

NewsLetter



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Spring

2024



April | May | June

MUSEUM HOURS

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Wednesday – Saturday
10 AM – 5 PM

CLOSED

Sunday – Tuesday

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How long have you been at A2?

Two years at A2

What are your current responsibilities here?

I work as an Early Learning Specialist. I lead our *STEAM Library Makers* program as well as *Amazing Children*, an outreach program to area preschools. I also assist in educational programming offered at the museum.

What is your favorite part about working here?

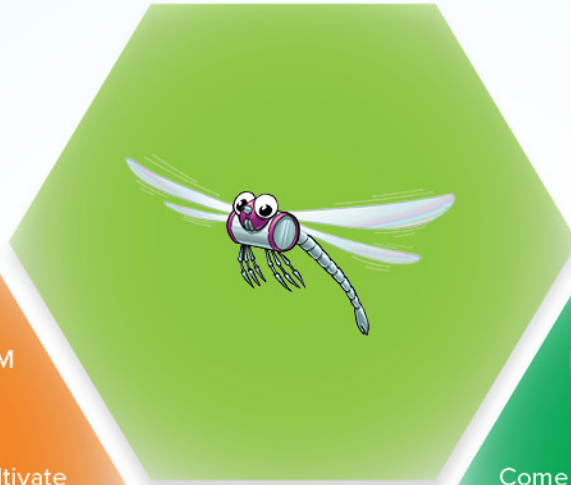
I love helping children explore, create, and learn through fun, hands on activities and programs.

Tell us a fun fact about you:

I have been a teacher in 3 very different states: New York, Arizona, and Virginia. Kids are amazing no matter where you go!

What is your favorite color?

My favorite colors are blue and green.



Open Makerspace
 Every Saturday | 1 PM – 3 PM
 The *Hive* Makerspace
 Perfect for ages 6-10

The *Hive* is abuzz! Stop by to cultivate creativity and engage in the engineering design process while tackling prompts using unique materials. We look forward to seeing what you will build and discover together! Monthly themes will be available on the website.

Fun Fridays @ The Paint Box
 Every Friday | 10 AM – 4 PM
 The Paint Box
 Perfect for all ages

Come join us for a *paint-astic* activity led by our museum educators. Try to mix colors, paint in black and white, contribute to a community mural, create a portrait, and more! Activities change for new experiences each week!

Weekly Programs

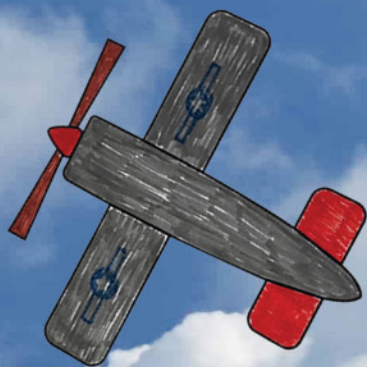
All programs are included with museum admission or membership.

Imagination Studio: Start with Art
 Every Saturday
 10 AM – 12 PM
 Perfect for all ages

This program focuses on exploring fine motor abilities and developmental learning skills as they relate to various types of art and art techniques. Don't miss out on this amazing program! Monthly themes will be available on the website.



New Exhibit Alert



AIM HIGH: Soaring with the Tuskegee Airmen

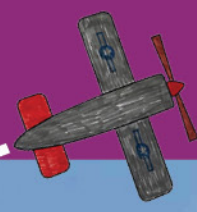
Aim High: *Soaring with the Tuskegee Airmen* makes its debut in May at Amazement Square. Created by Children's Museum of Pittsburgh in partnership with Hosanna House. A² is the second museum in the country to show this exhibition!

This interactive exhibition invites visitors to explore the multiple aspects of aviation, from the rich history of the Tuskegee Airmen to 21st century STEM concepts. Inspired by the tools and tasks related to flying and aeronautics, the interactive experiences mix real artifacts with hands-on play. Visitors of all ages will be able to imagine themselves in the role of the aviators, inspired by the past and dream of the future.

In partnership with the Legacy Museum of African American History and the Anne Spencer House and Garden Museum, complementary programming will take place throughout the summer. Check out our website to learn more!

The Lynchburg showing of *AIM HIGH: Soaring with the Tuskegee Airmen* exhibition has been made possible by grants from the James River Arts & Cultural District and the Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation and locally sponsored by the Lynchburg Regional Airport and Jamerson-Lewis Construction. The exhibition can be viewed at Amazement Square through Saturday, August 31, 2024.





OPENING MAY 11TH, 2024!



Legacy Museum
Of African American History

THE
Anne Spencer
HOUSE & GARDEN MUSEUM



Lynchburg Regional Airport

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Summer WonderCamp

WonderCamp Junior ½ Day Camps

8:45 AM – 12:45 PM | \$140 per week

For 3-5 year olds who haven't started Kindergarten

Register NOW

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½ Day Things That Go!

June 3rd – June 7th

Boats, trains and planes, oh my! Come investigate how things move, work, and even blast off with us through inquiry, experimentation, and play!



½ Day Fun with Art

June 10th – June 14th

Unleash your creativity in this fun and colorful camp all about art! Create with different materials and make your own masterpiece.



½ Day Dino Dig

June 17th – June 21st

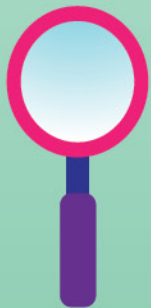
Become a paleontologist as you dig into prehistoric discovery to take a close-up look at the fierce creatures who once roamed the earth.



½ Day Young Naturalist

June 24th – June 28th

Join us as we explore nature through play! Use nature and your senses as guides, get up close and personal with dirt, flowers, trees and even a critter or two!





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1/2 Day Ooey Gooley Science

July 8th – July 12th
What makes things sticky or slimy? Experiment with oozy art, play dough, and slimes to discover the science of all things ooey gooley!

1/2 Day 3, 2, 1, Blast Off!

July 15th – July 19th
Take a trip around the solar system to explore the planets, moon, and stars! Explore the night sky in Amazement Square's planetarium and train like an astronaut in a camp that's out of this world!

1/2 Day Under the Sea

July 22nd – July 26th
Take a dive into the big blue and explore life underwater from animals to water science experiments and play!

1/2 Day Mini Makers

July 29th – August 2nd
Empower your inner maker as you create various inventions, tinker with toys, and practice programming with robots.



Summer WonderCamp

WonderCamp Explorer **full day camps**

8:45 AM - 3:30 PM | \$250 per week

For completed K-2nd graders

Register **NOW**

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Full Day Environmental Investigator

June 3rd - June 7th

Join us for a week full of discovery and outdoor adventures! Investigate the natural world and the animals that live within it.

Full Day STEAM Makers

June 10th - June 14th

What can you make with cardboard, electronics, and recycled parts? Join us for tinkering, building, and creation where out of the box thinking is required! Each day focuses on a different part of STEAM with Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math!

Full Day Slimeology

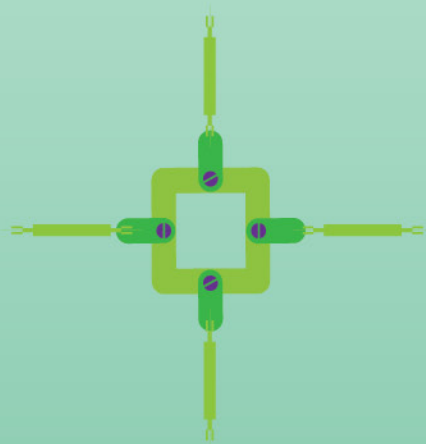
June 17th - June 21st

Dive deep into the science of polymers and natural oozes. Of course, this also involves making lots of sticky, icky slime!

Full Day Intro to Robotics

June 24th - June 28th

Explore coding, electricity, and robotics in this hands-on camp! Use the engineering design process to design, build and code robots using technology, electronics, and other materials.





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Full Day Around the World

July 8th – July 12th

Join us for a week of adventure and collect new stamps on your passport as we visit countries all over the world. Learn about different cultures, create art, and play games from all ends of the earth.

Full Day Mad Scientist

July 15th – July 19th

It takes mad curiosity to make scientific discoveries! Become a mad scientist as you conduct hands-on science experiments that bubble and fizz with fun!

Full Day Big Messy Art

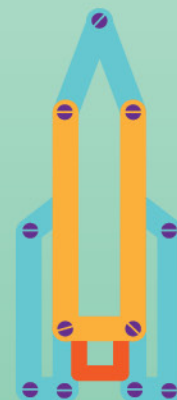
July 22nd – July 26th

Calling all artists! Are you ready to get messy? Explore art in a BIG way and create your own masterpieces in this colorful and creative camp!

Full Day STEAM to Space

July 29th – August 2nd

What makes the world go round? Explore the Earth and space through play, and blast off with us as we explore the solar system in Amazement Square's planetarium.



Summer WonderCamp

WonderCamp Adventurer full day camps
8:45 AM - 3:30 PM | \$250 per week
For completed 3rd-5th graders

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Full Day Clay Creators

June 3rd June 7th

Calling all clay lovers! This camp is an introduction to hand building techniques in clay. Campers will be challenged to learn the techniques of slab, pinch, and coil to create their own functional pottery and nonfunctional artworks. This camp is best for young artists who want to learn new skills and can follow directions.



Full Day Stop Motion Animation

June 17th – June 21st

Create your own stop motion animation films in this camp dedicated to film and design! Explore set design, construct your characters, and experiment with sound effects to create a one-of-a-kind production.





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Full Day Woodworking Apprenticeship

July 8th-12th

Learn the craft of woodworking in this exciting camp! Practice new skills and techniques as you build functional and beautiful wood pieces.



Full Day STEAM to Mars

July 22nd-26th

Blast off to explore the red planet, Mars! Learn about rovers and use the engineering design process to design, build and code robots using technology, electronics, and other materials. Explore new data and brainstorm what life might be like on Mars.



Kanga Rules with Commerce Street Theater



WITH PROGRAMMING PROVIDED BY



Saturday, April 27th | Saturday, May 4th | Saturday, May 11th

Two showings will be available from 10:30 – 11:20 a.m. and 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Children and families are invited to Commerce Street Theater's performance of Kanga Rules! Visitors will also participate in hands-on activities to explore the themes of the play and the importance of friendship!

Autism Night at the Hillcats

Join Amazement Square and Puzzled for Autism Night at the Lynchburg Hillcats and enjoy sensory-friendly activities, baseball, and more on Saturday, May 18th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



SCAN FOR TICKETS

ONLINE TICKETS: \$8
DAY OF GAME TICKETS: \$12

FIRST PITCH: 6:30 PM
GATE OPEN: 5:30 PM

NIGHT WILL FEATURE:
PUZZLED TICKET FUNDRAISER
\$4/TICKET SOLD IS DONATED TO PUZZLED
HILLCATS BASEBALL
POST GAME FIREWORKS



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Teddy Bear Night at the Ball Park

In partnership with the Kiwanis Club of Lynchburg, join us on Friday, April 26th, at 6:30 p.m. for a special Teddy Bear Night at the Lynchburg Hillcats! Bring your worn teddy bears to our teddy bear clinic, and we'll make sure to fix them right up!



TEDDY BEAR NIGHT
at the BALLPARK

Friday, April 26th — 6:30PM

SUMMER SPECTACULAR



Join us for a **summer of SPECTACULAR fun!** Weekdays in June and July are filled with exciting programs and activities for everyone. Special programs included with museum admission or membership.

Wonder Together Wednesdays: Join us we welcome friends from the community like Lynchburg Parks and Recreation, Southwest Virginia Wildlife Center, and more each week to explore exciting things happening around Lynchburg from animals to honeybees to self-defense! Check out amazementsquare.org for weekly themes and program times.

Tuskegee Thursdays: Beat the heat at Amazement Square and immerse yourself in the world of aviation in *Aim High: Soaring with the Tuskegee Airmen!* Enjoy all day exploration of the museum's four floors for **only \$10** per person! Select Thursdays include additional hands-on activities. Please see the museum website for program dates and themes. Admission discount cannot be combined with any other discounts or offers.

Far Out Fridays: Blast off and explore space in Amazement Square's planetarium! Meet the planets, discover the constellations, and zoom in on the phases of the moon. Shows take place at 11:00am, 11:45am, and 12:30pm in *Once Upon a Building* gallery each Friday. See museum website for weekly themes.

Outreach Programs

Art in the Park

Join us at Riverside Park on May 18, 2024, from 10 AM to 3 PM for a variety of programs and more!



Membership

Purchase today and instantly take advantage of all our membership perks:

Membership Levels

A² Value Membership: \$135

- Unlimited museum admission for 4 specified family members
- Quarterly e-Newsletter subscription

A² Grandparents Membership: \$175

- Unlimited museum admission for 2 grandparents and up to 4 grandchildren
- Quarterly e-Newsletter subscription

A² Supporting Patron: \$235

- Unlimited museum admission for 2 adults, 4 accompanying guests, AND 1 caregiver
- Discounts on birthday parties, camps, programs, and more!
- FREE educational museum programming
- Quarterly e-Newsletter subscription



A2 for All: \$70

- May only be purchased in person at the front desk with proof of an EBT, SNAP, or WIC card.
- Unlimited admission for 2 specified primary adults and up to 4 accompanying children.
- FREE educational museum programming
- Quarterly e-Newsletter subscription

Already have a membership?

Renew now to extend your current expiration date by one year and get a **10% discount** OR give a membership as a gift to a friend or family member! Memberships make the perfect birthday or holiday gift!

To purchase, renew, or give a membership, visit www.amazementsquare.org/membership-levels.





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Our **6,000** square foot exhibit hall is one of the largest rental spaces in the area and is the perfect space for wedding receptions, reunions, luncheons, cocktail parties, or corporate events. Design your layout, be creative with decorations and hire the caterer, band, or DJ of your choice. Our state of the art AV equipment (sound system and projectors) support a wide range of presentations, videos, images and/or music to perfectly compliment your event. The Genworth Education Center is fully equipped to address all your rental needs with options for tables, chairs and linens.

For additional information and to schedule a tour, please call us at **434-845-1888**.



BIRTHDAY * PARTIES!

THERE'S NO BETTER PLACE TO HAVE A BIRTHDAY!

We love celebrating our guests and birthdays are our favorite! With several rooms to choose from and various activities to keep the birthday child and their guests engaged and entertained you can rest assured that this will be a birthday party to remember!

2023



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