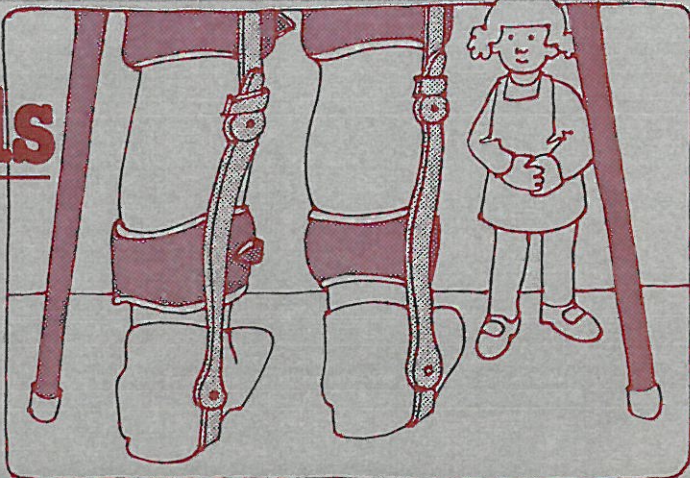


# Focus on: Special Needs Boston Children's Museum



## Throughout October in the Resource Center

The Resource Center is open and free of charge Tues.-Sun., 10-5pm; Friday until 9pm.

"What If You Couldn't...?" Special Needs Study  
This area incorporates exhibit, library and activity resources for adults who work with disabled or exceptional children. Information is available to help non-disabled children learn about disabilities as well as resources for disabled adults.

"What If You Couldn't...?" Multi-media Kit  
Developed from the exhibit, this kit offers teaching materials on emotional, visual, orthopedic, hearing, developmental and learning problems. Rental: Curriculum Unit, \$40/3wks. Study Unit, \$20/2wks. Call Kit Rental Dept., 426-6500, x 231.

## Videotapes

Tues.-Sat., 3pm; Fri., 5pm. Other times on request. No fee.

"Us and Them" documents interviews with disabled and nondisabled guests.

"A Different Approach" offers an entertaining and informative look at employment for the disabled.

"Wednesday Morning" explores the Museum's program for special needs groups.

## Parent Workshops

Fee: \$3. Register at least 1 week ahead, call 426-6500, x 206

Fri., Oct. 7  
7 - 9pm  
"Creating Play Spaces in Your Home"  
Elaine Ostroff, Director of Adaptive Environment Center, instructs on activities, materials and spaces that can be found to integrate children with special needs into the home or classroom.

Fri., Oct. 21  
7 - 9pm  
"Issues for Parents of Special Needs Children"  
Nora Wells and Betsy Anderson, parents from the Federation for Children with Special Needs, cover such topics as: balancing needs within a family, helping sisters and brothers understand, preparing for times of crisis.

## Teacher Seminar

Fee: \$10, lunch inc. Register at least one week ahead, call 426-6500, x. 206.

Sat., Oct. 15  
10 - 4 pm  
"Considerations in Mainstreaming Children With Special Needs". Janet Kamien, Museum Special Needs Program Developer, covers social and emotional issues confronting the teacher, parents, disabled child and non-disabled classmates in a mainstreamed classroom.

## Throughout October in the Visitor Center

The Exhibit Center is open Tues.-Sun., 10-5pm; Fri. until 9pm. Admission: \$3 children (2-15) and senior citizens; \$4 other adults. Friday night, 6-9pm free admission.

## On Display

"What If You Couldn't...? An Exhibit About Handicaps" returns from travelling across the U. S. and Canada through the Smithsonian Institution Exhibition Services. The exhibit deals with six disabilities. Put on a blindfold and use a cane to find your way through a maze. Learn how to operate a braille or a telephone device for the hearing impaired. Try to use a wheelchair over bricks, gravel and ramps.

## Special Education Program

Each Wednesday morning during the school year, groups from special education programs visit the Museum with exhibit staff serving as companions and guides. Although the Museum will be open to the public, there are no other school field trip reservations on Wednesday mornings, allowing special needs groups to explore the Museum with less noise and competition. To reserve first preference dates call soon, 426-6500, x 221. Massachusetts non-profit groups are sponsored by an appropriation from the State Legislature through the Department of Education.

## Friday Night Performance Series

Each performer is a storyteller with Halloween tales! 7 & 8pm; 7pm shows interpreted for hearing impaired. \$1/person above Museum admission.

Oct. 7 Judith Black delights with frightening (but not too) and delightful tales of Baba Yaga the Witch and other unfriendly characters.

Oct. 14 Max Levitt, the Tale Wagger won't "trick" -- he has original Halloween stories and juggling for you.

Oct. 21 Patricia McDonough "treats" all ages to the contemporary folk art of storytelling.

Oct. 28 Doug Lyman steps out from the pumpkin patch bringing Halloween stories and songs.

## Saturday Performances

For and by people of all ages and abilities. 2 & 3 pm; 2pm shows interpreted for hearing impaired. No additional charge above Museum admission.

Oct. 1 Boston Theatre of the Deaf weaves sign language, voice, movement and music into "Stories in the Air" from the tales of Brothers' Grimm offering an understanding of Deaf Culture and American Sign Language.



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### Family Workshop

Fee: \$2/child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Space limited. Register by Oct. 10. Call 426-6500, x 206.

Sun., Oct. 16 "Halloween Crafts for Children with Special Needs and Their Families". Come make decorations for yourself or your world. A variety of projects for a wide range of abilities.

### Meet the Authors

Coffee, cookies and informal chat. No registration or fee. Copies of these books may be borrowed from the Resource Center.

Sun., Oct. 16 Janet Kamien, *What If You Couldn't...? A Book About Special Needs* (this book available in the Museum Shop).

Sun., Oct. 23 Helen Featherstone, *A Difference in the Family, Life With a Disabled Child*.

### Saturday Performances (cont.)

- Oct 8 Doris Giguere, the Enchanting Queen of Storyland travels with Casey the Seeing Eye Dog telling of dinosaurs, farms and castles while sharing the ways she has learned to cope without vision.
- Oct 22 Cooperative Artists Institute presents its spirited "Tribal Rhythms" program celebrating each person's own creative abilities through music, movement, drama and visual arts.
- Oct 29 Susan Lion and puppet friends Audrey Duck, Cut-a-lion, and Timmy Wolfe understand that humor, serious conversation, stories and songs can help everyone to express their feelings.

### Puppet Sundays

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. 1 & 3pm; 1pm shows interpreted for hearing impaired. \$1/person above Museum admission.

It's Halloween fun each Sunday in October when *The Gormwich Puppets* present "Inside the Haunted House" (recommended for five years and up). A neighborhood tough kid dares a boy and girl to explore the inside of an abandoned mansion. Dressed as ghosts to disguise themselves, they slowly creep inside unaware of all that awaits them.

The Boston Children's Museum is at Museum Wharf, 300 Congress St., on Boston's waterfront. For travel information, call the What's Up Line, 426-8855. (Voice & TTY-TTD: 426-6500.)