



THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
OF ATLANTA

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**October at Imagine It!
Features Fiesta de los Niños, Opening of Curious George Exhibit,
Read for the Record, Diwali Celebrations, and The Science Wondershops**

ATLANTA, September 29, 2009 – Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta offers children unique, hands-on learning opportunities and sparks imagination through the power of play. Below is a schedule of feature exhibit information and special programming taking place at Imagine It! in October.

Feature Exhibit

Curious George™: Let's Get Curious!

October 10, 2009 – January 24, 2010

With curiosity and inquiry as their guides, children explore familiar buildings and locales from the Curious George books and television series on PBS KIDS in *Curious George™: Let's Get Curious!* The exhibit will introduce young children to Curious George's world and lead visitors on a fun, meaningful interactive math, science and engineering-based adventure. Activities invite children to learn like George – through direct experience and problem solving.

Curious George: Let's Get Curious! exhibit was designed, developed and built by Minnesota Children's Museum in partnership with Universal Studios Consumer Products Group. The Curious George: Let's Get Curious! exhibit is sponsored nationally by 3M. Major funding for Imagine It! is provided by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners under the guidance of the Fulton County Arts Council.

Get Curious!

Mondays through Fridays at 11:00 AM & 12:00 PM; Saturday, October 17 & 31 at 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM & 3:00 PM; Saturdays, October 3, 10 & 24 at 3:00 PM; Sundays at 12:00 PM

In this 20-minute mini-musical, children meet a curious lad called Curious Chris who goes on adventures just like Curious George. He invites you to explore your world and get curious! Children join C.C. (Curious Chris), his Uncle Victor, and D.J. Soundsalicious as the Curiositer transports everyone to Africa to learn about math using African drum beats, to France to learn how baking is a chemical reaction, and to outer space to learn about the planets.

Special Programming

Fiesta de los Niños

September 14, 2009 – October 9, 2009

Travel with us on a journey through Latin America and the Caribbean to explore the rich culture in Spanish-speaking countries. In our celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month, children will experience the stories and crafts that make each country unique. From Mexico to South America, and from Central America to Cuba and Puerto Rico, children will feel like they are visiting each country as they learn about art, history and people.

Fiesta de los Niños was created in partnership with the Latin American Association (LAA) and Viva 105.7 FM, Mundo Hispánico/Padres y Hijos, Univision, and AutoTrader Latino. Advertising and design by The Latin Box. Printed materials courtesy of Ernst & Young and Sunbelt Printing and Graphics. Major funding for Imagine It! is provided by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners under the guidance of the Fulton County Arts Council.

Special Events

Havana Son

Saturday, October 3 at 11:00 & 1:00 PM

Children will enjoy Latin rhythms and melodies as Havana Son entertains with Latin rhythms that will have everyone dancing the Salsa, Merengue and Macarena. The musical journey includes stops in Cuba, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Colombia, Panama and Puerto Rico.

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Special Events (continued)

Read for the Record: The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Thursday, October 8 at 10:30 AM

On October 8, 2009, hundreds of thousands of people around the world will open Eric Carle's beloved book, "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and read aloud to children in their communities. By pledging to read during Jumpstart's Read for the Record, you're not only helping them reach 1,000,000 children, you're also supporting Jumpstart's yearlong literacy programs to ensure that child from low-income communities have the quality early education experiences they deserve.

Dr. of Fun: Simple Machines

Saturday, October 10 and 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM

Long before there were computers and cars, people used simple machines to help make their work easier. Come and see how simple machines were used by the people who lived long ago. Plus, children can make a simple machine which can launch things into the air.

Ron Anglin: The Tie-Dye Guy

Tuesday, October 13 at 6:00 PM

Ron Anglin stuffs a whole lot of science—and juggling razzle dazzle—into this program! He demystifies potentially intimidating science concepts such as motion, vibration, magnetic force and gravity with an array of unusual props: shaker cups, devil-sticks, didgeridoos, a cracking whip and the whistling diabolo. Children will be invited to inspect Ron's juggling boxes for hidden tricks and to create a "living rainbow" in the "Big Toss-Up" finale.

Festival of Lights: Diwali Celebration for Children

Saturday, October 17 at 12:00 PM

Join us for a celebration of Diwali, the Festival of Lights. An Imaginator will read, "Lighting a Lamp: A Diwali Story" by Jonny Zucker (Author) and Jan Barger Cohen (Illustrator). The story follows a family as they make rangoli patterns, light diyas, and watch a brilliant fireworks display to celebrate their amazing festival of lights.

Festival of Lights: Diwali Celebration for Children

Sunday, October 18 at 11:00 AM

Children can make a paper flower necklace as they learn that, in certain parts of India, people wear a necklace of fresh flowers during Diwali.

Dr. of Fun: Miracle of Flight

Saturday, October 24 at 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM

It's a bird...it's a plane...it's the Dr. of Fun! Come and learn about what it takes to fly through the air.

Scared-Silly Story Time

Saturday, October 31 at 12:00 PM

Take a spooky adventure as the Imaginators read a funny and scary pop-up book, "The Haunted House" by Jan Pienkowski. There are surprises around every corner – a snaggle-tooth monster, ghouls in the closet, and ghosts in the cupboard. Then, put your creativity to work and make your very own Halloween visor to wear in a spookily fun parade through the Museum.

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Ongoing Events

The Science Wondershop with Brian "Dr. Science" Williams

Sundays, October 11 – December 13 at 11:00 AM & 12:00 PM

The Science Wondershop offers children the opportunity to explore topics in science by participating in exciting hands-on activities. The program is designed for adult-child interaction to encourage imagination, curiosity, and an interest in the exploration of our world. Free with Museum admission. Reservations required, please call 404.527.3693. Limited space available.

Target Free Second Tuesdays

Second Tuesday of Every Month

Now through December 2009 from 1:00 PM-7:00 PM (October 13)

Through a sponsorship by Target, admission is free for all visitors who come during these special hours. Free tickets will be available at the Museum starting at 1:00 PM during each Target Free Second Tuesday, and the Museum will close at 7:00 PM. The free tickets are issued on a first come first served basis as Museum capacity permits. Once the Museum reaches capacity, tickets are only issued as capacity in the Museum becomes available. Reservations are not accepted.

http://www.childrensmuseumatlanta.org/visitors/target_free_second_tuesday_faqs

Read It!

Every Sunday at 3:00 PM

Children are encouraged to grab a blanket and delve into the world of books during Read It! This half-hour story time, sponsored by McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP, is devoted to fostering literacy and encouraging young children to embrace the magic of books. Children join a special guest or an Imaginator as a colorful, creative storyteller extraordinaire who arrives with bookmarks and an armful of stories.

Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta is a smart place to play and a non-profit organization offering a family-friendly space filled with interactive, educational exhibits and programming for children age eight and under. The Museum's mission is to spark imagination and inspire discovery and learning for all children through the power of play. The Museum's four permanent learning zones consist of bright, creative, hands-on exhibits that are designed to give children an opportunity to learn through play. Imagine It! also offers parties, memberships, field trip tours, and facility rentals. **Museum hours: Monday through Friday 10:00 AM-4:00 PM and Saturday and Sunday 10:00 AM-5:00 PM. Admission is \$12.50 plus tax for adults and children ages 2 and above; children under 2 are free. Imagine It! is located at 275 Centennial Olympic Park Drive NW.** The Museum is closed for Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. **For more information or to support Imagine It!, visit their new website at www.childrensmuseumatlanta.org or call 404.659.KIDS [5437].**

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