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Opening at Pine Bank

"On August 1, 1913, the Children's Museum was installed at Pine Bank on the shore of Jamaica Pond.

"One case of birds and a second containing minerals and shells formed the exhibits, and one day was ample time for arranging the collections. . . .

"July 4, 1914, eleven months later, the main hall was filled with natural history collections, the largest second-story room held ten cases of ethnological exhibits, another room was fitted with a screen, lantern and seats for one hundred children, a modest library occupied a third room, and the beginning of an industrial exhibit claimed the fourth, while a third-story room was crowded with materials from which loan collections for the schools were to be developed."

First Annual Report of The Children's Museum

Opening on the Jamaicaway

"It seemed like a dream! The Trustees and Staff feared they might awaken to find themselves still in their all-too-small rented quarters, with children patiently standing in line waiting to get into an already over-filled lecture hall; storerooms bursting with beautiful objects which there was no space to display; a clubroom overcrowded by eager youngsters; and many other handicaps preventing the full service that the public wanted and the Museum wanted to give. But, no! It was not a dream; it was a glorious reality. On November 18, 1936, the beautiful new home was formally dedicated."

Twenty-third Annual Report of The Children's Museum

Opening at Museum Wharf

"The rush to explore the new museum began even before the Grand Opening Celebrations were over on July 1, and since then the museum has been packed with kids and adults romping through the exhibits, trying out the Resource Center Studies, and visiting the Museums' Shop.

"New exhibits have undergone a rigorous test of their strength as thousands of visitors climb down City Slice's manhole, play on the push button phone on Giant's Desktop, and take a medical examination in the Health Care Clinic.

"Visitors have discovered some major changes in the Resource Center, too. In addition to its traditional programs and services, the center now contains Studies which offer follow-up activities and materials related to the museum's major exhibit themes."

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Dedication Program

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Behind the scenes tours and special programs with senior developers, area specialists, curators, and directors for the Exhibit Center, Resource Center, collections, and Design and Production Department.

5:30-6:00 p.m.

Dedication

Remarks — Michael Spock, Director
Toasts — Mrs. James H. Jackson, Chairman
John F. Bok, President

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Reception

The Children's Museum gratefully acknowledges major contributions to the realization of Museum Wharf.

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