

# RENTABILITY

LEARN & DISCOVER!!



## ★ what is a kit?

Kits have been carefully designed by sensitive, professional museum educators to provide a Children's Museum experience in homes, schools, hospitals and community centers.

## ★ what is in a kit?

IDEAS! OBJECTS! SUPPLIES! Lots of ideas and learning experiences for beginners of all ages. From simple collections of artifacts and labels, to materials and directions for activities, to entire multisensory curriculum units.

★ \$\$\$? Rental fees range from \$10 to \$40

Long term rentals at reduced rates may be arranged.



## ★ who can rent a kit?

Members, schools, community groups, hospitals or any other institution in the New England area.

**BUT NOW**  
ANYONE CAN RENT

**DISCOVERY KITS**

TWO WEEKS  
ONLY \$ 10 !!!!

FOR FAMILIES  
AND SMALL GROUPS!

Discovery Kits have objects, pictures, lots of activity suggestions and all of the material needed to become engaged in exciting and valuable learning experiences.

Batteries and Bulbs	Japanese Children's Day	Multilingual Bingo
Beachcombing	Japanese New Year	Papermaking
Block Printing	Magnets	Plant Dyes and Dyeing
Bones	Medical Stuff: Broken Bones, Physical Exam	Playspace at Home
Build-A-Beast	Moccasin Game	Printing
Color Trays	Motion in Liquid	Quilting Patterns
Fluid Patterns	Multicultural Hopscotch	Ring and Pin Game
Indian Games	Multicultural Puzzles	Rubber Stamp Printing
Japanese and Chinese Calligraphy		Simple Stenciling
		Stream Table
		Weaving

## RESERVATION

To make reservations, send this form to Kit Rental, Children's Museum, 300 Congress St. Boston, Ma 02210 or call (617) 426-6500 ext 231

Advance reservations are advisable.

dates of use

kit titles

bill to:

reserve for:

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rental will be paid by:

Individual (pay at pickup)

kit will be:

Picked up by user

Kits may be picked up daily, 9:30-5:00, at the Museum's Shipping and Receiving office door (parking is not necessary), or shipped via United Parcel Service for additional nominal fees. Free admission for drivers and their children when picking up kits on weekdays

# CHILDRENS MUSEUM KIT RENTAL

## ★ EXHIBIT KITS:

Artifacts from "the Museum's" teaching collections which can be used as a display or in conjunction with a curriculum. Most include supplementary materials and an informative Kit Guide.

Rental Period: 2 Weeks **\$\$\$** \$15

African Arts  
Ancient Egypt  
Animal Defense  
Burn Prevention  
Butterflies and Moths  
Chinese Architecture  
Chinese Celebrations

Chinese Games  
Early America  
Eskimos  
Geology  
India  
Insects  
Japan  
Mammals

Mexico  
Migrating Birds  
Navajo Indians  
Nesting Birds  
Nigeria  
Northwest Coast Indians  
Plains Indians

Prehistoric Life  
Puerto Rico  
Sea Life  
Sex Role Stereotypes  
Traditional China  
Turtles  
West African Village Life  
Winter Birds

## ★ STUDY KITS:

Mini-curriculum units with a Kit Guide, artifacts, activity ideas, books and some audiovisual materials.

Rental Period: 2 Weeks **\$\$\$** \$20

Ancient Athenian Life  
Ancient Roman Life  
China and Her Land Communications  
The Community  
Fine and Folk Arts of China

Historic Algonquin Culture  
Hopi Culture  
Japanese Culture  
Jia: Chinese-American Families  
New England Farm Life  
Travels with Marco Polo

Weather  
What If You Couldn't:  
Hearing Impairments and Learning Disabilities  
Orthopedic Handicaps and Emotional Problems  
Visual Impairments and Mental Retardation

## ★ CURRICULUM UNITS:


Extensive multi-media kits with artifacts, books, audiovisual materials, models, activity ideas and supplies. Guide with structured lesson plans for a complete 3 to 3 week study.

Rental Period: 3 Weeks **\$\$\$** \$40




### Alef-Bet: Exploring Jewish Traditions

Exploration of five themes of Jewish traditional life: Torah, Hebrew Calligraphy, Passover, the Jewish Calendar, and Israel.




### House of Ancient Greece

Simulation of actual archaeological villa excavation, reconstructing through artifacts everyday life in Ancient Greece.




### Medieval People

Enactment of episodes in the life of a medieval manor using character descriptions, costumes, and props. (e.g. falconry gear, psaltery)




### Printing Press

Complete production of a book: writing, editing, printing and binding. Portable press, type, block print materials, complete instructions.




### Animal Camouflage

Examination of camouflage principles using a shadow box, model animals, mounted insects and dioramas.




### Houses

Exploration of the impact of physical environment on living patterns by comparison of Eskimo igloo and Nigerian mud thatch house models.




### Musical Shapes and Sounds

Relationship of the shapes of instruments and the sounds they produce with real instruments, photos, and recordings. Pipes for constructing own instruments.




### Rocks

Explaining seed growth and dispersal through examination and experimentation with fruits and seeds.




### The City

Introduction of the relationship between the life and form of the city with building models, maps, films, and recordings.




### Imagination Unlimited

Individual observation, creative interpretation and expression stimulated by unique multi-media materials.




### Netsilik Eskimos

Seal hunt simulation and exploration of a traditional Eskimo lifestyle with authentic tools, clothing and other artifacts.




### Seeds

Experiments with growth and dispersal of seeds through examination and exploring with fruits and seeds.




### Echoes of China

Exploration of Chinese architecture, art, celebrations, games, geography, history, and Chinese-American culture through activities. (For individual units see Exhibit and Study Kits sections.)




### Indians who met the Pilgrims

Introduction to traditional and contemporary Wampanoag lifestyles through crafts, artifacts, personal statements and seasonal food.




### New England Indian Fish Splint Basketry

Study of a continuing tradition through slides, tools, baskets, and oral history.




### Waterplay

Play and experimentation with water using tubes, vessels, tubes and water systems.




### Grouping Birds

Multi-dimensional media approach to classification using birds for sorting and grouping according to physical adaptations and behavior.




### Japanese Family

Exploration of family life in Japan through role playing with household items, clothing and family history records.



### Paddle-to-the-Sea

The story of the Great Lakes trip by "Paddle" recreated using replicas of Indian travel materials, trade items and maps.



### What If You Couldn't?

A program about handicaps -- emotional problems, hearing impairments, learning disabilities, orthopedic problems, mental retardation, visual impairments -- using simulations, role playing cards and disability aids. (For pairs of units see Study Kits section.)

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## Rebuilding an Old Japanese House

A 150-year-old row house (Kyo-Machiya) from Kyoto, Japan was shipped to the Children's Museum in 1979. This prize-winning film is a day-to-day account of its four-month-long reconstruction. The film shares first-hand observation of traditional Japanese ceremonies, tools and wood construction techniques.

1 hour 16mm color film	rental \$75
1 hour 3/4" video cassette	rental \$50

## Puppetry Training Kit



Designed for adult use in in-service, workshop and recreational program settings. Includes instructions and samples of puppets for children of different ages and abilities.

2 weeks rental \$20

## A Carousel of Kits

This set of 80 slides showing Kits and their contents can be rented for in-service meetings, or presentations by Museum staff for a small fee.

1 week rental \$15

Workshops in using specific kits can be arranged based on staff availability.