

# NOVEMBER IN THE RESOURCE CENTER

The Boston Children's Museum, Museum Wharf, 300 Congress St., Boston 02210-1034, 617-426-6500, x206

The Resource Center is open Tues.-Sun. 10am-5pm. No admission charge.

- Tues. 3 11:30-12:30pm Dragontime An hour of songsinging, storytelling and activities for grownups & kids. Take an Activity Picture Sheet when you leave so you'll have a story to tell at bedtime, a do-it-yourself activity for when you're fixing dinner, and a song for the road. Drop in, no fee. Children should be accompanied by an adult.
- Thur. 5 11:30-12:30pm Dragontime (see Nov. 3)
- Fri. 6 10-11:15am Houses course. This 4 session course will help students to develop an increased understanding of cultural diversity and gain some familiarity with cultures other than their own through the concept of houses in various cultures. Kindergarteners from the Hernandez School in Dorchester are the participants in this Chapter 636 course which takes place both at their school and in the museum. (Begins Oct. 30)
- Sat. 7 10am-4pm History is His Story This seminar will examine misconceptions about American Indians, Columbus Day & Thanksgiving, then look at these holidays again from a Native American perspective and propose some alternative ways to teach about them. Classroom activities using stereotypes, recipes, games, crafts, oral & written history and role-playing will be tried. Advance registration required. Free---for teachers.
- 11:30-12:30pm Dragontime (see Nov. 3)
- Tues. 10 11:30-12:30pm Dragontime
- Thur. 12 11:30-12:30pm Dragontime
- Fri. 13 10-11:15am Houses course (see Nov. 6)
- 7-9pm Recycle Takes A Bath workshop. Foam boats & bathtub blocks; soap breathing dragons & floating rocks; and warty frogs that scrub you clean and turn your skin a lovely green. Advance registration required. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Adults \$5, Kids \$3.
- Sat. 14 10am-4pm Making the Past More Present seminar. Make meaningful history in the classroom by helping children better learn how real people lived in years gone by and how this relates to their own lives today. Take a creative look at teaching methods that can make this happen with real artifacts, reproductions, printed material, clues in our physical environment, & several oldtime crafts. Advance registration required. Free---for teachers.
- 10am-4pm Creative Experiences for Young Children seminar. Turn everyday classroom lessons into more engaging & enriching activities. We'll talk about ways to incorporate basic skills into creative experiences & offer suggestions for dealing with large groups using child-centered activities. Explore 2 museum kits, Puppetry & Play Space At Home, try some "cool cooking" recipes & learn simple games, music & crafts especially suitable for children in pre-school, kindergarten and grade 1. Advance registration required. Free---for teachers.
- 11:30-12:30pm Dragontime (see Nov. 3)
- Thur. 19 11:30-12:30pm Dragontime
- 6:30-9:30pm Gifts workshop. Learn where you can find gifts that fit your budget & children's ages & interests; games, toys, kits, & learning tools you can make in the workshop; hints on helping children make gifts & wrappings which personalize & entertain. Advance registration required. Adults \$10--includes materials & refreshments.
- Fri. 20 10-11:15am Houses course (see Nov. 6)
- Sun. 22 1-3pm Gift-Making for Families Gifts to make for family & friends. Participants may choose projects from sample gifts or make their own designs using museum materials. Suggestions for shopping on a kid's budget, personalizing gift giving, & assembling gifts without spending money. Advance registration required. Adults \$5, Kids \$3. Children should be accompanied by an adult.
- Thur. 26 CLOSED Thanksgiving Day