

# LUTZ CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

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www.LutzMuseum.org

## MUSEUM HOURS

Tuesday–Friday.....9:00AM–5:00PM  
Saturday–Sunday ..... 12:00–5:00PM

### CLOSED:

Christmas Day – Tuesday, December 25  
New Year's Day – Tuesday, January 1  
Martin Luther King Day – Monday, January 21

### OPEN:

School Vacation Day – Monday, February 18

## MUSEUM ADMISSION

Members ..... Free  
Adults..... \$7.00  
Children ..... \$7.00

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# LUTZ UP?

WINTER 2018-19



## DROP & SHOP NIGHT

Rudolph is already filing his flight plan. Will you be ready? Our "Drop & Shop" night can help. Children ages 3–10 are invited to a fun-filled pajama party at the museum while their parents make holiday preparations (or just enjoy a quiet dinner together). Your contribution of \$20 includes a pizza dinner, activities, crafts, and a movie. Jammies are optional, but you might want to bring a blanket or teddy bear in case anyone gets sleepy.

Friday, December 7 ..... 6:00-9:00PM

## SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS

All of your favorite museum educators are available to visit your school, library, or community organization. The museum staff will travel to twenty-eight surrounding towns. Find our teacher newsletter at our website at [www.lutzmuseum.org](http://www.lutzmuseum.org) or call 860-643-0949 for more information. All museum programs are aligned with educational standards and are designed to make learning fun. Consider sponsoring a program as a gift to your child's class!



## HOLIDAY ORNAMENT DECORATING



Skip the line at the store and stop in at the Lutz Children's Museum instead! Children of all ages will be able to create a personalized gift for a family member or friend — just in time for the holidays.

Thursday, December 13 ..... 4:00-4:45PM

Tuesday, December 18..... 11:00-11:30AM

## FAMILY PAINT AFTERNOON

Join us for an afternoon of family fun and learn about Austrian symbolist painter, Gustav Klimt. Using acrylics on canvas you will recreate your very own painting of Klimt's *The Sunflower* while enjoying cheese, crackers, and juice. Registration is required for this program and space is limited. Your contribution includes two guests for the program and free admission to the museum. Please dress for a mess. Ages 5 and up. \$20 Members (for two guests); \$26 Non-Members (for two guests); \$10 Each Additional Guest

Sunday, December 9..... 2:00-4:00PM

## EARLY SPRING OR SIX MORE WEEKS OF WINTER?

*Groundhog Day Falls on a Saturday!*



"Chuckles" is keenly aware of his celebrity status as Connecticut's only official groundhog. You may only see him sleeping, but that is because he is up all night consulting with meteorologists, examining satellite photos and reading his farmer's almanac. Please join museum members, local dignitaries, and the media as Chuckles makes his annual prediction at sunrise. We will open our doors promptly at 6:00AM. Coffee and light breakfast food will be available. Admission is free to everyone!

Saturday, February 2 ..... 6:00-8:00AM

## TIME TO RENEW (OR JOIN!)

All museum memberships expire on December 31. Please renew yours soon so that you don't miss one minute of the fun. Reciprocal memberships offer free or reduced admission to hundreds of other museums across the United States and Canada. All members receive unlimited free admissions at LCM, free classes, plus discounts on concerts, trips, and special events. Contact us at 860-643-0949 to renew or become a new member.

## VOLUNTEER NEWS

The Lutz Children's Museum is always seeking motivated volunteers. Please contact us if you have some free time and want to make a difference in the lives of young children. Museum volunteers range in age from teenagers to octogenarians. Some help with classes; others care for the animals, build exhibits, work in the office, maintain trails at our nature center, serve on committees or participate in events. Want to help? Please contact Michelle Deering at 860-643-0949 x30952 or [volunteer@lutzmuseum.org](mailto:volunteer@lutzmuseum.org).

# Winter Classes at LCM

Classes are free with admission but they are on a first come first serve basis, so please arrive on time! Please dress your child in play clothes since many activities will be messy. Parents are not required to stay for classes, unless otherwise noted. Please advise us if your child has any food allergies.

## TUESDAYS

**2-5 year olds**

### **Domestic vs. Wild**

The Lutz Children's Museum is home to dozens of domestic and native wildlife species. But, what's the big deal? By getting up close and personal with our live animal collection, we will explore how these animals differ in their needs and survival tactics.

**10:00-10:30AM**

December 4, 11, 18; January 8, 15

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**2-5 year olds**

### **Track That Animal**

Animals often leave behind clues regarding their daily habits. Together, we will learn to "read" the story that these animals are trying to tell us by touching bird nests, smelling faux scat, and looking at bones.

**10:00-10:30AM**

January 22, 29; February 5, 12, 19, 26

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**5-10 year olds**

### **Science Experiment Exploration**

All scientists have one thing in common... they ask questions! Come answer your own questions by participating in hands-on experiments that explore the various fields of natural science.

**4:00-4:45PM**

December 4, 11, 18; January 8, 15, 22, 29;  
February 5, 12, 19, 26

## WEDNESDAYS

**2-5 year olds**

### **The Paintings of Georgia O'Keeffe**

Fill the winter months with color as we look at artifacts from the museum up close and make creative interpretations through paint, markers, crayons, and collage.

**3:15-4:00PM**

December 5, 12, 19; January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30;  
February 6, 13, 20, 27

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**5-10 year olds**

### **The Paintings of Georgia O'Keeffe**

Fill the winter months with color as we look at flowers and artifacts from the museum up close and make creative interpretations through various materials including collage, painting, colored pencils, and more.

**4:00-4:45PM**

December 5, 12, 19, 26; January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30;  
February 6, 13, 20, 27

## FRIDAYS

**5-10 year olds**

### **CT Forest Ecosystem Exploration**

Each week we will explore essential facets of the temperate deciduous forest ecosystem. We will use field guides and dichotomous keys to identify plants, explore animal tracks, and understand how all living and non-living factors make up our backyard.

**4:00-4:45PM**

December 7, 14, 21; January 4, 11, 18

## WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY

**2-5 year olds**

### **Storytelling Rocks**

Touch, examine, and classify rocks from the museum's natural history collection. Students will then color and glue small pictures onto rocks creating a set of storytelling rocks with pictures depicting nouns, pronouns, verbs, adverbs and adjectives as well as transitional words. Great from imaginative writing prompts, collaborative story telling, listening skills, sound recognition, and more!

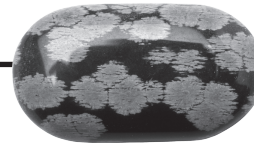
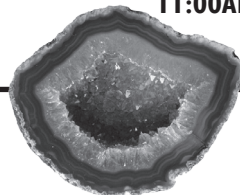
**10:00AM – December 26, 27, 28**

**5-10 year olds**


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**11:00AM – December 26, 27, 28**



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<b>DECEMBER 2018</b>						1
2	3	4 Domestic vs. Wild Ages 2-5; 10:00AM Science Exp. Ages 5-10; 4:00PM	5 Paintings of O'Keeffe Ages 2-5; 3:15PM Ages 5-10; 4:00PM	6	7 CT Forest Ages 5-10; 4:00PM <b>DROP &amp; SHOP NIGHT 6-9PM</b>	8
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16	17	18 ORNAMENT DECORATING 11AM Domestic vs. Wild Ages 2-5; 10:00AM Science Exp. Ages 5-10; 4:00PM	19 Paintings of O'Keeffe Ages 2-5; 3:15PM Ages 5-10; 4:00PM	20	21 CT Forest Ages 5-10; 4:00PM	22
23/30	24/31	25 <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>  (museum is closed)	26 Storytelling Rocks Ages 2-5; 10:00AM Ages 5-10; 11:00AM Paintings of O'Keeffe Ages 5-10; 4:00PM	27 Storytelling Rocks Ages 2-5; 10:00AM Ages 5-10; 11:00AM	28 Storytelling Rocks Ages 2-5; 10:00AM Ages 5-10; 11:00AM	29

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20	21 <b>MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY</b> (museum is closed)	22 Track That Animal Ages 2-5; 10:00AM Science Exp. Ages 5-10; 4:00PM	23 Paintings of O'Keeffe Ages 2-5; 3:15PM Ages 5-10; 4:00PM	24	25	26
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## DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

We appreciate every contribution big or small, but there is a way to make your donation go twice as far. The Lutz Children's Museum is a nonprofit organization that depends on your support. Your contributions help to fund the exhibits, animals, classes, concerts, trips, school outreach, and our nature center. Many young children have their first experience with classroom education right here. We teach through hands-on learning and inquiry. We want to make that experience so positive that children cannot wait to learn some more. Like William Butler Yeats said, "education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire". Won't you please help keep the fires burning? Don't forget to check with your employer. Remember that part about your donation going twice as far? Many employers will match your contribution to the Lutz Children's Museum. Please feel free to contact me personally to make a contribution or learn more about our programs.

Best Regards,  
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	<b>FEBRUARY 2019</b>				1	2 <b>GROUNDHOG PREDICTION 6-8 AM</b>
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