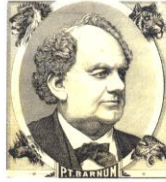


The BARNUM MUSEUM



Stories and Fun series for children continues at The Barnum Museum

Hear a children's tale and create a themed craft to take home

Due to the success of the "Book Tales and Fun" series this summer, The Barnum Museum is hosting more themed pre-school children's events as the older children head back to school this fall.

Thursday, September 17, 2009 - 11:00 a.m. "Book Tales and Fun: Pirate Adventures"

In honor of the upcoming International "Talk Like a Pirate Day," The Barnum Museum will host their fourth "Book Tales and Fun" story time designed for children age three to six. The children will hear a story "How I Became a Pirate," written by Melinda Long and illustrated by David Shannon, then make a pirate flag as a take home craft. All materials will be supplied. The book begins when Braid Beard's pirate crew invites Jeremy Jacob to join their voyage, he jumps right on board. Soon Jeremy Jacob knows all about being a pirate; buried treasure, sea chanteys, pirate curses. He throws his food across the table and his manners to the wind. He hollers like thunder and laughs off bedtime. It seems like the best time of his life, until Jeremy finds out quickly what pirates don't do!"

This is a drop off program, and while reservations are not required, they are requested. R.S.V.P. to 203-331-1104 x102 - Jaime Knoedler.

Saturday, September 19, 2009 - 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - "Treasure Hunt"

In honor of International "Talk Like a Pirate Day," The Barnum Museum is hosting an on-going orienteering program throughout the day. Designed for children of all ages to play, those who come to the museum will receive a compass and then look for a hidden treasure somewhere in the museum. If the treasure is found the child will receive a special prize!

The Barnum Museum has three floors of absolutely fascinating exhibits that illustrate the extraordinary life of Phineas Taylor Barnum. P. T. Barnum, one-term mayor of Bridgeport and four-term member of the Connecticut General Assembly, was born July 5, 1810 in Bethel and died April 7, 1891 in Bridgeport. The original museum building, owned by the City of Bridgeport is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is handicapped accessible.

- What:** "Book Tales and Fun" and "Treasure Hunt" honoring "Talk Like a Pirate Day"
- When:** Thursday September 17 at 11:00 a.m. and Saturday, September 19 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Where:** The Barnum Museum, 820 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT
- Cost:** Both programs are Free with General Museum Admission
Adults \$7, seniors and college students \$5, children 4-17 \$4 and children under 4 free.
For information call 203-331-1104 or visit www.barnum-museum.org

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