



Fingerprints

Fingerprints is a bi-monthly newsletter of The Children's Museum, 311 Main St, Utica, NY 13501 * July-Sept. '09

New Interactive Lionel Train Table joins Others!

Visitors to The Children's Museum have been enjoying our cool interactive exhibits.

Thanks to the GE Elfun's, we've got a new Interactive Lionel Train Table. Visitors not only enjoy admiring the train, they also enjoy choosing the direction of the train, blowing the train's whistle and bell, among the train's accessories.

Thanks to the Community Foundation, visitors are enjoying the Interactive Play Dance Floor, a place to run & jump in our museum! This entertainment system produces a recreational experience providing hours of fun and cool exercise for children, teenagers, a adults.

Also we've got two new Touch Screen History

exhibits, challenging older children & adults alike!

And our life-size Wooden Train is open for kids of all ages to enjoy, while still maintaining Toddler space!

Summer Activities- Several neat activities taking place, ck pg 3 here & on our website - *come on in!*

Stimulus Funds - We've applied for several projects to continue our renewable green energy renovations & additions! We'll keep you posted. *Keep checking our website for updates!*




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*Visit us on the web:
www.museum4kids.net*

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VOLUNTEER: Donate your services & exhibits, offer your talents, volunteer your time, bring your family or group to this unique one of a kind Children's Museum right here 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. 

Holiday Extravaganza Planning Underway!

Enter the Children's Museum the 3rd week of November and be enveloped in a winter wonderland! As our primary fundraiser, the museum never shines so bright.

It kicks off on Friday, November 20, 2009 - with The Children's Museum 46th Anniversary Gala & Festival of Trees (6:30-10:30pm)

Saturday, November 21st - Family viewing of Festival of Trees (10am-3pm); Saturday, November 28th, Holiday on Main Street; Saturday, December 19th, Celebrate the Cultural Holidays; *New This Year:* Gingerbread Houses, TableTop Green Trees, a Mother/Son Dance, a Father/Daughter Tea! Mark your calendars, Plan to Attend, Volunteer, Be a Sponsor. *View more info on our website.*



~ Director's Report: New Exhibit, thanks to GE Elfun's ~ Holiday Extravaganza ~ Our Growth & Our Future Vision ~



Our Present: new Lionel Train Table exhibit, courtesy of The GE Elfun's. new Play Dance Floor & TouchScreen History exhibit, thanks to Community Foundation grant; Wooden Train open, thanks to Ric Rosero & Earl Lewis.

Holiday Extravaganza: Check our website for Gala & Festival of Trees!

Funding Our Operations: Check our new Future webpage, asking for support. We currently run operations entirely on admissions & donations.

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. In 2004, we redid 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 installed new lighting on all floors, a foyer chandelier, two new roof signs, and opened our

commemorative brick sidewalk.

Our Future: In 2009, we applied for stimulus funds to install a new green roof; 4th floor Surround Sound Theatre, 2nd floor new carpeting, 3rd floor bathroom, Eco pond out back.

Admission: \$7. children 2 to 17; \$8. seniors; \$9. adults; free for members & children under 2 years. Our 1,000's of interactive exhibits & 60 pavilions, designed 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 & CNY, 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 badges * family for a great day out * children for a fun time?

Children's Museum Board

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Museum Executive Director:

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 our community.*

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!



July-Sept. 2009 Calendar

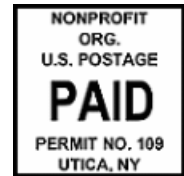
Check online calendar for updates

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			
									7-4 Closed for Holiday
7-5 <i>Closed</i>	7-6 Dreamcatcher & Toys in Space	7-7 Space Toys & Dreamcatcher	7-8 <i>Closed</i>	7-9 Bead Crafts & Toys in Space	7-10 Cornhusk doll & Toys in Space	7-11 Magic; Dance Contest; Critters; DJ			
7-12 <i>Closed</i>	7-13 Scrapbooks/ Clouds/Play Dance	7-14 Scrapbooks/ Clouds/Play Dance	7-15 <i>Closed</i>	7-16 Scrapbook/ Clouds/Play Dance	7-17 Scrapbooks/ Clouds/Play Dance	7-18 Magic; Dance Contest; Critters; DJ			
7-19 <i>Closed</i>	7-20 Rock Fossils / Friend Bracelet	7-21 Rock Fossils / Friend Bracelet	7-22 <i>Closed</i>	7-23 Rock Fossils / Friend Bracelet	7-24 Rock Fossils / Friend Bracelet	7-25 Magic; Dance Contest; Critters; DJ			
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 Kit Design / Rub A Dub Dub	7-31 Kit Design / Rub A Dub Dub	8-1 Magic; Dance Contest; Critters; DJ			
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8-23 <i>Closed</i>	8-24 Kit Design / Rub A Dub Dub & Dance Floor	8-25 Kit Design / Rub A Dub Dub & Dance Floor	8-26 <i>Closed</i>	8-27 Kit Design / Rub A Dub Dub & Dance Floor	8-28 Kit Design / Rub A Dub Dub & Dance Floor	8-29 Magic Show; Dance Contest; Critters;			
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Come Visit us! Here's some of what you'll find: 1st floor - Play Space, Exploration Space, Wooden Train, Robot, Saturn, Dentist Office, Grocery Store, Micro Room; 2nd floor - Dance Play Floor, Longhouse w/ Kiosks, History Diorama, Fossil Dig, Dinosaurs; 3rd floor - Critters, Legos, Crafts, Weather/Radio Rooms, Halls Fame: BRCK; 4th floor - Planes, Fire/Police, Hot Wheels, NASA/Rover/Science. Check our website.

Contact: The Children's Museum of History, Natural History, Science & Technology, 311 Main St, Utica, NY 13501 * Tel: 315-724-6129 Open: Monday, Thursday, Saturday from 9:30am-2:30pm; Open Friday's during holiday & school break weeks. Closed some holidays. *To facilitate shutdown, we lock front door 1 hour before closing.* Admission: \$7. children 2- 17; \$8. seniors; \$9. adults. Members & children under 2 Free.



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 * Purchase from our Gift Shop

Important Info in July-Sept. 2009 Issue

- ☺ New Interactive Exhibits: Lionel Trains
- ☺ Play Dance Floor & Our Wooden Train
- ☺ Holiday Extravaganza & Our 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.

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