

Louisiana Children's Museum

Hands On!

OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2018

Celebrate the Holiday Season at LCM with the Eighth and Final Festival of Trees on Julia Street!

Celebrate the magic of the season at the Louisiana Children's Museum's Eighth and final Festival of Trees on Julia Street from November 23 - December 26. Stroll the Museum's festive collection of whimsical trees created by local schools and community partners, and create special holiday memories with activities the entire family will enjoy. Proceeds support the Museum's educational programs and exhibits.



Pajama Party Brunch Saturday, December 1

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tickets - \$20 per person for LCM Members
\$25 per person for Non-Members

Don your coziest holiday pajamas and start your day with a **fun-filled, family-friendly jazz brunch** with dishes by **Theo's Neighborhood Pizza, Dryades Public Market, Sam's Club**, and more! Enjoy the lively sounds of the **Arrowhead Jazz Band**. Mix and mingle with **Mr. Bingle** and capture a family photograph in our **holiday-themed photo booth**. Enjoy interactive caroling with **Louisiana History Alive characters**, and delight in holiday crafts, cookie decorating, games and more! Activities include:

- Help Mr. Bingle find his nose in a scavenger hunt around the Museum.
- Decorate a frame to compliment your family photo booth picture.
- Create a beaded necklace to commemorate your family.
- Discover the science of snow and the scents of the season.
- Stretch out with wintery yoga.
- Get your face painted.



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Dear Members,

We have anticipated this year for decades! It's hard to believe that the Tricentennial



celebration of New Orleans' founding is about to end - as we're entering the last three months of 2018. Fortunately, the Louisiana Children's Museum is hosting an exhibit all about the Mississippi River, called RiverWorks Discovery, with a focus on the culture, commerce, careers and the conservation of our river - and all rivers in North America.

We will be hosting this traveling exhibit throughout the remainder of the Tricentennial year, with a departure the middle of December. LCM will continue to highlight the people who have contributed to our unique cultural heritage, specifically the Germans throughout the month of October, the Native Americans throughout the month of November, and in December we will be celebrating a series of holiday celebrations around lights. This celebration, of course, includes our own Festival of Trees.

Please plan on taking advantage of this unique opportunity to visit the museum as we close down the celebration of our Tricentennial year, learn more about the Mississippi River and the many rich customs, traditions and celebrations that are a part of our city as a result of our location around this internationally treasured natural resource.

Julia W. Bland
Chief Executive Officer

Thank you for helping us say, "Thanks for the Memories!"

On Saturday, August 25, the Louisiana Children's Museum opened its big blue doors for the 20th and last CHAIRish the Children on Julia Street. More than 600 "Chairished" guests enjoyed a fun and festive evening of gourmet cuisine and spirits, fabulous auction packages, one-of-a-kind chairs, and sultry music by The Jenn Howard Band. As a special part of this evening, LCM honored the Founding Board Members who helped start the Museum 32 years ago.

The families of the Founding Board Members (The Founding Families Circle) were the presenting sponsors of CHAIRish the Children. Thanks to your support, the 20th Annual CHAIRish the Children was LCM's most successful fundraiser to date.

Many thanks to the CHAIRish the Children Event Co-Chairs Kaylea and Hunter Hill and Sheldon and Michael Schmidt; Founding Families Co-Chairs, Hunter Pierson and Allison Berger Tiller; Patron Party Chair, Jessie Schott Haynes; Auction Co-Chairs, Cameron Adams, Emily Carrere, Dawn Fowler, and Betsy T. Laborde; Decorations Co-Chairs, Emily Forrester and Aja Mipro; and Restaurant Co-Chairs, Katie and Eric Hoffman; and the many generous sponsors, donors, and guests who made this event an overwhelming success.



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OCTOBER

October is a month full of festivities celebrating the harvest season including such traditions as German Oktoberfest, Halloween, and more. We will continue our Tricentennial Celebration with an exploration of the German influences on New Orleans along with hosting activities that celebrate all things Fall!

DAILY EXPLORATIONS (TUESDAYS-FRIDAYS)

TODDLER TIME 10:00 a.m. in First Adventures

Pretend to run your very own German bakery and roll & bake “dough” into breads or king cakes! Explore the textures of the harvest with an apple and potato stamping activity, by drumming on pumpkins, and by touching their ooey-goeey insides (or feel them through a mess-free squishy bag)!

Special: Boo in Toddler Time! Come dressed in a costume from **October 30-November 2** to make your own squishy monster and collect small “prizes” to put in your trick or treat baggie!



STORY TIME 10:30 a.m. (Wednesday – Friday), 3:00 p.m. (Tuesday)

Celebrate German fairytale classics like Rapunzel, Hansel and Gretel, Cinderella, and more by making up your own fairytales using their storytelling elements: “Once Upon a Time;” goblins and monsters; enchanted settings and talking animals!

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) 11:00 a.m.

Have you ever wondered about that odd-looking instrument, the accordion? Learn how it works, what it sounds like, and its German influences on Cajun music! Did you know that German bakeries in New Orleans have been making yummy treats for more than a hundred years? Become a baker, follow the recipe, measure and mix ingredients to make your very own dough!

HEALTH & WELLNESS 11:30 a.m.

Celebrate the history of German culture in New Orleans by trying out Germany’s favorite sport: soccer! Get moving with fun games and challenges for all ages.

ART TREK STUDIO SPONSORED IN PART BY THE GOLDRING FOUNDATION

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Wednesday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

To honor the significant contributions of the German population to New Orleans culture, create and paint polymer clay German pretzels, which can be worn on a necklace as well as build colorful replica turning windmills.

WEEKEND PROGRAMS

October 6th: Kinderfest: Oktoberfest for Kids! 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Celebrate German influences on New Orleans as well as the start of the harvest season during LCM’s Kinderfest. Twist your own pretzel in our Little German Bakery! Learn a German folk dance based on Hansel and Gretel, sample salted soft pretzels and apple strudel, and go on a storytelling adventure through our Fairy Tale Forest with Golden Key volunteers from the University of New Orleans!

October 20th: Riverboat John Visits LCM! 11:30 am – 1:30 p.m.

Join us for special river-related story times with singer and storyteller “Riverboat John” Ferguson. He will recount iconic river stories and songs that are important to American culture. His visit at LCM is part of the programming for RiverWorks Discovery, a traveling exhibit at LCM through December 16.



October 27th: SUPER SCIENCE SATURDAY: Science is Out of This World! 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Discover chemistry that is “Out of This World” during Super Science Saturday, which culminates National Chemistry Week. Sponsored by the American Chemical Society Louisiana Chapter, this day brings more than 10 college science organizations to LCM to explore everything imaginable (and unimaginable) about chemistry. Space-themed costumes are encouraged!

NOVEMBER

During this month of Thanksgiving in this special year of New Orleans 300th birthday, we give thanks to all who have made New Orleans what it is today. This month, we will celebrate even earlier cultural influences than those of the last 300 years and explore the Native American tribes who were the first inhabitants here.

DAILY EXPLORATIONS (TUESDAYS-FRIDAYS)

TODDLER TIME 10:00 a.m. in First Adventures

Enjoy sensory explorations inspired by Native American and seasonal traditions. Explore the sounds of drums, big and small. Practice threading colorful beads to make your own necklace or bracelet. Build a kinetic sand turkey with silly eyes and feathers, and “feed” the hungry turkey with pom poms!



STORY TIME 10:30 a.m. (Wednesday – Friday), 3:00 p.m. (Tuesday)

Native Americans have used the stars and constellations as a traditional part of storytelling. Explore the night sky and enjoy star-inspired myths and legends from diverse indigenous cultures, especially our local tribes, the Choctaw, Houma, and Chitimacha.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) 11:00 a.m.

What are you thankful for? Contribute to our “Gratitude Graph” to share and compare with others who feel thankful too! Use microscopes and magnifying glasses to look at the natural materials commonly used by local Native American Tribes, such as milkweed and marsh grasses, corn and sugarcane.

HEALTH & WELLNESS 11:30 a.m.

Get ready for harvest season by learning about the crops grown by Louisiana’s Native American tribes, and explore the many ways we use them today.



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The Native American pendant historically has been a solid-beaded, circular medallion that depicts protective spirits. Create your own headdress or feather necklace incorporating a pendant reminiscent of southeastern Choctaw body decorations. You can also contribute symbols to a collaborative “faux animal hide story” made out of paper bags!

WEEKEND PROGRAMS



November 10th: Native American Heritage Day

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Join us for a daylong celebration full of drumming, dancing, and learning with special guests from local Native American tribes, including the Houma and Choctaw. Sponsored by the Jazz & Heritage Foundation, this is a cultural celebration for all ages, which the whole family will enjoy!

RIVERWORKS DISCOVERY Closes December 16th!

This fall, the Louisiana Children’s Museum is hosting RiverWorks Discovery, an interactive and educational traveling exhibit designed to teach the importance of commerce, culture and conservation on America’s inland waterways.

In addition to Riverboat John’s visit on October 20, LCM will be hosting some RiverWorks Discovery “pop-up” programming in November. Check out our website and social media for future announcements.



DECEMBER LIGHTING THE WAY FOR THE NEXT 300 YEARS!

We culminate our Tricentennial Celebration year with a look back at the cultures who inhabit and influence our city year-round, with a focus on their festive celebrations of light. All cultures use light to give hope during the darkest and coldest time of the year, including New Orleans!



DAILY EXPLORATIONS (TUESDAYS-FRIDAYS)

TODDLER TIME 10:00 a.m. in First Adventures

NOLA winter brings cold weather but warm lights! Enjoy clicking a flashlight on and off while “lighting up” dark areas of the museum. Build structures with wooden kiva planks inspired by the Cajun river bonfires, paint with ice cubes and scoop ice around in our cold winter sensory bin! Listen to cold winter wind sounds and explore sticky contact paper while giving a polar bear his white fur.

STORY TIME 10:30 a.m. (Wednesday – Friday), 3:00 p.m. (Tuesday)

New Orleans is a city built on many cultures and traditions, and December is a particularly special month of celebrations. Listen to stories about these festivities during Story Time, including books like “Lights of Winter” and “Winter Candle”.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) 11:00 a.m.

How do animals stay warm in winter? Test out special gloves to learn how seals, whales, polar bears, and more stay cozy in cold climates! Plus, make your own snow! Design snowflakes by folding, cutting, and decorating! Engage in sensory play with fake snow, pine needs, ice, and more!

HEALTH & WELLNESS 11:30 a.m.

It’s hibernation time! Are you getting enough sleep? Learn why our bodies need sleep, how much sleep we need, and the best ways to relax and get a good night’s rest as we explore this season of darkness and light.

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Tuesday 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Wednesday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Drawing inspiration from the candles of carolers in Jackson Square to the lighted Menorah on the Mississippi River, from the levee bonfires for Papa Noel to the Kwanzaa Kinara lights, combine these diverse lighting traditions to create your own “winter lights” artwork.

WEEKEND PROGRAMS

December 15th: Papa Noel Party! 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Build a small wooden bonfire structure in honor of the Louisiana bonfire tradition along the Great River Road to “light the way” for Papa Noel, and say goodbye to the RiverWorks Discovery, our fall traveling exhibit. Take a NOLA-themed holiday photo with Papa Noel himself, and dance to festive Creole and Zydeco music!

Celebrate the New Year!

New Year’s Eve Kids’ Countdown to Noon is fun for the entire family!

Monday, December 31 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Ring in the New Year at the most family-friendly party in town! This New Year’s Eve is a very special one since it is the LAST we will be celebrating on Julia Street! You don’t want to miss the fun! LCM’s countdown to NOON culminates with a colorful confetti toss and a balloon release. Make a noisemaker and festive paper bag party hat! Enjoy live music and help us look forward to 2019 in style!

Special event ticketing applies. Admission is \$8/person for LCM Members and \$12/person for Non-Members. Pre-registration is strongly recommended. To register, visit www.lcm.org.



HOLIDAY CAMPS 2018

During our last year of camps on Julia Street, we are celebrating our favorite parts of the Museum! Campers will be busy learning and exploring with STEM, Literacy, Health & Wellness, and Art activities and throughout our exhibits!

Holiday camps are for children ages 5 - 8 and are available by the day.
Cost: \$40 per day for LCM Members and \$50 per day for Non-Members
Camp hours: 8:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. with drop-off from 8:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Before and after care are available for additional fees.

Camps are filled on a first come, first served basis with limited availability, so don't delay!
Register your child for camp today at www.lcm.org.

Thanksgiving Camp: Rollin' on the River

Monday, November 19 - Wednesday, November 21

This fall LCM is hosting a traveling exhibit, RiverWorks Discovery. Enjoy water and fall-themed science experiments, create a thankfulness/kindness project, and dig into pumpkins!

Registration will close on Friday, November 16 at 12:00 p.m.

Winter Camp 1: Food & Fun Camp

Wednesday, December 26 - Friday, December 28

During "Food & Fun" Camp, plan and shop for a pretend family meal in the Little Grocery Store. Design your own menu, then prepare and serve your food in Kids' Café! Design your own habitat for winter animals, and create art using ice.

Registration will close on Monday, December 17 at 12:00 p.m.

Winter Camp 2: Talk & Play Camp

Wednesday, January 2 - Friday, January 4

During "Talk & Play" Camp, we are celebrating the Talk & Play Center, our exhibit focused on playful literacy and storytelling. Put on a puppet show, write your own whimsical poem, create a story collage, read and act out stories, and more!

Registration will close on Friday, December 28 at 12:00 p.m.



Sensory Friendly Sunday

Sensory Friendly Sundays offer an opportunity for families with children with disabilities or sensory processing differences to explore the museum in a comfortable and accepting setting!

This monthly program is held in partnership with **LSU Health Sciences Center's Occupational Therapy Department**. Representatives from LSU Health and Health Sciences will be on hand to answer questions, deliver activities, and provide resources to parents and families.

Free admission, reservation preferred:
E-mail gabraahams@lcm.org with subject line 'Attending Sensory Friendly Sunday', listing your name, date participating and the number of children & adults.

October 21st, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.: Halloween! Come in costume to enjoy our sensory-friendly activities and crafts! Practice Trick-or-Treating ahead of the big day.

November 11th, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.: Thanksgiving! Play and learn about planning, sharing and enjoying big meals together!

December 9th, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.: Holidays! Spend quality time together this holiday season with our festive sensory activities!



The Helis Foundation FREE SUNDAYS

Come enjoy complimentary admission thanks to the Helis Foundation on **October 21 and November 11 from 12:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Join **Project Peaceful Warriors** for a yoga class as well as other fun programming.



Join or renew your LCM membership NOW for a very special year of learning and fun ahead!



Your membership will give you:

- Unlimited access to LCM's fall traveling exhibit: RiverWorks Discovery (now through December 16!)
- Discounted pricing on the Festival of Trees Pajama Party Brunch, the New Year's Eve Kid's Countdown to Noon, and Children's World's Fair (Our LAST ones on Julia Street, so you won't want to miss them!)
- Special programs honoring LCM's 32-year history on Julia Street as we countdown to Closing the Big Blue Doors.
- Members-only preview and Grand Opening event opportunities for LCM in City Park.

When the Big Blue Doors close on Julia Street, LCM will spend two months preparing for the grand opening of our new home in City Park. But no need to worry! Your LCM membership benefits will be extended to ensure that you receive your full 12-months of LCM membership. Enjoy the fun and learning on Julia Street AND at the LCM in City Park.

LCM Membership benefits always include:

- Free, unlimited general admission for an entire year
- Discounts on camps, educational programs, and birthday parties
- Discounts on Museum Store purchases and gift memberships
- Free subscription to the LCM's quarterly *Hands On!* Newsletter and weekly e-newsletter.

Membership Levels:

Family I - \$85

- Admission for cardholder and one child

Family II - \$125

- Admission for up to five visitors (including cardholder)
- Two one-time admission passes to use or to share

Family III - \$150

- Admission for up to eight visitors (including cardholder)
- Four one-time admission passes
- Reciprocal admission benefits with discounted admission to more than 120 participating children's museums and free admission to 290 participating science centers nationwide through ACM and ASTC

To purchase or renew your LCM Membership visit lcm.org/come-play/memberships or call 504-266-2418. LCM Memberships may also be purchased or renewed at the LCM admission desk.

"Puzzled" for gifts this holiday season? Bring home some brain-building, eco-friendly fun!

Topple Rocks

Locally made from African Mahogany recycled from construction projects in Covington, LA., each piece has the same geometric shapes. Try to match them to see how high you can build! They come in a jute bag which is great for travel.



Triazzle Puzzles

Are you up for a challenge with puzzles with triangular pieces that have to match on three sides? Made in the USA with plant-based inks.



Tuesday – Saturday: 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 12:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.



Happy Birthday LCM!

October 13th

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Help us cut the cake for our 32nd and LAST birthday party on Julia Street!

Play in your favorite exhibits and enjoy "LCM themed" birthday party games: go through an LCM obstacle course, pin the moon on the Logo House, play the Little Grocery Store Memory Game, get your face painted, and more!

PLUS: Help us celebrate our beloved Mr. Bones. When LCM moves to City Park in Summer 2019, Mr. Bones can't come along. Will you be the proud new owner of Mr. Bones and his bicycle? All you need to do is BID! We will have on-site Mr. Bones bidding all birthday long!





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Tuesday – Saturday:
9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday:
12:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Special Open Mondays:

Monday, 11/19

Closed:

Thanksgiving
Thursday, 11/22

Christmas Eve
Monday, 12/24

Christmas Day
Tuesday, 12/25

New Year's Eve
LCM will close at 3:00 p.m.

New Year's Day
Tuesday, 1/1

City Park update

If you have visited City Park recently, you are likely aware that construction for LCM in City Park is in full swing. To date, the superstructures for both North and South Wings have been completed, the first plantings of native grasses to restore the lagoon edge are flourishing and three bio islands have been floated to support local habitat including fish in the shadows below and ducks and birds nesting above.

Currently, the Grand Stairway that ascends through the glass-enclosed Bollinger Atrium to the second floor of the exhibit wing is taking shape. Over the next few months, you will see the green moisture barrier currently visible on the building exterior covered with the permanent siding, the windows fully installed, and the roof completed.

Meanwhile, in workshops here in New Orleans and in Ohio and New Jersey, a reimagined landscape of interactive exhibits, along with a few beloved favorites, is being fabricated. We look forward to welcoming you and your family this time next year to create a work of art in the "Make your Mark" gallery, and journey along the Mighty Mississippi' from its headwaters to the Gulf of Mexico in "Move with the River" as well as play in familiar territory in a new grocery store and bubble exhibit.



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