get to the World at Work Gallery to explore. The ability to play together in all areas of the museum is something that Drew says makes MCM so wonderful for their family.

The crane in World at Work is a family favorite. “We’ll get on together,” Drew says, “and each of us turn the wheel.” Brandy explains, “It’s a group effort.” The Beasley family home-schools which allows them the opportunity to visit the museum on both weekends and weekdays for a fun and educational experience. “On the weekends,” Drew says, “I try to give my wife a break. Sometimes I’ll just take all three of them. I will go for two or three hours and we’ll explore all over the museum.” When the children are not running through the Gastro Climber or dancing in the music room, they all settle down to enjoy story time. “Otto constantly has a book,” Drew adds. With so many things to do and areas to explore, MCM is the perfect place to children and their families to play and learn together.

PriorityOne Bank’s dedication to education is apparent as the signature sponsor of Very Eric Carle: A Very Hungry, Quiet, Lonely, Clumsy, Busy Exhibit, MCM’s newest visiting exhibit which allows guests to step into the pages of their favorite Eric Carle books.

“PriorityOne Bank has always taken an interest in education,” Robbie Barnes, President and CEO of PriorityOne Bank, comments, “whether it be promoting financial literacy in our schools, providing curriculum to classes, or investing in organizations such as the Mississippi Children’s Museum.”

Barnes highlights the importance of providing educational opportunities, noting that at PriorityOne Bank, “We believe that quality education is the most valuable thing a person can possess; and we are committed to assisting today’s youth in becoming as well educated and as well rounded as possible. PriorityOne Bank’s generous support allows MCM to provide multifaceted education for children and their caregivers and furthers MCM’s goal to increase literacy throughout the community.

“The Mississippi Children’s Museum offers a unique opportunity for children of all ages and all walks of life to learn in an environment that is also fun and engaging,” Barnes says. “Visiting the museum is a truly enriching experience, and we are proud to be able to contribute to that experience in some small way.”

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Gather around the campfire on Saturday, September 22nd, for Discovery Night: Around the Campfire, MCM Partners’ signature family fundraising event. Held to coincide with the Mississippi Science Festival, this special evening celebrates children’s literature and creates connections to the fascinating world of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) by encouraging children to explore ‘the great outdoors’ inside the museum!

Proceeds from the event provide critical funding for the museum, including support for its ongoing exhibit and programs needs. “The Mississippi Children’s Museum is such a valuable and treasured place for the families of Mississippi,” MCM Discovery Night Co-Chair Jeannie Hood elaborates. “We want to do all we can to ensure it receives the resources it needs to continue to operate and thrive. As a parent with three young children, we cannot love the museum more.”

The Discovery Night committee, including Co-Chair Elizabeth Meadows, understands the importance of fundraising events for MCM. “The Mississippi Children’s Museum provides a safe and fun environment for our children, and also fosters their education by providing so many exhibits and tools to aid their learning. This event and the others like it throughout the year provide the funding the museum needs to keep going—and it’s an honor to help spearhead that by chairing this event,” Meadows explains. Discovery Night: Around the Campfire will feature a full dinner buffet, music by Bill, Temperance, & Jeff, campfire songs, a Caterpillar Obstacle Course, & much more! Tickets are available for purchase on our website or at the door on the night of the event.

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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 • 6:00 - 9:00 pm**

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**MCM Partner, Malcom Kemp, reads with a child during Read to Succeed camp.**

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**Hamiltons Holiday**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**FEBRUARY 9, 2019**
Each fall, MCM celebrates the summer reading success of Jackson Public School District students at the JPS Summer Reading Celebration. This party honors hardworking students who have met their summer reading goals with awards, cake, punch, and playtime! Top readers are awarded special prizes, but at the JPS Summer Reading Celebration, every reader is a winner! “It’s a celebration just to congratulate and encourage them,” says MCM President/CEO Susan Garrard. Jackson Public School readers have an opportunity to be rewarded and feel a sense of accomplishment for their hard work at this fun-filled, annual event.

At MCM, literacy isn’t just for children, it’s a family activity! Planting the Seeds to Read is one of MCM’s longest running and most successful programs and has reached over 500 people since 2011. Each fall, MCM works with select JPS elementary schools who nominate families for the program. “Families are a child’s first teachers,” CEO at the Barksdale Reading Institute Michael Cormack, Jr. says. “We have to take care to build on our children’s innate creativity and curiosity.” MCM Director of Education and Programs Monique Ealey adds that by making reading fun for the whole family, children and their caregivers are shown just how important and valuable story time is.

Improving childhood literacy is one of the cornerstones of MCM’s educational mission, and Planting the Seeds to Read is an essential part of achieving that mission. On Thursday nights for seven weeks, families are invited to eat a healthy dinner and join small group storytelling followed by a hands-on literacy activity with museum staff. During this program, which is sponsored by the Community Foundation for Mississippi and supported by MCM Partners, children learn phonics, vocabulary, and comprehension in a friendly environment. While the children are learning with MCM staff, parents and caregivers are in a separate group receiving tools and techniques to aid their children in being more successful on their academic journey as well as connections to community resources to help their entire family be more successful. Community partners such as Hope Federal Credit Union (Hope FCU) offer financial literacy information for families. At the end of the program, children are provided with all of the books used in the program, as well as school supplies to set them up for the rest of the school year.

In 2017, MCM began hosting the Planting the Seeds to Read program in Indianola, MS, for students from the Sunflower County Consolidated School District. This outreach program is hosted in partnership with the B. B. King Museum and Delta Interpretive Center and generously sponsored by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation.

This summer, MCM held its third annual Read to Succeed camp for third grade students from Jackson Public Schools (JPS) who needed a little extra help to pass the 3rd Grade Summative Reading Assessment. This camp featured five days of intensive literacy lessons for 67 students from 16 JPS schools to prepare them for the test.

During the camp, students received breakfast, lunch, and snacks while studying phonics, fluency and understanding, character development and story elements, and vocabulary in interactive, multifaceted lessons with experienced educators. Through focused, personal lessons, as well as time to play in the museum and feel the support of community volunteers, 72% of Read to Succeed students made gains on the 3rd Grade Summative Reading Assessment.

The Read to Succeed camp would not have been possible without generous community support from the Wells Fargo Foundation, Junior League of Jackson, Sysco Jackson, MCM Partners, and Greg Griffin and Friends. In addition, the campers received food donations from Beagle Bagel Café, Schlotzsky’s Deli, Waffle House, Newk’s Eatery, and Trustmark.

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MCM’s Journey to the North Pole exhibit will open November 19th for another fun-filled holiday season. Based on cherished holiday traditions, Journey to the North Pole transforms the Gertrude C. Ford Exhibition Hall into a magical winter wonderland of snowy skies, twinkling lights, and train cars. Outside of the exhibit hall, guests will be invited to go down our enchanting 45-foot Snowflake Slide which glides down the central staircase of the museum, and is available for children (and adults!) 36” or taller.

Whether children want to take a photo with Santa, build a gingerbread house, or drink hot cocoa at the Red Rocket Café, there is fun for the whole family during Journey to the North Pole.

This exhibit, which is sponsored by the Clarion Ledger, will open with the Members-Only Pajama Party on November 19, 2018. The exhibit will open to the public during the museum’s regular hours from Tuesday, November 20, 2018 through Sunday, January 6, 2019.

Check the back page for all of our upcoming holiday event dates!
DID YOU KNOW?

Caterpillars sense touch through their antennae and also through their tiny hairs, called setae, which are all over their bodies.

WORD SCRAMBLE!

Can you unscramble the following words?

ATCREILPARL  
EPDISR  
FLYIFRE  
EBTELE  
KCRICTE

1. Cut out red paper circles about 1 inch in diameter. Punch a single hole in each one.
2. Make the caterpillar’s head. Cut out a construction paper face and glue on eyes, a nose, and antennae. Punch a hole in the face for stringing later.
3. Now it’s time to assemble the necklace! Cut the piece of string or yarn to the size you’d like for your child.
4. Place some tape at one end of the yarn or string to make it easy for threading.
5. Have your child first thread a green pasta onto the thread. Next they add one red circle, then green pasta, etc. forming a pattern.
6. When your child is happy with his or her caterpillar length, add the caterpillar head.
7. Tie the string together to form a necklace! (Cut off the tape.)

You will need:

- Red, yellow, and green paper
- Dyed pasta
- Yarn or string
- Liquid glue
- Single hole punch
MCM FALL 2018 CALENDAR

Please note that these dates and events are subject to change. Visit mschildrensmuseum.org for an up-to-date schedule.

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Saturday 6
Eric Carle Day
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Saturday 13
National Day of Chess
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday 13
Visiting Artist: Roz Roy
11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday 26
Park After Dark (ticketed event)
6:00 - 8:00 pm

Saturday 27
Nuclear Science Saturday
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

NOV

Saturday 3
Phun Day
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Saturday 10
Visiting Artist: Chuck Galey
11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Monday 19
Magic Monday
Museum open
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Monday 19
Journey to the North Pole Members-Only Pajama Party
5:30 - 8:00 pm

DEC

Friday 7
Twas a Night at the Museum
5:30 - 7:30 pm

VISIT WITH SANTA!

HAVE YOU BEEN NAUGHTY OR NICE THIS YEAR?
Friday, Dec 7th
Saturday, Dec 8th
Sunday, Dec 9th
Saturday, Dec 22nd

HOLIDAY DAY CAMPS
Check our website for more details!

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!
Saturday, Dec 1st
Saturday, Dec 8th
Sunday, Dec 9th
Saturday, Dec 15th
Sunday, Dec 16th
Saturday, Dec 22nd

GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOPS

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Saturday 12
Visiting Artist: Emily Simmons
11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday 19
Storytelling Festival
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Saturday 21
Magic Monday
Museum open
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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