



Fingerprints

Fingerprints is a bi-monthly newsletter of The Children's Museum, 311 Main St, Utica, NY 13501 * May/June '09



New Interactive Play Dance Floor Wooden Train /Summer Activities



The Children's Museum has some cool new exhibits, geared for older children, as requested on our Visitors Survey/Feedback form.

Finally, a place to run and jump in our museum! Our new Interactive Play Dance Floor a revolutionary entertainment system that combines latest technologies to produce a recreational experience that

provides hours of fun & cool exercise for children, teenagers & adults. The variety of games & music draws & delights kids of all ages, thanks to a grant from Community Foundation of Oneida & Herkimer Counties. Taking part with Museum Director Brown: Community Foundation's Jan Squadrito, Convention/

Visitors Bureau President Kelly Blazosky; Mayor Roefaro's Representative Maria Alberico & Larry Desiato; CM Board members John Nogas, John Stephenson, Ed Waszkiewicz, & children from the Thea Bowman House.

Add'l exhibits in soon!

Our Wooden Train is now open for kids of all ages to enjoy! Older children wanted to enjoy PlaySpace's big Wooden Train. With Ric Rosero's help, we moved the gate & put in a half wall, maintaining the area for toddlers under 3 yrs of age & babies, while allowing older children to play on the big Wooden Train!

Summer Activities- We've lined up several neat activities for this summer, check website! Stimulus Funds - We've applied for several projects to continue our renewable green energy renovations & additions!



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311 Main Street
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VOLUNTEER: Donate your services & exhibits, offer your talents, volunteer your time, bring your kids, family, your group to the only Children's Museum in Central NY. Help make a difference in your community by becoming part of a wonderful legacy that will live on long after you're gone! Contributions to The Children's Museum are tax deductible.



CM part of 1 of 9 NASA Mars Rover Contest finalists: Adia's entry Amelia!

We're excited local second grader Adia Bulawa's family downloaded NASA's *Name the New Mars Rover Contest* form from our website, and out of 9,000 entries became 1 of 9 finalists! Adia chose the name "Amelia" after famous aviator Amelia Earhart, the 1st woman awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, who was lost while crossing the Pacific in 1937 during the final leg of flight around the world. Voting closed March 29th with NASA announcing the final winner the end of May. Finalists will send a future message on a chip carried by the Mars Science Rover and may win a trip to a CA NASA laboratory. *View more info on our website's Annual Science & Technology Fair & see the exhibit on our museum's 4th floor!*



~ Director's Report: New Exhibits, thanks to Comm. Fndtn. ~
 How We Fund Operations ~ Our Growth & Our Future Vision ~



Interactive Play Dance Floor, new exhibit, thanks to a grant from The Community Foundation, plus new interactive History Tech exhibits geared toward older children.

Funding Our Operations: Most people aren't aware that we get zero funding for operations from the City, County, State or Federal Gov't. We run our operations entirely on admissions & donations. *Please support us.*

Our Future: In 2009, we applied for stimulus funds to install a new

green roof; 4th floor Surround Sound Theatre, 2nd floor carpet, 3rd floor bathroom, eco pond.

Our Growth: In 2002, we opened our 4th floor and were adopted by NASA & Office of Science. In 2003, we installed new HVAC and Int'l Hall Fame: BRCK. In 2004, we redid our entranceway. In 2005, we installed new energy-efficient windows. In 2006, we added Hot Wheels collection. In 2007, we

were certified a NYS & Federal Historic building. In 2008, we opened our commemorative brick sidewalk, installed new lighting on all floors, including a foyer chandelier & two new roof signs.

Admission: \$9. for adults; \$8. seniors; \$7. for children 2 to 17; free for members & children younger than 2 yrs of age.

We're proud of our 1,000's of interactive exhibits /60 pavilions, for kids 1 to 101 - *Come on in!*



~ Honor the Past & Pave the Future ~

Additional bricks have been laid in our beautiful commemorative brick sidewalk. In addition to brick purchasers, the following deserve special recognition for helping make this happen: NYS Senator Joe Griffo & the late Roger Sinnott, who was such a quiet CM giver. Purchase an engraved brick to add to the paved front, which continues the beautification and renovation of our historic building, supporting our community treasure. Only \$75., @ brick holds 3 lines, 14 characters a line. Forms available in museum or on website.

There's Always a Rainbow at CM!

Happy children grow up to be happy adults, who are more likely to stay & support the community they grew up in. CNY's only Children's Museum, one of the oldest in the country -a safe, fun, learning environment -is a definite asset to the Mohawk Valley, one all of us can be proud of & utilize to its highest capacity. We continue renovations and new exhibits. What better place to bring * youngsters on a field trip * scouts to earn badge * family for great day out * children for fun time?

Children's Museum Board

Mike Pilawa, John Stephenson, Matt Chmielewski, John Nogas, Joanne Palumbo-Mozloom, Ed Waszkiewicz, Brad Zacek; CPA Vin Gilroy, Jr.



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Marlene B. Brown

Museum Staff: Theresa Vella, Sarah Babcock, Jeff Sterling.

Volunteer: Exhibits Manager, Earl Lewis. *More info on web.*

CM Heroes Serve our Children: Corp Sponsors; Donors; Volunteers; Wish List

We welcome volunteers.

You can assist with activities, offer a



program in your area of expertise, help keep the museum shipshape, and/or donate to Our wish list: toys in good shape, exhibit items, art supplies, educational items of value. These will give you a renewed sense of pride as *we continue to serve.*

A Corporate Membership is a positive way to impact the community. Our Fund the Vision Campaign looks to gain new & renewed sponsors as *CM Heroes* (check back page). Please show your thanks by investing in their products/services. Check out our












Sponsors & Donors page on our website and join them!



May-July 2009 Calendar

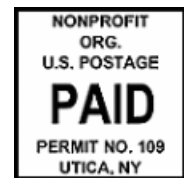
Check online calendar for updates

We currently receive no funding for operations from the City, County, or State, thus we rely on the many visitors, donors, and sponsors who support the Children's Museum's Education Enrichment Programs & many Exhibits.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
									5-2 Magic/Lego/ DJ/Train/Critter
5-3 <i>Closed</i>	5-4 CuteCrittters - Play Music Floor	5-5 Crafts/ Puppets/Dance FI	5-6 <i>Closed</i>	5-7 Dance FI / Crafts / Puppets	5-8 Play Dance Floor/CuteCrittters	5-9 Magic/Lego DJ/Train/Crittters			
5-10 <i>Closed</i>	5-11 CuteCrittters - Play Music Floor	5-12 Crafts/ Puppets/Dance FI	5-13 <i>Closed</i>	5-14 Dance FI / Crafts / Puppets	5-15 Play Dance Floor/CuteCrittters	5-16 Magic/Lego DJ/Train/Crittters			
5-17 <i>Closed</i>	5-18 CuteCrittters - Play Music Floor	5-19 Crafts/ Puppets/Dance FI	5-20 <i>Closed</i>	5-21 Dance FI / Crafts / Puppets	5-22 Play Dance Floor/CuteCrittters	5-23 Magic; Dance Contest;Crittters;DJs			
5-24 <i>Closed</i>	5-25 CuteCrittters - Play Music Floor	5-26 Crafts/ Puppets/Dance FI	5-26 <i>Closed</i>	5-28 Dance FI / Crafts / Puppets	5-29 Play Dance Floor/CuteCrittters	5-30 Magic; Dance Contest;Crittters;DJs			
5-31 <i>Closed</i>	6-1 Cute Critters - Play Music Floor	6-2 Crafts/ Puppets/Dance FI	6-3 <i>Closed</i>	6-4 DanceFloor/ Crafts / Puppets	6-5 Play Dance Floor/CuteCrittters	6-6 Magic; Dance Contest;Crittters;DJs			
6-7 <i>Closed</i>	6-8 Cute Critters - Play Music Floor	6-9 Crafts/ Puppets/Dance FI	6-10 <i>Closed</i>	6-11 Dance FI/ Crafts / Puppets	6-12 Play Dance Floor/CuteCrittters	6-13 Magic; Dance Contest;Crittters;DJs			
6-14 <i>Closed</i>	6-15 CuteCrittters - Play Music Floor	6-16 Crafts/ Puppets/Dance FI	6-17 <i>Closed</i>	6-18 Puppets & Crafty Creations	6-19 Play Dance Floor/CuteCrittters	6-20 Magic; Dance Contest;Crittters;DJs			
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6-28 <i>Closed</i>	6-29 CuteCrittters - Play Music Floor	6-30 Crafts/ Puppets/Dance FI	7-1 <i>Closed</i>	7-2 DanceFloor/ Crafts / Puppets	7-3 Play Dance Floor/CuteCrittters	7-4 <i>Closed for July 4th holiday</i>			
7-5 <i>Closed</i>	7-6 Dreamcatcher & Toys in Space & Play Dance Floor	7-7 Space Toys & Dreamcatcher & Play Dance Floor	7-8 <i>Closed</i>	7-9 Bead Crafts & Toys in Space & Play Dance FI	7-10 Cornhusk doll & Toys in Space & Play Dance Floor	7-11 Magic; Play Dance Contest; Crittters; DJs			
7-12 <i>Closed</i>	7-13 Scrapbooks/ Clouds & Tornados & Play Dance FI	7-14 Scrapbks/ Clouds Tornados & Play Dance FI	7-15 <i>Closed</i>	7-16 Scrapbks/ Clouds Tornados & Play Dance FI	7-17 Scrapbooks / Clouds & Tornados & Play Dance FI	7-18 Magic; Play Dance Contest; Crittters; DJs			
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7-26 <i>Closed</i>	7-27 Kit Design / Rub A Dub Dub	7-28 Kit Design / Rub A Dub Dub	7-29 <i>Closed</i>	7-30 KitDesign / Rub A Dub Dub	7-31 Kit Design / Rub A Dub Dub	8-1 Magic; Dance Contest;Crittters;DJs			

Come Visit us! Check our website. Here's some of what you'll find: *1st floor* - Play Space, Exploration Space, Wooden Train, Robot, Saturn, Dentist Office, Grocery Store, Micro Rm; *2nd floor* - DancePlay Floor, Longhouse w/Kiosks, History Diorama, Fossil Dig, Dinosaurs; *3rd floor*- Critters, Legos, Crafts, Weather/Radio Rms, Halls Fame:BRCK; *4th floor* - Planes, Fire/Police, Hot Wheels, NASA/Rover/Science

Contact: The Children's Museum of History, Natural History, Science & Technology, 311 Main St, Utica, NY 13501 * Tel: 315-724-6129 Open: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30am-2:30pm; Sat. 9:45a-2:45pm; Closed Wed/Sun/some holidays. We lock the front door one hour before closing as it takes visitors over an hour to view floors. Admission: \$7. children 2- 17; \$8. seniors; \$9. adults. Members/children under 2



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Important Info in May-June 2009 Issue

- ☺ New Interactive Exhibits: Play Dance Floor
- ☺ Summer Activities & Our Wooden Train
- ☺ ED: Funding Operations / Future Vision
- ☺ You Can Help: Volunteers, Sponsors, Friends
- ☺ Our Board of Directors & Staff
- ☺ Calendar of Events & Special Dates
- ☺ Heroes/Heroines: our Supporters



CM's Heroes & Heroines: Helping Fund "The Children's Museum's Current Growth & Future Vision."

NOTE: We receive no funding from City, County, State, or Federal funds for Operations costs.

Corporate Sponsors - Gold Level: Dr. Ted/Melva Max; George/Pinny Kuckel; Roger Sinnott; RigAll; Frank/Gloria Marraccini; Oxford Medical Imaging. **Silver Level:** National Grid; Meyda Tiffany; Pratt Whitney HMI; Fountainhead Group; Bill Corrigan/Wilcor. **Bronze Level:** Dr. Nancy Shaheen; The Hartford; ConMed; GPO Federal Credit; James Donovan Fund; Earle Reed; Burns Agency; Color Ad Signs; Serianni Signs; Bonide Corp; Pacemaker Millar; Utica First Ins; Carbone Auto Group; Oneida Nation. **Honorable Mention:** NBT Bank; N. Utica Walmart; M & R Heating; Prevalare Life Science; McDonald/Mac Clark; Dove Laser Center; Garro Drugstore; Utica National; First Niagara; Gold Mine Jewelers. **Grant Sponsors - Gold Level:** The Community Foundation; NYS Senator Joe Griffo; former Congressman Sherry Boehlert; former Senator Ray Meier. **Silver Level:** NYS Council on Arts; Met Life Foundation; Niagara Mohawk Foundation. **Bronze Level:** Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito; NY Power Authority. **Honorable Mention:** Fleet Foundation; Gannett Foundation. **Room Sponsors:** Furino & Hamlin DDS; advantechcny.com; Ed Waszkiewicz; Regent Broadcasting; Quadsimia. **Time/Exhibits:** Princeton Lab; Tim Perry; Glenn Rybicki; Mayor Roefaro; OC Exec Picente; DA Scott McNamara; Dan Trevisani; Joe Ruggiero; John Stephenson; Mike Pilawa; Vin Gilroy Jr; Christopher Gordon; Ric Riccardo/MVCC; Stage Music; Colin Hubbell; Office Science; NASA; Alice P. O'Shea; Les/Mackie Kernan; late Ted Kibiuk; Glenn & Marshall Space Cntrs; MV Astronomy Society; GE Elfun's; Kurt Wiehenstroer; Proctor High; UPD/UFD; Jr League; NYSERDA; Mike Zarnock; Roma Welsh; Dave Spoon; F.X. Matt; Zangrilli Engineering; Brandeles; McQuade & Bannigan; BOCES; Bill Morehouse; Dr. Rosinski; Mark Crever; John Nogas; Bradley Zacek; Allen Gilberti; Time Warner; HCCC; Judge Anthony Garramone; Utica P.O.; Kindermusik; Big Apple Music; Ralph Eannace; Utica.tv; Utica OD; Rome Sentinel; Herkimer Telegram; MV Biz Journal; Hamilton College; Earl J. Lewis; Board of Directors