## The Resource Center Open House

Friday, October 15 7-9pm Free

Teachers, parents, community group leaders, hospital workers, librarians, students... are invited to an Open House which will introduce our new Friday night hours. Starting on Sept. 10, the Museum will be open free of charge to Friday night visitors and the Resource Center will be open until 9pm to give community workers, working parents and teachers greater access to our resources.

At the October 15 Open House, you will have a chance to see nineteen brand new Discovery Kits on topics from Bones to Quilting, learn about museum field trips, browse through our updated resources and take a chance on winning free use of Kits and free bags of RECYCLE materials in our drawings. Refreshments, too.

## Field Trip Orientation

Teachers bringing school classes to the Museum between October 1st and January 1st are encouraged to attend a free orientation session on:



Friday night October 15 7:30-8:30 pm

1:00-2:00pm October 30

3:30-4:30 pm October 28

> There have been many exhibit changes so attending a session will help you prepare your class for its visit.

## **Drop-in Workshops for Parents**

A free, blue ribbon weekend special for working parents! The Early Childhood Program presents a series of drop-in workshops for parents of young children. Workshops will be held one weekend each month in the Resource Center - drop by and make something, take home information about activities and resources and chat with us about:



October 8 6-9pm October 10 2-5pm

November 5 6-9pm Preschoolers

November 7 2-5pm

Surviving the Holidays With Young Children

December 10 6-9pm December 12 2-5pm

### **Kit Rental**

Kits for the '82-'83 season are now being reserved. We have more than 90 titles to choose from. Do you have our new brochure? Call Nona or Donna, 426-6500 X231



## **Boston School Night**

Friday, December 3 7-9pm

Boston School administrators, teachers, students and their families are invited to a free evening at the Children's Museum on December 3, 1982 as part of the Cultural Education Collaborative's Evening Escapades series. Everyone can try out new exhibits including RACEWAYS, MIRRORS, and LEGO, preview new Discovery Kits, make holiday cards and see the upto-date curriculum resources for teaching on topics including technology, multicultural studies, special needs and American History. The evening will be hosted by Jean McGuire, a member of the Boston School Committee and a member of the Children's Museum Board, Museum Director Mike Spock and the Museum staff.

## **East Asian Resources Day**

Saturday, October 23 9:30am-4pm

Did you know that Boston is rich with people from museums, shops and performing groups who would love to help you broaden your course on China and Japan? Come meet these folks and learn about what they can provide at East Asian Resources Day on Saturday, October 23rd.

The program will include workshops on elementary and secondary level teaching materials on China and Japan, visits to the Kyo no machiya (Japanese House), previews of new and recommended audiovisual materials, demonstrations by local artisans, performers and martial arts groups, samplings of the fine collections and programs at other Boston area museums, lecture/discussions with Chinese scholars and area experts, and more.

A light lunch of Japanese and Chinese delicacies will be provided, in addition to a sake reception following the workshops, courtesy of the Consul General of Japan.

Preregistration is required. Fees are \$15 for non-members; \$12 for members of the Children's Museum or the Massachusetts Council of the Social Studies.

For a copy of the program and more information, call the East Asian Dept. 426-6500 at ext.233, 235, 241.

## Remembering Christmases Past

A Resource Center Holiday Workshop For Families Sunday, December 5 1-3pm

Do you remember Christmas in 1975? In '55? In '35? Add your recollections to our display of collections from Christmases past. And while we chat about days gone by, we'll make gifts, cards and decorations for this year's holidays. Projects for folks of all ages to make for each other. Refreshments and materials will be provided.

Adults: \$5.00 Children under 16: \$3.00 (under 12 must be accompanied by adult)

## **Workshop Registration**

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Please make reservations at least one week in advance

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useum members receive a 10% discount.	
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Columbus Day/Thanksgiving From A Native American Perspective\$ 5.00 Saturday November 6 10am-4pm	
Making The Past More Present\$ 5.00 Saturday November 13 10am-4pm	
Children Look At Work	
China: Past and Present\$ 5.00 Saturday December 4 10am-4pm	
Remembering Christmases Pastadults \$ 5.00 Family Workshop under 16 \$ 3.00 Sunday December 5 1-3pm	
Kit Development	
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### Saturday Seminars for Teachers

Day long programs for school teachers include curriculum resources, teaching strategies, hands-on activities, advice from program specialists... and lunch! These seminars are supported by a grant from the Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation. The \$5.00 fee covers materials and lunch.

COLUMBUS DAY AND THANKSGIVING FROM A NATIVE AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE



Consider alternatives to presenting Native Americans in the Fall as part of the Columbus and Thanksgiving story. We will look at general stereotypes and these two holidays from a Native American perspective, learn about contemporary Indian festivals and participate in classroom activities that use food preparation, games, crafts and oral tradition to describe past and present culture in Southern New England. Relevant Children's Museum resources will be presented. (appropriate to all grade levels)

Saturday, November 6 10am-4pm Joan Lester



#### MAKING THE PAST MORE PRESENT

Make meaningful history in the classroom by helping children better learn how real people in this country lived in years gone by and how this relates to their lives today. Look creatively at using real artifacts, reproductions, printed material and clues in our physical environment. Generate additional resources, explore new visual material, try old-time arts and crafts such as stenciling. Discuss how all this can be effectively brought into the classroom. (for teachers of grades 4-8)

Saturday, November 13 10am-4pm Sylvia Sawin

#### CHILDREN LOOK AT WORK

A career education unit for grades 4-8. What is your job? Do you like it? How did you get it? Teach your students skills to investigate the world of work through interviewing peers, family and workers on the job. Knowledge gained in each interview is reinforced through written reports, discussion and lively graphic displays. We will practice these activities ourselves, and set up our work to share with Museum visitors. Lessons plans provided.

Saturday, November 20 10am-4pm Aylette Jenness

CHINA: PAST AND PRESENT

A day of Chinese history and present-day society with arts and craft activities, artifacts, slides, films and simulation games. Learn about culinary customs while enjoying a simple Chinese lunch. See how historical periods and daily life can come alive in the classroom by using Kits and other resources. (for teachers of grades 5-10)

Saturday, December 4 10am-4pm

Leslie Swartz

#### KIT DEVELOPMENT

Learn how to develop multimedia learning materials to enrich your social studies, language arts or science curriculum. Using examples from Museum Kits, we will focus on: simple design techniques; finding, protecting and using artifacts, role-playing, improvisational drama and props; craft activities as a tool for cultural understanding; games. Workshop time is 10am-lpm. Staff will be available from 2-4pm to consult with participants who have special projects they want to work on.

Saturday, December 11 10am-4pm Aylette Jenness

Registration form inside.

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# What's News from the Resource Center?

The Resource Center of the Boston Children's Museum, extends the museum exhibit experience through resources, workshops, kits, Recycle materials, courses, clubs.

Fall of '82 finds the Resource Center involved in several projects. The Carnegie Corporation has funded the Early Childhood staff to pilot an informal parenting program at the Museum - a "natural setting" for parents and kids... Thanks to the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts the Resource Center has developed 19 beautiful, new Discovery Kits for non-formal learning in places such as homes, after-school day care programs and hospitals...Detours, the teen city travel program, has 900 members and a very exciting program calendar... Little Brown has published three more science books by Bernie Zubrowski; Jeri Robinson's Early Childhood Activity Book is due out this year...Saturday Seminars for teachers were very successful in 1982 and refunded by the Noyes Foundation for this academic year; see the schedule inside... The Harvard East Asian Project will kick off its fall activities with the East Asian Resources Day on October 23... Museum staff continue to work in depth with several Boston schools-this year, the McKay, Hernandez and McCormack...Starting September 10 the Resource Center will stay open until 9pm on Friday nights and the Exhibit Center will be free of charge from 6-9pm.

Come visit the Museum's exhibits, and, if you received a tiny, stamped RECYCLE bag, bring it in and fill it up for free.

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