

Free Summer Drop-in Activities

Tuesdays – 12:00 to 2:00 PM

Every Tuesday a Museum volunteer with an activity cart will be set up in one of our galleries. Explore art, history and science with interactive games, touchable objects and simple arts and crafts. All ages.

- Jul. 9 *A Much Moved People*, Trade in Colonial New Jersey
- Jul. 16 *Pretty Big Things*, Textiles in New Jersey
- Jul. 23 *American Perspectives*, Colors
- Jul. 30 *Planetarium Lobby*, Astronomy in the Palm of Your Hand
- Aug. 6 *Written in the Rocks*, Ice Age Animals
- Aug. 13 *American Perspectives*, Portraits
- Aug. 20 *Written in the Rocks*, Teeth!
- Aug. 27 *A Much Moved People*, Lenape Games

Wednesdays – 1:00 to 3:00 PM

Every Wednesday visit the Imagination Studio to make and take a craft. Stop by for a fun, free family activity or a stress relief moment for yourself! All ages.

- Jul. 10 Make a birch bark box and decorate with Anishinaabe inspired symbols. Get inspiration for your project when you visit the exhibition *Bark! Indigenous Cultural Expressions*.
- Jul. 17 3D DNA Strand. Learn about the building blocks of life and make one to take home. Visit the exhibition *Written in the Rocks* to learn more about life on Earth.
- Jul. 24 Ocean Sensory Tubes. Learn about New Jersey sea life and make a calming ocean-themed sensory tube. Visit *Written in the Rocks* to discovery primordial seas and ancient sea monsters!
- Jul. 31 Make a bark cloth Tapa. You can choose to make note cards or turn it into home décor while you explore Pacific Island tapa symbols. Get inspiration for your project when you visit *Bark! Indigenous Cultural Expressions*.
- Aug. 7 Making Mammoths. Learn the difference between a Mastodon and a Mammoth and make a furry friend to take home. See real mammoth fossils in *Written in the Rocks*.
- Aug. 14 Amate Bark Art. This indigenous art from Mexico is colorful and fun to create. Visit *Bark! Indigenous Cultural Expressions* to see more bark cloth from South America.
- Aug. 21 Aurora Art. Recreate an aurora in the sky and learn more about the interaction of solar wind and the Earth's magnetic field. Visit the Planetarium to see our newest show, *Worlds Beyond Earth*. (Fee for Planetarium show.)
- Aug. 28 Pointillism & Pixels. Combine art and science into a masterpiece to take home! Pointillism uses the science of optics to create colors from many small dots placed so close to each other that they blur into an image to the eye. This is how pixels on computers work today. Combine art and science into a masterpiece to take home! Visit *American Perspectives* on level 2 to explore examples of Impressionism, a similar and parallel art movement.

Thursdays - 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Every Thursday morning we have story time in the *Discovery Den* for our smallest visitors. Join us for a story followed by a simple craft.

- Jul. 11 Powwow Day. This book explores the Native tradition of a powwow through the experience of a young girl and its importance to culture and community. Be sure to visit *A Much Moved People* to see regalia on display.
- Jul. 18 Up in the Garden, Down in the Dirt. This book takes you above and below ground to learn all about a garden ecosystem. Be sure to visit the Museum's Pollinator Garden located outside the Planetarium entrance.
- Jul. 25 Who's in the Forest? It's spring and all the forest creatures are coming out of hibernation. This interactive story introduces forest animals in a fun and playful way. Visit *Written in the Rocks* to learn more about New Jersey forest animals.
- Aug. 1 Art & Max. Two lizard friends, both artists, take a journey through the art world and explore many different styles of acrylic, watercolor and line drawings. Get inspired to create your own masterpiece and visit *American Perspectives* to see more.
- Aug. 8 Toby and the Ice Giants. Join Toby the Bison in this fact-filled adventure as he explores the Ice Age Tundra and meets some of the giants that roamed its icy surface. Visit *Written in the Rocks* to learn more about New Jersey during the last Ice age.
- Aug. 15 I Don't Draw, I Color! A young boy explores color and feelings to create his art. Be sure to visit *American Perspectives* to get inspired.
- Aug. 22 Our Stars. Explore the universe with bright pictures and simple text in a book that will delight any curious child's mind! Don't forget to visit the Planetarium at 11:30 (fee for Planetarium) for the show *One World, One Sky*, perfect for small explorers.
- Aug. 29 Hello Lighthouse! This Caldecott Award winning story introduces lighthouses to young readers. Learn more about New Jersey shore history in *Pretty Big Things*.

Fridays – 12:00 – 2:00 PM

Every Friday interact with a Museum Docent to learn more about our galleries. Tours are informal and you can catch up anytime. Great for a lunchtime break. Each week is different so you can make sure to enjoy them all!

- Jul. 5 Written in the Rocks
- Jul. 12 New Jersey's Original People
- Jul. 19 Written in the Rocks
- Jul. 26 Pretty Big Things
- Aug. 2 American Perspectives
- Aug. 9 Written in the Rocks
- Aug. 16 Pretty Big Things
- Aug. 23 A Much Moved People
- Aug. 30 American Perspectives