



Fingerprints

Fingerprints is a quarterly newsletter of The Children's Museum, 311 Main St, Utica, NY 13501 * March - May 2011



HO & Lionel Train exhibits expanding; CM & ASR collaborative fieldtrip; Science Fair; GSA Lego League; Sheriff's Room; Earth Day in the Evening!



Our **Science & Technology Fair**, for children from 1st-8th grade, will be held Saturday, March 26th. Read more on our website & Register now!

HO Train Exhibit joined by Lionel Train Exhibit! - We've been blessed with a number of volunteers who are donating their train exhibits and helping to set them up! Joining Leif Willson (who setup the HO donated trains with Earl Lewis) are Steve Mowers, Sam Crisino & Earl Lewis (who donated and are setting up the Lionel trains). One end of our 4th floor is alive with several foot pedals so visitors can view exhibits & run the trains themselves!

Saturday Science - 10:30a-12:00p activities include: MVCC Engineering Club; Merry Green Lady; Johnny Green Thumb; Feeding Critters.

NEW- Day long exciting Field Trip - Museum Director Marlene Brown and Adirondack Scenic Railroad stationmaster Jay McFarland announced a **combined field trip** which includes a 2 hr tour of the museum, bag lunch, and a train ride to the Erie Canal, Utica Marsh & back. **Check our website** & book now to get the date you want for this unique enjoyable event! **Reduced Field Trip Group Rates** are now available for affordable visits.

New exhibits: 4th floor **Sheriff's Rm** where Deputy Pete presents programs on Stranger Danger/Bullying, etc. Plus a new **Superheroes** room & several interactive Hot Wheels rooms!

Girls First Lego League workshops, with team ldrs Josh & Brad, Sat's now to

April 30th. Ck website/join! During **Spring Break** week, we'll be open 5 days, featuring a number of cool activities, including our Annual **Easter Egg Hunt** on Sat. April 23rd + an **Earth Day Evening: Family Fun Event** to be held from 6pm-8pm on Friday, April 29th.

Support: Disappointed to be turned down again for City & County funding, we'll continue moving forward as an educational resource, quality of life and tourism attraction. Operating on only \$100k a year, with only 2 paid staff & 4 volunteers, we keep our building clean, exhibits growing, renovation continuing.

How You Can Help! Bring in visitors, book field trips, attend our events, spread the word of all that we uniquely offer, become a donor or a museum sponsor!

**Children's Museum
311 Main Street
Utica, NY 13501**

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

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HOW YOU CAN HELP: Donate your services & exhibits, offer talents & time, bring family/group to this unique one of a kind Museum. Be part of a wonderful legacy that will live on long after you're gone! Donations to The Children's Museum are tax deductible.

Support Us: If you haven't been to the museum in a while, please come visit. You'll love what you see! Founded in 1963, we're proud of our accomplishments. **Children's Museum Going Green!** - help support us with our ongoing sustainable energy projects. **Museum Junior Board** has started for kids ages 7-15.





~ Director's Report: Our Museum Growth the Past Decade; Our Future Vision & Plans; Our Funding Requests ~



Our Growth: 2002- opened our 4th floor & became adopted by NASA & Office Science. 2003-installed new HVAC on four floors. 2004-redid entranceway. 2005-installed energy efficient windows. 2006-certified a NYS & Federal Historic building. 2007- installed new roof signs & new lighting throughout. 2008 -opened our commemorative brick sidewalk; 2009-installed new LED dance floor & touch -screens; 2010-replaced our leaking

roof with a light weight new energy efficient roof.

Future Plans: Install solar panels & wind turbines on our roof; handicapped bathrooms on our 3rd floor; finish 4th floor Educational Sound Theatre.

Funding Requests: Please check our website's [Future page](#). We currently run our operations on admissions & donations and have been turned down again for City

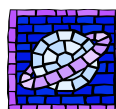
CDBG funding & United Way. We are applying for County bed tax grant and another United Way grant. We'd appreciate your support as we continue to grow.

Admission: \$7. children 3-17; \$8. seniors; \$9. adults; members + two years of age & under free. **DOWNLOAD \$1. off coupons** on our website. 60 pavilions w/100's of interactive exhibits for kids 1 to 101. *Come on in!*

~ 2011 Events ~ Come visit our fully handicapped accessible, climate controlled, multi-themed museum! ~ Note hours: open Monday's & Thursday's 9:15a-12:45p, Saturday's 9:15a-1:45p
March 2011 - Science & Technology Fair (11am-1pm)
April 2011 - Easter Egg Hunt (10am to 12pm w/Easter Bunny)
April 2011 - Spring School Break Programs (10am-1pm)
April 2011- Earth Day Evening Family Fun Event! (6:00-8:00pm)
July 2011 - Hosting Erie Canal & Christmas in July (10am-1pm)
August 2011 - CM Summer Break Activities (9:30am to 1:00pm)
Ongoing... Field Trips to our museum (2 to 3 hours in length)
October, 2011 - Halloween Boo Bash (9:30am-12:30pm)
November, 2011 - 48th Holiday Gala/Festival Trees (6p-9pm)
Nov, 2011 -Family Festival Trees/Lights & Holiday on Main St Honor the Past & Pave the Future on the late Roger Sinnott commemorative brick sidewalk. Only \$75., @ brick holds 3 lines.

Always a Rainbow at CM! Happy children grow up to be happy adults, more likely to stay & support the community they grew up in. One of the oldest in the country, a safe and enjoyable educational environment, CM is an important asset to the MV & CNY, one we all can be proud of. What better place to bring * field trip groups * scouts * family * tourists for great day out?

We welcome volunteers to assist in areas of expertise, help keep our museum shipshape, donate to [Our wish list](#): more trains, interactive science exhibits, DVD players, flat screen TV's, LCD's, toys in good shape, art supplies, educational items, giving you a renewed sense of pride as *we serve our community* positively impact the community. Our Fund the Vision Campaign looks to gain new & renewed sponsors as *CM Heroes*. Please show your thanks by investing in their products/services. [Check out our Sponsors & Donors page](#) on back page of our newsletter, on our website, in our museum foyer, and join them in support!



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Staff: Theresa Vella, Selma Skrgic; Intern: Trinh Truong. **Volunteer Exhibits Manager:** Earl Lewis. **Ex-Officio:** Robert Almy & Robert Galliher; **CPA:** Vin Gilroy, Jr.



March - May 2012 Calendar

Check online calendar for updates

We currently receive no funding for operations from City, County, State, Federal, or United Way, thus we rely on visitors, donors, sponsors & grantors, who choose to support our Museum & Exhibits.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday's
Open Monday & Thursday 9:15am to 12:45pm	Open Saturday 9:15am-1:45pm	No admission 1 hr prior to closing	Open more days Spring Break: CK online calendar!	Four floors with 60 Pavilions & 100's of interactive exhibits!		

March - Our HO & Lionel interactive train exhibits continue to grow!

March 26th: Register for our 8th Annual Science & Technology Fair, for children from 1st to 8th grade (neat prizes!)



April 18-21st- Spring Break Week Activities (open M, T, Th, F, Sat)

April 22nd - Annual Easter Egg Hunt *Check website for details*

April 29th - Earth Day Evening Family Fun Event

Spring: CM/ASR combined fieldtrip!

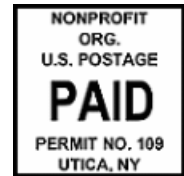


The Children's Museum of History, Science & Technology
located at 311 Main Street, Utica NY
~ serving Utica, Rome, The Mohawk Valley, CNY & beyond - www.museum4kids.net



Come Visit! 1st fl - PlaySpace, Exploration Space, Wooden Train, Robot Room, Saturn, Grocery Store; 2nd fl - LED Play Dance Floor, Longhouse w/Kiosks, History Diorama, Fossil Dig, Dinosaurs; 3rd fl - Living Science Critters, Legos, Weather/Radio Rms, Sports Hall; 4th fl - Planes, Fire/Police/Sheriff exhibits, Trains, NASA & Science exhibits.

Contact: The Children's Museum of History, Science & Technology,
311 Main St, Utica, NY 13501
Open: Monday & Thursday 9:15a-12:45p + Saturday 9:15a-1:45p
(also open Tues's & Fri's during Winter & Spring Brks & Summer)
Check our online calendar.(last admission 1 hour before closing - call ahead as we may close early when all visitors have left). Admission fee: \$7.children 3- 17; \$8.seniors/vets; \$9. adults. Members & children 2 & under are Free. Download add'l \$1. off coupons on our website



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Info in March 2011 - May 2011 Issue

- ☺ Train Exhibit growing exponentially!
- ☺ Science Fair / CM & ASR field trips!
- ☺ Spring Break Events / Easter Egg Hunt
- ☺ Earth Day Evening: Family Fun Event
- ☺ Funding & Future Vision Sponsors
- ☺ Board Directors, Staff & Volunteers
- ☺ Heroes/Heroines: our Supporters



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

NOTE: We currently receive no City, County, State, Federal, U W funds for Operations.

Corporate Sponsors - Gold Level: Bank of Utica; Dr. Ted & Melva Max; National Grid; Mack Goldner Foundation; George/Pinny Kuckel. **Silver Level:** The Hartford; Sen. James Donovan Fund; Pratt Whitney HMI; Wilcor International; Fountainhead Group; Strategic Financials. **Bronze Level:** The Burns Agency; ConMed; Bonide Products; Carbone Group; NBT Bank; Mac Clark/McDonald's; JetNet LLC; Indium Corp; Pacemaker Millar; Utica First; Capraro Technologies; Oxford Medical; Radiology Assoc; N. Utica Walmart; Utica National. **Honorable Mention:** Prevalare Life Science; RigAll; Bill Corrigan; The Gold Mine Jewelers; Turning Stone Resort; Vernon Downs Hotel Casino; Liberty Travel; Mirror Lake Inn; Riverside Greenhouse; The Yahnundasis; ABC Fire Extinguishers; Utica Symphony; Laser Spa; Bremer's Wine; Brewery Shop; Tiny's Grill; DeIorio's; Alice O'Shea; Mackie Kernan; Dave Spoon; Bob Galliher; Bob Almy; Barb Shuck.

Grant Sponsors - Gold Level: Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Co's. **Silver:** Met Life; NYS Senator Joe Griffo. **Bronze:** Nat'l Grid Foundation; NY Power Authority; Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito.

Exhibits: NASA; Office Science; Quadsimia; Meyda Tiffany; Advantechcny; Regent Brdcstg/Tim Perry; Allen Gilberti; GE Elfun's; John Stephenson; Ed Waszkiewicz; Col. Kurt Hoch; Princeton Lab; Dr. Rosinski; UPD/UFD; Ric Rosero; Glenn/Marshall SpaceCntrs; MV Astronomy; Proctor/BOCES; Butterfly Wranglers; late Ted Kibiuk; Kurt Wiehenstroer; Stage Music; Big Apple; Oneida Nation; Roma Welsh; Mark Crever; Larry Giglio; John Graniero; Mr/Mrs. Francis DeSantis; late Robt LaPorte; Leif Willson, Sam Crisino, Steve Mowers. **Activities:** John Nogas; Mary Cardinale; Josh Glassberg; Brad Brown; Jim Williams.

Media: Metzler; YNN; WKTV; CNY homepage; TimeWarner; Utica OD; Rome Sentinel; Herk Telegram; Townsquare Media; MV Biz Journal; Daily News; OC Courier; **Staff;** **Vol** Earl Lewis; **Board** of Directors.