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# A Clever Monkey Remains Classic

**Curious George is still gaining popularity, with the release of new movies, musicals, museum exhibits and games. Here is a look at some current and upcoming George-inspired local events and activities.**

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**N**early 70 years after his birth, Curious George continues to wow the world with his unforgettable charm. From the original seven books (by authors Hans Augusto Rey and Margret Rey) to movies, TV shows and games featuring Curious George, this monkey keeps popping up everywhere. Check out the latest from Curious George, and as the holiday season approaches, keep these ideas in mind for your own little monkeys!

## Explore Your Curious Side

Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta is currently featuring "Curious George: Let's Get Curious." Focusing on math, science and engineering concepts, the exhibit allows children to learn through hands-on activities and problem-solving, all while having fun. Kids can operate pulleys, climb fire escapes, sort and weigh produce and more, in a variety of settings that include an apartment building, sidewalk produce stand, construction site, mini golf course and farm. Located at 275 Centennial Olympic Park Drive NW, Curious George will be hanging

out at the Children's Museum through Jan. 24, 2010. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat.-Sun., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission: Adults and children 2 and older, \$12.50; younger than 2, free. For more information, visit [childrensmuseumatlanta.org](http://childrensmuseumatlanta.org).

## Don't-Miss Musical

Mark your calendars now – *Curious George Live!* is the new stage musical you won't want to miss. Curious George swings and flips his way through an exciting adventure that takes the audience from home to Rome, where he is determined to win the Golden Meatball Contest, all in an on-stage spectacular. Eight performances are scheduled April 1-4 at the Fox Theatre. Visit [curiousgeorgelive.com](http://curiousgeorgelive.com) for more information.

## Have Some Monkey Fun

The Curious George craze doesn't stop with books and musicals. An array of engaging games and activities will get your child learning.

- Visit the PBS-sponsored Curious George website for a host of free, at-home games, activities and educational ideas, all based around the loveable little monkey. Kids can play online games (such as feeding George's cat, Gnocchi), watch clips from a wide selection of videos, color and draw on a variety of printable pages and more. Visit [Pbskids.org/curiousgeorge](http://Pbskids.org/curiousgeorge) to take part in some free, family fun.

## Curious about George

- The original authors** of *Curious George* were Hans Augusto Rey and Margret Rey, who arrived in America after fleeing from Paris right before the Nazi invasion. They carried with them only a few necessary possessions, including the original *Curious George* manuscript.

- The Reys arrived** in New York City in 1940, and the first *Curious George* story was published in 1941.

- The Curious George Foundation** was established in 1989 and funds a variety of programs that benefit children, families and animals.

- Curious George** first appeared in the book *Cecily G. and the Nine Monkeys*, under the name "Fifi."



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- Versions of *Curious George* books** have been printed in more than 17 languages, including Yiddish, Afrikaans and Braille.

- Hans Rey** originally created watercolor pictures for Curious George, but later reverted to drawing them to keep printing costs down.



Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta

