



Lutz Children's Museum

2021-22

# Teacher Newsletter

The Lutz Children's Museum offers engaging science, fine and performing art, and history education experiences to students across the state of Connecticut. We stay true to our founder, Hazel Lutz, and her vision by providing hands-on learning opportunities that prepare students for academic success. Our programs make learning a positive experience for students as they touch natural history artifacts and meet live animals.

## Outreach Resource Lessons

An experienced museum educator will bring the excitement and knowledge right into your classroom by engaging students in educational activities, interaction with live animals, artifacts, and experiential games!

## Plan a Fieldtrip

Visiting the museum is a fun and educational fieldtrip! Stroll around 1940s Main Street Manchester, experience 19th Century Manchester Farm Life, or discover our live animal collection. Increase the educational value of your trip by adding an engaging and informative program taught by a museum educator. Visit for a few hours or stay the whole day! Programs are also available to be taught at Oak Grove Nature Center.



## Educational Standards

All Lutz Children's Museum outreach programs align to Connecticut's Common Core; Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), Social Studies Content Standards (SSCS), English Language Arts Standards (ELA), and National Core Visual Art Standards (VA). Specific grade level performance expectations are indicated within each program description. Please contact us if you would like more information on how individual programs meet these standards.

## Booking Your Program

Outreach programs and fieldtrips can be scheduled by contacting museum staff at (860) 643-0949 x 30951 or by sending an email to [mwatkins@lutzmuseum.org](mailto:mwatkins@lutzmuseum.org). Our programs fill quickly, book your fieldtrip or outreach program at least two months in advance for the best availability.

### @ YOUR LOCATION Outreach Program

45 minutes: \$150 with ONE live animal encounter	60 minutes: \$175 with TWO live animal encounters
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*A mileage fee of \$0.60/mile is added to the overall program cost for locations outside Manchester, East Hartford, South Windsor, Vernon, Bolton, Hebron and Glastonbury, CT.*

### @ LCM Program Fieldtrip

45 minutes: \$15/person

### @ LCM Self-Guided Fieldtrip

\$8/person

All programs as listed here cater to a maximum of 25 students. For more information on our programs designed for larger groups, please contact us at: (860) 643-0949 x30951 or [mwatkins@lutzmuseum.org](mailto:mwatkins@lutzmuseum.org)

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# Science Programs

## Animal Classification — Grades K-5

Our planet Earth is home to over eight million animal species! Through interaction with a live animal and artifacts from the museum's natural history collection, we will discover the distinctions between vertebrate and invertebrate animals from different classes. Students will explore how animal groups relate and differ, and how we can identify with various animals to recognize our own diverse and unique traits.

*Grade K:* LS1-1; *Grade 1:* LS3-1; *Grade 2:* LS4-1; *Grade 3:* LS3-2, LS4-2; *Grade 4:* LS1-1

## Fur, Feathers or Scales\* — Grades K-5

Do mammals, birds and reptiles share similar physical features, and how do we tell them apart? Jump into the role of a biologist to uncover how scientists distinguish these peculiar animals from one another. Our educators will travel to your classroom with THREE live animals, one from each group, along with artifacts from the museum's natural history collection. Throughout the program, students will learn lessons in responsible artifact handling and gain an awareness of how to interact with different live animal species in a classroom setting. \*\$200 Program Fee

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# Arts Integrated Programs

## Wildlife Illustration — Grades K-5

Transform into a wildlife illustrator who observes and draws a live animal in the classroom! Students will share and convey what they notice about the visiting animal's attributes and will express their wonders as to why the animal possesses these visible traits. Our museum education staff will guide students through an interactive drawing activity where they will acquire a variety of sketching techniques to represent specific animal characteristics.

SSCS: 2.3, 3.2; NGSS: *Grade K:* LS1-1, ESS3-1, LS1.A, LS3.A; *Grade 2:* LS4-1, LS2.C; *Grade 3:* 3-LS4-4, LS4.C; *Grade 4:* LS1-1, LS1-2; VA: *Grade 1:* Cr1.2.1a, Cn:11.1.1a; *Grade 2:* Cn:11.1.2a; *Grade 3:* Cr3.1.3a, Cn10.1.3a; *Grade 4:* Re.7.1.4a; *Grade 5:* Cr2.3.5a



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