



MUSEUM HAPPENINGS



SPRING 2019

Meet Me at The Museum!



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TOP LEFT: Rudy Wendelin at the easel with a Smokey Bear painting, c. 1982, courtesy of the Wendelin Family Archives; TOP RIGHT: Rocket Launch in *ASTRONAUT: Your Journey Begins on Earth*; BOTTOM LEFT: Titanophoneus from *Permian Monsters: Life Before the Dinosaurs*. BOTTOM RIGHT: Jan van Vliet (Dutch, active c. 1628 - 1637), *Portrait of an Old Man*, 1634, etching, Museum Purchase, Reading Public Museum, 1919.142.1



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FOR ADULTS

Arboretum Education | 1:30 pm

Join us in the Arboretum for a variety of learning opportunities presented by Master Gardeners, avid horticulturists, and other industry specialists. **Free for Members; \$5 for Non-Members.** No reservations required.

February 26 | Fairy Houses and Garden Gnomes

March 26 | The Nature Place –

Our Neighbors at Angelica Park

April 30 | Square Foot Gardening by Kathy Stankowicz

May 28 | Meditation and Mindfulness in the Garden

June 25 | Bees, presented by PSU Master Gardeners

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Senior Series | 1:30 pm

You are never too old to learn! Come to The Museum for this senior-friendly program. The program runs on the 4th Friday of the month unless otherwise noted. This program is FREE for Members and FREE with Museum admission. **All documentaries will be shown in the Neag Planetarium.* Guests of all ages welcome. No reservations required.

February 22 | *Vermeer, Beyond Time

March 22 | The Scarf and Goggle Days of Men in Space.

Presented by Bob Button

April 26 | The Dutch Golden Age: Prints by Rembrandt and his Contemporaries

May 24 | *American Experience: Dinosaur Wars

June 28 | Smokey Bear and the Art of Rudy Wendelin



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BUS TRIPS!

Museum of the American Revolution

April 9, 2019 | Departure: 10 a.m.

Travel back in time with RPM on a bus trip to historic Philadelphia to visit the newly built Museum of the American Revolution. Our trip begins with lunch at the Historic City Tavern Restaurant where you will dine on traditional colonial cuisine prepared by James Beard-nominated chef, Walter Staib and his team of chefs. The Historic City Tavern Restaurant was founded in 1773 and served as a local meeting place for many of the Founding Fathers and was the location of the first Fourth of July Celebration in 1777. After lunch we will travel to The Museum of the American Revolution. We will begin our visit with a highlights tour of the permanent collection. From the early stirrings of unrest in Boston to signing of the Declaration of Independence and the creation of the American Republic, the Museum's core exhibition explores the ideas, events, and legacies of America's revolutionary beginnings. After the tour guests will attend a special viewing of Washington's War Tent, the original tent that George Washington used as his command center during the American Revolution. The day will conclude with free time to explore the museum on your own.

Reservations required by March 22.

Members \$135; Non-Members \$165
Includes museum admission, tour, transportation, and lunch

Bus trips sponsored locally by



The National Geographic Museum

May 7, 2019 | Departure: 7:30 a.m.

Join the Reading Public as we travel to The National Geographic Museum in Washington D.C. to view the *Queens of Egypt* exhibition. This multisensory exhibition will bring you back in time some 3,500 years, to the 18th and 19th dynasties of ancient Egypt, where you will get to know such legendary queens as Nefertari, Nefertiti, Hatshepsut, and Cleopatra VII. Our day will begin with lunch at D.C.'s Daily Grill followed by a guided tour of *Queens of Egypt* where you will see more than 300 prestigious objects, including monumental statues, sparkling jewelry, and impressive sarcophagi; and take a 3-D tour of one of the most well-preserved tombs in the Valley of the Queens. The day will conclude with free time to explore the rest of the National Geographic Museum before returning to Reading.

Reservations required by April 20.

Members \$145; Non-Members \$175
Includes museum admission, tour, transportation, and lunch

RESERVATIONS: To reserve your spot for the Bus Trips, please call Wendy Koller at 610.371.5850 x223.

Book both trips and save \$10!

Please note: reservations are non-refundable. If The Museum needs to cancel the trip due to inclement weather, a full refund will be issued.

RPM READS!

at the Reading Public Museum

Do you love to read? Join us for *RPM Reads!* An adult book club themed after one of our current exhibitions. This program features a discussion, meal, and tour.

Members \$10; Non-members \$15; Program runs 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Books can be found at all Berks County Libraries and Amazon.com

Reservations required: Please contact Coleen at 610.371.5850 x227 or coleen.mikucki@readingpublicmuseum.org.

Meeting Date April 29

Rembrandt's Eyes by Simon Schama

YOGA in the Neag Planetarium

Come relax at The Neag Planetarium each week as you participate in RPM's new yoga program. Led by a certified yoga instructor, these sessions will provide gentle yoga relaxation under the stars. The program runs every Tuesday & Wednesday evening from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Series 3

Tuesdays: April 2 - June 4

Wednesdays: April 3 - June 5

Reservations are required. Cost per session is \$5 for Museum Members and \$8 for Non-Members. Register for the full 10 week series and save! Members: \$40 Non-Members \$60

To register: Please contact Coleen at 610.371.5850 x227 or coleen.mikucki@readingpublicmuseum.org. Space is limited.

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For Adults

SAVE THE DATES!



Golfin' in the Galleries

(adults only 21+)

February 22 | 6 p.m.

Family Fun

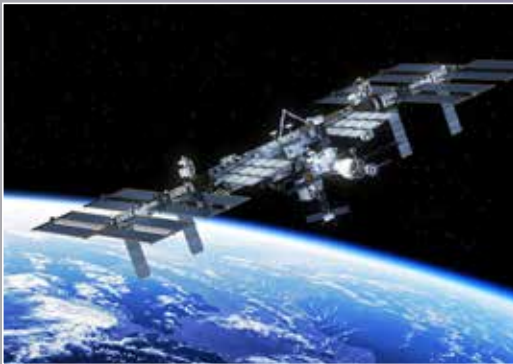
February 22 & 23
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Easter at The Museum

April 21

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.



National Space Day Family Night Out

May 3 | 6 p.m.



Geometric Bubble Event

May 4

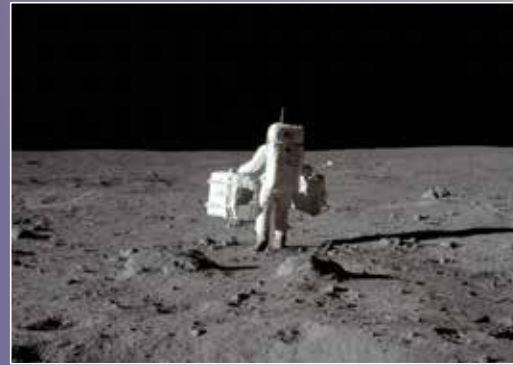
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

For info on all events, please visit readingpublicmuseum.org



Dogs & Brews

May 26
12 - 4 p.m.



**50th Anniversary
of the Lunar
Landing
Celebration**

July 20
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.



**7th Annual
Masterpiece
Weddings
Showcase**

September 15
12 - 3 p.m.



**Night at
The Museum**

September 21
6 p.m.

MUSEUM DISCOVERY CAMP!

Keep your child learning while having fun this summer! Each week of camp features different activities including art, science, history, and more! Camp is for students entering grades 1-6 and is held from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday - Friday. Campers must bring their own lunch and snack. **Registration is required. Contact Rebeka at rebeka.birch@readingpublicmuseum.org or 610.371.5850 x258. Before & After mini camps are also available!**

Ask about our
Pre-school
and Forensic
Science Camps!

CAMP TOPICS!

July 8 - 12: EEK! Real Monsters!

Discover all about the real life "monsters" that exist in our world today, in our history, and even some that are more legend than reality!

July 15 - 19: Grooving through the Galaxy

Go on a galactic adventure as we groove our way through outer space!

July 22 - 26: Bang, Pop, Fizz

Grab your cauldron and join us for a week full of concocting popping potions, fizzing fun and banging bubbling beakers!

July 29 - August 2: Art Extravaganza

Put on your creativity beret and join us for a week of imaginative discovery as we delve into everything art!

August 5 - 9: Raiders of the Lost Artifact

Go on a quest around The Museum to discover some of the lost artifacts of our collection in this whirlwind around the world adventure.

August 12 -16:

Light IT, Move IT, Make IT

Spend the week discovering how to design and Make **IT**ems! Design and build everything from Rube Goldberg machines to robots

August 19 - 23: Outdoor Explorers

Get into the great outdoors and explore all the amazing things that nature has to offer. Be prepared for some fantastic adventures!

PRICING INFORMATION (per camper, per week)

Membership Early Bird

\$150 – registration opens March 1 – April 30

Non-Member Early Bird Registration

\$180 – registration opens April 1 – April 30

Member Full Price

\$175 – registration begins May 1

Non-Member Full Price

\$200 – registration begins May 1



CHILDREN & FAMILY

Full STEAM Ahead

Join The Museum for an exciting toddler science program. Explore a variety of STEAM topics while having fun at The Museum with your little beaker buddy. Each month will explore a new topic that combines both science and art activities. Programs run from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. on the dates listed below and will include light refreshments for the toddlers.

*Reservations required. \$20 for Members, \$35 for Non-Members, \$15 for preregistration, \$5 for each additional adult or child

To register: Contact Coleen at coleen.mikucki@readingpublicmuseum.org or call 610.371.5850 x227.

February 14 | Super Space

Blast off for a morning filled with activities that are truly out of this world. Build a rocket named after you, create a set of planet sun catchers and even try your hand at star art.

March 14 | π (Pi) Day

Come celebrate March 14, also known as π (Pi) Day, with a morning full of math-tastic activities. Create your own city shape using the value of π , design your own math bracelet and have some fun with π based fractions.

April 18 | Discovering the 5 Senses

Have fun while learning about your 5 senses: touch, taste, see, smell, and hear. Discover how each one of your senses helps out the others and make some smelly slime.

May 9 | A is for ART

Spend the morning learning about different types of art and make your own masterpieces to take home.

June 13 | B is for BUGS

Bugs, Bugs, Everywhere! Enjoy a morning learning about some of the smallest critters in our area. Go on a bug scavenger hunt and make your own dragonfly!

Drop In & Draw

Grab some friends and swing by the incredible galleries at the Reading Public Museum for our Drop In & Draw program! We provide the paper and pencils, you do the rest! Try your hand at reproducing some of the beloved works lining the walls of the Reading Public Museum or take inspiration and create your own masterpiece! Free for Members; Free with Museum admission. Program runs 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

February 16

March 16

April 20

May 18

June 15

July 20

Homeschool Days

Join Educators from The Museum for an exciting morning filled with special tours and hands-on projects that the whole family can enjoy! Programs are designed for elementary school age students (younger and older siblings welcome to participate). Programs run from 10 a.m. - 12 noon.

***Reservations required.** Deadline to reserve is one week prior to each program. Pricing: \$15 for Members (includes 1 adult and 1 child), \$5 for each additional adult or child. \$20 for Non-Members (includes 1 adult and 1 child), \$7 for each additional adult or child. Includes Museum admission for the day of the program.

February 13
Space Robotics

March 13
The 5 Senses

April 10
Fine Art Fun

May 8
Discovering
Pennsylvania

June 12
Fantastic Forests



Sensory Mornings

The Museum strives to be a place of life-long learning and enjoyment for guests of all ages and abilities. As a result, we host special sensory hours where The Museum opens early on the first Monday of the month, and the following Sunday unless otherwise noted* for guests and their caretakers who require a quieter atmosphere to explore. Pre-registered guests will receive a pre-visit packet with information to share with their child. Programs run 9 - Noon. Regular Museum admission applies.

Pre-registration recommended.
Deadline is one week prior to program.

February 4 & 10
March 4 & 10
April 1 & 7

May 6 & 12 (at planetarium)
June 3 & 9
July 1 & 7

Kids' Night Out

These hands-on evenings are just for kids! Each one features a different topic and kids get to enjoy gallery time, make crafts to take home, and more! Plus pizza dinner and an evening snack are included! Programs run from 6 - 9:30 p.m. and are for kids 6 - 12.

*Registration is required. Deadline to register is the Wednesday prior to each program. Pricing: \$25 for Members, \$18 for each additional sibling; \$35 for Non-Members, \$28 for each additional sibling.

February 22 | Planetarium Party

Rocket into outer space tonight! Join us for a party in the planetarium filled with out of this world activities.

March 15 | Science Fiction, Science Fact

Would you believe that science fiction plays a role in science? Come join us for an evening of exploring how exactly science fiction inspires and plays a role in scientific advancement.

April 19 | Eggstravaganza: Egg Science

Scrambled, sunny side up, and hardboiled... science? Have an egg-citing evening featuring science activities focused around eggs and all the amazing things that can be done with them.

May 10 | Toothpick Towers and other Amazing Engineering

Can you build a tower that supports 5 pounds out of nothing but toothpicks or a bridge that holds 20 dinosaurs with only Popsicle sticks? Join us and find out if you can do these amazing engineering feats and many more.

June 14 | Monsters of the Deep

Have you ever wondered what creatures lurk in the depths of the oceans or lived before the dinosaurs? Find out and explore what amazing creatures existed long ago.



*To register for family programs, please contact Coleen at coleen.mikucki@readingpublicmuseum.org or call 610.371.5850 x227. For details on programs visit, readingpublicmuseum.org.

SCOUTS

We are pleased to offer private Girl Scout and BSA workshops for all ages, anytime! Choose from our complete list of scout programs. ½ Day and Full Day Workshops need a minimum of 8 scouts and can be scheduled for any day of the week - Each ½ Day program is 2.5 hours in length and would complete 1 badge. Each Full Day program is 5 hours in length with a 1-hour break and would complete either 2 badge or 1 badge set. Both types of programs include all supplies and Instruction. Pricing for a ½ Day Workshop is \$15/ scout, \$6 per adult. Pricing for a Full Day Workshop is \$25/scout, \$6/adult.

A minimum of 1 leader is required for every 10 scouts. Workshops are for scouts only. Day programs include Museum admission.

Registration is required through Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania for the following programs: Junior Space Science Investigator Overnight, Cadette Think Like an Engineer Overnight, Daisy Space Science Explorer, Brownie Space Science Adventurer, Cadette Robotics Frenzy Overnight, Brownie Think Like and Engineer Journey, Junior Engineer Overnight, Daisy Mechanical Engineer, and Junior Mechanical Engineer.

<http://www.gsep.org/online-registration/>

Scheduled Girl Scout Dates

Pricing Details

Day/Afternoon Programs:
\$23 per scout; \$6 per adult.
Sleepovers: \$41 per scout; \$15 per adult.

Some pricing may vary with certain workshops

*Save by booking both the morning and the afternoon workshops!

Junior Space Investigators Overnight

Friday, March 1-2 (Fri-Sat) | 6 p.m. - 8 a.m.

Cadette Think Like an Engineer Overnight

Friday, March 22-23 (Fri-Sat) | 6 p.m. - 8 a.m.

Daisy Space Science Explorer

Sunday, April 7 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Brownie Space Science Adventurer

Sunday, April 7 | 1 - 4 p.m.

Cadette Robotics Frenzy Overnight

Friday, April 12-13 (Fri-Sat) | 6 p.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Brownie Think Like and Engineer Journey

Sunday, May 5 | 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Junior Engineer Overnight

Friday, May 17-18 (Fri-Sat) | 6 p.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Daisy Mechanical Engineers

Saturday, June 1 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Junior Mechanical Engineer

Saturday, June 1 | 1 - 4 p.m.



Scouts on the Go

Can't come to The Museum? Let us come to you! Choose from our complete list of scout programs. Each program is 2 hours in length and includes all supplies and instruction. Pricing is \$200 per every 10 participants.

Scout Sleepovers

Spend a night at The Museum exploring, learning, and having fun! Choose from our complete list of scout programs. Sleepovers need a minimum of 30 scouts to run and can be scheduled for Friday or Saturday evenings. Sleepovers include evening snack, breakfast, all supplies and instruction. Pricing: \$40/scout; \$20/adult.

Exclusive GirlSTEM Patch

The Museum has designed GirlSTEM patches for Brownie, Junior, Cadette and Senior Scouts. This program makes science, technology, engineering and mathematics fun! These patch requirements were hand-written by our science expert, and the hands-on projects are sure to get your scouts excited about STEM.

You pick the date and time, and we do the rest! Pricing: \$17/scout; \$6/adult; One adult per workshop is free. Fees include all workshop activities, an exclusive patch and museum admission for the day of the workshop.

Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Scouts BSA Programs

Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Scout BSA programs are coming to The Museum! Beginning January 2019 we will be proud to offer select Adventures for all levels of Cub Scouts in ½ Day, Full Day, and Sleepover (Webelos and Arrow of Light only) workshop forms. Also, beginning April 2019 we will have official Merit Badge Counselors at The Museum for select Merit Badges in all workshop forms. Private Workshop and Sleepover pricing applies.



FOR EDUCATORS

Sensory Friendly

The Reading Public Museum is pleased to offer group visits for groups of all ages and abilities. As a IBCCS certified Autism Center, The Reading Public Museum offers sensory friendly programs and tours upon request. For more information, please contact Wendy at wendy.koller@readingpublicmuseum.org



*Feed Their Imagination

The Reading Public Museum is doing its part to help school groups get here. Thanks to our generous donors, we are proud to be able to offer funds to help students of all ages and backgrounds come to The Museum.

Our “Feed Their Imagination” (FTI) program has grown significantly over the past several years and we are looking forward to additional growth. With many schools having to eliminate field trips and other special programs due to budget cuts, this grant opportunity is more important than ever. Grants are available for all public, private, and parochial schools during designated times of the year. Opportunities for other groups are possible as well.

Last year, FTI funds brought in over 6,500 students. With ever-growing support, our goal is to increase the number of children served to 7,000 during the 2018-2019 school year!



FOR GROUPS

Group Tour Information

Group visits here at The Museum are alive and well! We are thrilled to welcome eager and attentive learners from pre-K to adults on a daily basis.

We can help tailor a visit just for your group based on any of our special exhibits, permanent collections, Planetarium, or Arboretum. Group rates apply to groups of 10 or more that make advanced reservations.

*For more information, or to schedule any type of group visit, contact Wendy.

Ask about adding a Tour Activity to your visit!

ASTRONAUT



Permian Monsters: Life Before the Dinosaurs



CUT! Costume and the Cinema



Spring/Summer/Fall 2019-20 Exhibitions

ASTRONAUT

Through May 5, 2019

The Dutch Golden Age: Prints by Rembrandt and His Contemporaries

Through May 5, 2019

Permian Monsters:

Life Before the Dinosaurs

May 18 - September 2, 2019

Smokey Bear and the Art of Rudy Wendelin

May 18 - August 25, 2019

Floating Beauty:

Japanese Woodblock Prints

September 7, 2019 - January 5, 2020

CUT! Costume and the Cinema

September 21, 2019 - January 5, 2020

Arthur's™ World

September 27, 2019 - January 5, 2020

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