

The Lower Manhattan Cultural Council and River to River

Battery Maritime Building, 10 South Street, Slip 7, Manhattan (212) 440-2202
www.govisland.com

Governor's Island

10:00 A.M.

Tour the Historic District, picnic on the Parade Grounds, walk the promenade, and take in extraordinary views of the Statue of Liberty and NY Harbor. Free

Wall Street Walking Tour

Meet at the front steps of the US Custom House, Manhattan (212) 606-4064

12:00 Noon

Don't miss this free 90-minute guided walking tour weaving together the history, events, architecture and people of Lower Manhattan. Free

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In The Pocket Music lands on Governors Island

1:00 P.M.

LMCC presents a four weekend concert series, featuring sounds from South America, Africa, Asia & Europe, along with some of New York's own homegrown stars. Free

Sunday, August 19**Staten Island Children's Museum**

1000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island (718) 273-2060, www.statenislandkids.org

Art Lab at the Museum

1:00 P.M. & 3:00 P.M.

Make an undersea collage from mixed media.

Brooklyn Children's Museum

145 Brooklyn Avenue, Brooklyn (718) 735-4400, www.brooklynkids.org

Early Learner Workshop: Water Wonders

11:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Calling all scientists! Conduct water experiments, using tools to measure, sort, observe, classify, and predict. Create beautiful bubble artwork. Space is limited; pre-registration required.

Call (718) 735-4400 x110. Ages 2 ½-5

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MetLife Early Learner Performance Series: Sing Along with Yosi

1:00 P.M. & 2:00 P.M.

Celebrate summertime with Yosi! This spunky performer sings Under a Big Bright Yellow Sun and other lively tunes that will have your whole family crooning along.

All ages, \$5 (admission free for members and children under 1 year.)

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X-plorers Club: New Zealand's Little Hero

2:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Enjoy a fantastic tale about the mythic origins of New Zealand's kiwi bird. See a lovely wood and brass sculpture of this wingless treasure. Sculpt your own kiwi figurine out of clay.

Ages 8+, \$5 (admission free for members and children under 1 year.)

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Cultural Journeys: A Trip to Panama

3:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Explore vibrant molas made by the Kuna people of Panama. See authentic samples of these decorative fabric panels from the Museum's collection. Design your own swirling mola pattern

to take home. Ages 5+, \$5 (admission free for members and children under 1 year.)

HARLEM DAY

"A Celebration of Gospel" Our Musical Roots"

West 135th St. (bet. 5th Ave. and St. Nicholas Ave.)

10:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Multiple Stages with live performance and entertainment

Henry Highland Garnet Outdoor Plaza

West 135th Street (Bet. Malcolm X and Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvds.)

The N.Y. City Children's Festival

Noon - 6:00 P.M.

Celebrating our youth with music, games, rides, fashion shows, entertainment, sports clinics, chess, gymnastics, petting zoo and pony rides. For more information, visit www.harlemdiscover.com International Vendors, Exhibits, Foods, Art, Fun & Games. West 135th St. from Malcolm X to Frederick Douglass Blvds. Free to the general public. For more information, visit www.harlemdiscover.com Local, Regional and National Entertainment on our Main Stage featuring our Fabulous Fashion Show. West 135th St. (Bet. Frederick Douglass Blvd. & St. Nicholas Ave.). For more information, visit www.harlemdiscover.com

The Upper Manhattan Auto Show

West 135th St. (Bet. 5th Ave. & Malcolm X Blvd.)

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

An East Coast Auto Showcase featuring over a hundred new, unique, antique, vintage, exotic and collectable vehicles as well as other historic buses and motorcycles with awards for best in class categories.

Free to the general public. For more information, visit www.harlemdiscover.com

The Metropolitan Museum of Art

1000 Fifth Avenue, Manhattan, (212) 570-3961, www.metmuseum.org

Hello Met

11:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

Families new to the museum (youngsters ages 5-12 and accompanying adults) receive a warm and stimulating introduction to its encyclopedic collection through discussion and sketching of its masterpieces. Free with museum admission. Uris Center for Education, ground floor.

Hudson River Park

Pier 54 at West 14th Street, Manhattan www.hudsonriverpark.org

8th Annual Blues BBQ

2:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

This year's 8th annual Blues BBQ festival promises to be better than ever featuring the hottest Blues artists from around the country and New York's best BBQ. Sit back and chill at New York City's premiere waterfront venue while you listen to the Blues and watch amazing local BBQ restaurants fire up their grills and prepare their specialties. Come on down and enjoy the sight, sounds and smells of this amazing Hudson River event.

Central Park - The Charles A. Dana Discovery Center

Inside the Park at 110th Street between Fifth and Lenox Avenues

Harlem Meer Performance Festival - Roberta Piket Trio (Jazz)

4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Wyckoff Farmhouse Museum

5816 Clarendon Road, Brooklyn (718) 629-5400, www.wyckoffassociation.org

Wyckoff Farmers Market, Cooking Fresh

1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Cooking with seasonal vegetables demonstration and tasting.

Wave Hill

West 249th Street and Independence Ave., Bronx (718) 549-3200 www.wavehill.org

Family Art Project: Water, Water Everywhere/Agua, agua en todas partes

1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Kerlin Learning Center. Don't be afraid to get wet! Sketch what's growing at Wave Hill's Aquatic Garden, run through sprinklers and discover that water really is everywhere. Then use water with paint, crayons and collage to create liquid landscapes to take home with you.

Flushing Meadows Corona Park

Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Queens (718) 699-4833

Peruvian Festival

10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Join thousands of New Yorkers to celebrate traditional Peruvian culture with authentic entertainment, food, crafts and activities.

Summer Street Fairs and Festivals

Madison Avenue from 23rd to 26th Streets

Indian Day Festival

Most festivals run from 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Every warm weather week-end brings fairs that offer opportunities to explore new neighborhoods., sample food and browse for bargains. Some fairs feature live entertainment.

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Lexington Avenue between 42nd and 57th Streets

East 55th Street Conservative Synagogue Festival

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The Ensemble Studio Theatre

549 West 52nd Street, 2nd Floor, between 10th and 11th Avenues, (212) 642-5052

The Wareham One-on-One's

3:00 P.M.

Rain or Shine: more all-weather plays. Ten short plays with music, each featuring one kid and one adult. Admission free. Reservations required.

South Street Seaport Museum

12 Fulton Street, Manhattan (212) 748-8568, www.southstreetseaportmuseum.org

Walking Tour: The Brooklyn Bridge

1:00 P.M.

Join a museum educator for a guided tour of the Bridge and the historic South Street Seaport district that was transformed by its construction. Meet at 12 Fulton Street. Please note that this tour will end in Brooklyn. \$15 adults / \$8 children / \$5 discount for members.

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Monday, August 20

Staten Island Children's Museum

1000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island (718) 273-2060, www.statenislandkids.org

Members Only Monday

Kids and their favorite adult can come and visit when the museum is usually closed.

New York Public Library- www.nypl.org

Wakefield branch, 1400 Lowerre Place, Bronx (718) 652-4663

YNK: You Never Know

11:30 A.M.

New York Public Library- www.nypl.org

Washington Heights branch, 1000 St. Nicholas Avenue (212) 923-6054

Teen Advisory Group

3:30 P.M.

New York Public Library- www.nypl.org

Bronx Library Center branch, 310 East Kingsbridge Road, Bronx (718) 579-4244

Summer Reading Aloud

11:00 A.M.

For ages 3-8

New York Public Library- www.nypl.org

Bronx Library Center branch, 310 East Kingsbridge Road, Bronx (718) 579-4244

Summer Reading Club meetings

12:00 Noon

For ages 3-12.

Queens Library- www.queenslibrary.org

Maspeth branch, 69-70 Grand Avenue, Queens (718) 639-5228

Summer Reading Club: Family Story Time

7:00 P.M.

A music-filled "bedtime" storytime for parents and children of all ages.

Pre-registration required.

Queens Library- www.queenslibrary.org

Flushing branch, 41-17 Main Street, Queens (718) 661-1212

Read-to-Me Club Closing Party

11:00 A.M.

Special end-of-summer celebration for ages 3-5 who are members of the

Read-to-Me Club. Pre-registration required.

Queens Library- www.queenslibrary.org

Fresh Meadows branch, 193-20 Horace Harding Expressway, Queens (718) 454-7272

Summer Reading Club for Grades 1-3

1:00 P.M.

Grades 1-3 meet each Monday through 8/20/07 between 1:00-4:30 PM to

participate in fun crafts and receive great prizes for reading!

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Bronx Zoo

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Play Week

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Chase Plaza

Nassau Street between Liberty and Pine, Manhattan (212) 219-3910

The 26th Annual Downtown Dance Festival

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Free

Bryant Park

Between 40th and 42nd Streets, 5th and 6th Avenues, Manhattan (212) 512-5700,
www.bryantpark.org

Dona Carter

12:00 Noon - 1:45 P.M.
Fountain Terrace

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Bryant Park Knits

2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.
Upper Terrace across from the BP Grill

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www.bryantpark.org

HBO Bryant park Summer Film Festival

Psycho
Free. The Lawn opens at 5:00 P.M. for blankets (no plastic tarps please) and picnicking. The film begins at dusk (typically between 8:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M.)

Rubin Museum of Art

150 West 17th Street, Manhattan (212) 620-5000, www.rmanyc.org

Word Play!

3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Travel to the Himalayas with your imagination through a series of fun and engaging stories that will appeal to the whole family. Word Play! combines interactive storytelling with puppet plays, gallery trails, and movement, music, and art games. Come talk and play with us! For children ages three to five and their adult learning partners. Program meets in the Studio. Art materials are provided. Free with Museum admission and to Cool Culture members. Museum admission is waived for children under twelve. A \$5 contribution per family is welcome. Call (212) 620-5000 ext. 344 to register. Pre-registered families who arrive after the start of the program may be placed on the waiting list.

Tuesday, August 21**Queens Library- www.queenslibrary.org**

Maspeth branch, 69-70 Grand Avenue, Queens (718) 639-5228

Summer Reading Club Meeting: Grades 1-2

2:00 P.M.
Weekly activities for Summer Reading Club participants entering 1st or 2nd Grade.
Pre-registration required.

Queens Library- www.queenslibrary.org

Poppenhusen branch, 121-23 14 Avenue, Queens (718) 359-1102

School-Aged Summer Reading Club

2:00 P.M.
Weekly meetings for Grades 1-6 to talk about books, and do crafts.
The last meeting is our party! Pre-registration required.

New York Public Library- www.nypl.org

Donnell Library Center - Nathan Straus Teen Central, 20 West 53rd Street (212) 621-0633

Game On @ Teen Central

6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

New York Public Library- www.nypl.org

Countee Cullen branch, 104 West 136th Street (212) 491-2070

Teen Advisory Group

4:00 P.M.

New York Public Library- www.nypl.org

Morris Park branch, 985 Morris Park Avenue, Bronx (718) 931-0636

Manga Drawing Workshop

3:00 P.M.

Battery Park City Parks Conservancy

North Esplanade (access: Chambers Street), Manhattan (212) 267-9700, www.bpcparks.org

Riders Ed: City Cycling for Adults

6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

Gain confidence in negotiating NYC's streets, bike paths and mass transit by bike. Learn the "rules of the road" and how to fix a flat and replace a derailed chain. Create a portable bike repair kit. Participants earn a cycle proficiency certificate.

Bronx Zoo

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The Metropolitan Museum of Art

1000 Fifth Avenue, Manhattan, (212) 570-3961, www.metmuseum.org

Start With Art at the Met

2:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Families (youngsters ages 3-7 and accompanying adults) wake up to fun at the Met through storytelling, sketching, and other ways of exploring art. Free with museum admission. Uris Center for Education, ground floor.

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Distinguished Poets Series

6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Bryant Park Reading Room

Ulysses'

95 Pearl Street, Manhattan (212) 482-0400

Nintendo Wii Night

10:00 P.M.

Come play the interactive Wii on the 120 inch big screen. Free fun while you eat and drink. Golf, Tennis, Baseball, and Bowling played every Tuesday!! Free

Chase Plaza

Nassau Street between Liberty and Pine, Manhattan (212) 219-3910

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The Elevated Acre

55 Water Street, Manhattan www.RiverToRiverNYC.com

On the Waterfront (108 minutes, 1954)

Elia Kazan's landmark movie stars Marlon Brando as a washed-up ex-prizefighter working on the docks for the local gang boss. The death of a childhood friend, ordered by this gangster, fills him with guilt because he is unwittingly involved in the murder. Eva Marie Saint, Karl Malden and Rod Steiger also star in this hardscrabble tale of treachery and deceit. Featuring a conversation with Filmmaker, Jacob Burckhardt Marten's Bar (5 minutes, 1976) A poetic tribute to a solitary life based on a poem by Edwin Denby. Shot in Manhattan and Red Hook, Brooklyn. Up and Down the Waterfront (8 minutes, 1946) Celebrated photographer, Rudy Burckhardt's elegie to the city's waterfront. Crates and boxes unloading in the morning, lonely men sitting on half-broken docks in the afternoon, sailor bars at night with one poor bum actually getting the heave-ho, a mighty water hose washing it all away, overlooked by the skyline. Jacob Burckhardt is a filmmaker and sound designer living in New York. His experimental feature films include It Don't Pay To Be An Honest Citizen and Landlord Blues. He collaborated with Royston Scott to make The Frankie Lymons Nephew Story; Freedom Ho, Or Harriet Tubman's Tale; and Louis The Fourteenth Street. His father, Swiss born Rudolph Burckhardt was a photographer and filmmaker whose work and close association with Joseph Cornell, Willm De Kooning & Edwin Denby make him an icon of downtown New York City. Movie begins at sundown. Free

Wednesday, August 22**Staten Island Children's Museum**

1000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island (718) 273-2060, www.statenislandkids.org

Boogie Woogie Wednesday

7:00 P.M.

Dance to Broadway Musicals.

Staten Island Children's Museum

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Summer Games - Relay Races

5:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Teams and individual games held on the Meadow (weather permitting). Each week participants can play a different outdoor game ranging from relay races to kickball.

New York Public Library- www.nypl.org

Ottendorfer branch, 135 Second Avenue (212) 674-4663

YNK: You Never Know

4:00 P.M.

New York Public Library- www.nypl.org

Mott Haven branch, 321 East 140th Street (718) 665-4878

Teen Advisory Group

4:00 P.M.

New York Public Library- www.nypl.org

Grand Concourse branch, 155 East 173rd Street, Bronx (718) 583-6611

Get Real Love and Relationships

4:00 P.M.

Queens Library- www.queenslibrary.org

Maspeth branch, 69-70 Grand Avenue, Queens (718) 639-5228

Summer Reading Club Storytime: Ages 18-36 months

10:30 A.M.

A 20-25 minute storytime for our Toddler Summer Readers which includes stories, guitar music and songs, and fingerplays (and sometimes a simple craft). Pre-registration required.

Queens Library- www.queenslibrary.org

Poppenhusen branch, 121-23 14 Avenue, Queens (718) 359-1102

Read-to-Me Summer Reading Club

10:30 A.M.

One-hour program with books and a weekly craft. For pre-school and their caregivers. Last meeting is our party! Pre-registration required.

Queens Library- www.queenslibrary.org

Fresh Meadows branch, 193-20 Horace Harding Expressway, Queens (718) 454-7272

Summer Reading Club for Grades 4-6

1:00 P.M.

Grades 4-6 meet each Wednesday through 8/22/07 between 1:00-4:30 PM to participate in fun crafts and receive great prizes for reading!

Queens Library- www.queenslibrary.org

Maspeth branch, 69-70 Grand Avenue, Queens (718) 639-5228

Summer Reading Club Storytime: Ages 3-5

1:00 P.M.

A 45-minute storytime for our Pre-school Summer Readers with books, flannelboard stories, fingerplays, guitar music and songs (and sometimes a simple craft). Pre-registration required.

Queens Library- www.queenslibrary.org

Flushing branch, 41-17 Main Street, Queens (718) 661-1212

Summer Reading Club Closing Party

3:00 P.M.

End-of-summer reading club celebration for members entering grades 1-6. Pre-registration required.

Bronx Zoo

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Fountain Terrace

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We Love Chick-Lit

12:30 - 1:45 P.M.

Bryant Park Reading Room

Grant's Tomb

122nd & Riverside Drive, Manhattan

Jazz Mobile, Inc presents T.S. Monk

7:00 P.M.

Call 311 for more information.

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Steps of the US Custom House at Bowling Green, Manhattan (212) 219-9401

Sitelines: Accounting for Customs Andreyu Ouamba (Senegal) and Reggie Wilson (USA)

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How do people innovate within and against traditions? For displaced and exiled communities, the questions of preservation, continuity, memory and loss have a particularly poignant urgency. In the African diaspora, remembered and stolen pasts and troubled and hopeful presents are mediated by invention and innovation. Ouamba and Wilson wrestle with these questions in this choreographic exploration of perceived innovation. With the Fist & Heel Performance Group. Free

South Street Seaport

Pier 17, Manhattan (212) SEAPORT

Seaport Music: Latin Night

7:00 P.M.

Free

Thursday, August 23

Queens Library- www.queenslibrary.org

Fresh Meadows branch, 193-20 Horace Harding Expressway, Queens (718) 454-7272

A Magic Show with Anthony Corrao

2:00 P.M.

Prepare to be dazzled by the thrilling illusions of magician Anthony Corrao. A magic show for ages 6-12 and their families. Pre-registration required. A BOOST program.

Queens Library- www.queenslibrary.org.

Maspeth branch, 69-70 Grand Avenue, Queens (718) 639-5228

Summer Reading Club Meeting: Grades 3-6

2:00 P.M.

Join our summer activities for Summer Reading Club participants entering Grades 3-6. Pre-registration required.

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Reading Partners

2:00 P.M.

An hour of kids reading to kids. Pre-school through 6th grade, and teens are encouraged to participate. No registration required.

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Harlem branch, 9 West 124th Street (212) 348-5620

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Garden Workshop: Rain Date Alternate

5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

This event will only take place in the event of a cancellation on July 26. Contact the museum for details. Free Admission.

Brooklyn Children's Museum145 Brooklyn Avenue, Brooklyn (718) 735-4400, www.brooklynkids.org**In a Heartbeat**

2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

What will beat six million times this summer? Your heart! Discover how to keep your hardest working muscle healthy for life. Conduct heartbeat experiments and design your own Egyptian heart amulet to take home. Ages 5+, \$5 (admission free for members and children under 1 year.)

Brooklyn Bridge Park

Lawn, Empire-Fulton Ferry State Park (718) 802-0603 x12

Movies With a View Presents West Side Story

Music starts at 6:00 P.M.; movie starts at sunset

West Side Story (NR), 1961, 152 minutes, directed by Jerome Robbins and Robert Wise.

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R&B Night with Soul Express

6:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

The Conservancy invites you to free summer dance parties in Central Park. Dance instruction followed by dancing to live music under the stars.

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12:00 Noon - 1:45 P.M.

Fountain Terrace

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7:30 A.M. - 8:30 A.M.

Fountain Terrace

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6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Southwest corner of the Lawn

Rubin Museum of Art

150 West 17th Street, Manhattan (212) 620-5000, www.rmanyc.org

The Yak Packers Early Childhood Art Program

10:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon

Let's look at, touch, play, and create art! Children ages two to five and their caregivers explore art through images from the Rubin Museum's collection to inspire them and guide the art-making process. Participants discover what is inside our Treasure Chest, arrange landscapes on our magnetic wall, design hybrid and magical animals, and much more while listening to music from the Himalayas. Program meets in the Studio. Art materials are provided. Free with Museum admission and to Cool Culture members. Museum admission is waived for children under twelve. A \$5 contribution per family is welcome. Call (212) 620-5000 ext. 344 to register. Pre-registered families who arrive after the start of the program may be placed on the waiting list.

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South Street Seaport

Pier 17, Manhattan (212) SEAPORT

98.7 Kiss FM Presents Summer Soul Nights: Chrisette Michelle with Abby Dobson

7:00 P.M.

Chrisette Michelle, a remarkably talented songstress, recently found herself in the studio recording her debut album with the legendary Babyface. At the young age of 24, her original blend of jazz, soul, and pop comes straight from the heart. With Abby Dobson. Free

Friday, August 24

Staten Island Children's Museum

1000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island (718) 273-2060, www.statenislandkids.org

Kidz Cook- Quirky Ice Cream

1:30, 2:30, 3:30 P.M.

New York Public Library- www.nypl.org

Grand Concourse branch, 155 East 173rd Street (718) 58306611

Teen Advisory Group

3:30 P.M.

New York Public Library- www.nypl.org

Riverside branch, 127 Amsterdam Avenue (212) 870-1810

Poetry Writing Workshop - Publication Party

3:30 P.M.

Queens Library- www.queenslibrary.org

South Jamaica branch, 108-41 Guy R. Brewer Boulevard, Queens (718) 739-4088

A Magic Show with Anthony Corrao

3:00 P.M.

Prepare to be dazzled by the thrilling illusions of magician Anthony Corrao. A magic show for ages 6-12 and their families. Pre-registration required. A BOOST program.

Queens Library- www.queenslibrary.org

Central Library branch, 89-11 Merrick Boulevard, Queens (718) 990-0767

Toddler Time

10:30 A.M.

A weekly storytime for ages 18-35 months and their adult caregivers. Songs, fingerplays and stories. Pre-registration in person. Lower Level C, Areas A & B.

Queens Library- www.queenslibrary.org

Poppenhusen branch, 121-23 14 Avenue, Queens (718) 359-1102

Game Time

2:00 P.M.

An hour of board games and puzzles for all ages. No registration required.

Battery Park City Parks ConservancyRobert F. Wagner, Jr. Park (access: Battery Place), Manhattan (212) 267-9700, www.bpcparks.org**Sunset Jam on the Hudson**

6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

Djembe and conga drums, bells, shakers and sticks await you at BPCPC's sunset drumming circles led by master drummers Maguette Camara, Pamela Patrick, and Mary Knysz. The evenings begin with the teaching of traditional drumming patterns. After establishing a steady heartbeat pulse, individuals - young and old, novice and experienced - contribute their own rhythmic patterns as part of call and response chanting and drumming. Working together as a drumming village, everyone taps into his and her own creativity. All engage in cooperative non-verbal communication, sharing the heady responsibility for creating beautiful, exciting sounds. It always works and it's always incredible.

Bronx ZooBoston Road and Bronx River Parkway, Bronx (718) 367-1010, www.bronxzoo.org**Play Week**

Bring the kids to celebrate summer vacation and have a fun-filled day of play at Fisher-Price's giant play area and Powerwheels® driving track. Enjoy storytelling and animal demonstrations, and meet Fisher-Price® Little People® costume characters.

Bryant Park

Between 40th and 42nd Streets, 5th and 6th Avenues, Manhattan (212) 512-5700,

www.bryantpark.org**Dona Carter**

12:00 Noon - 1:45 P.M.

Fountain Terrace

Brooklyn Children's Museum145 Brooklyn Avenue, Brooklyn (718) 735-4400, www.brooklynkids.org**Insect Symphony**

2:00 P.M. -3:00 P.M.

Dissect the science of insect sound. Examine the Museum's Madagascan Hissing roaches and see a specimen of the largest cicada in the world. Join in an insect symphony and make music just like a cricket. Ages 5+, \$5 (admission free for members and children under 1 year.)

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Marcus Garvey Park

122nd & 5th Avenue, Manhattan

Jazz Mobile, Inc presents Jeremy Pelt

7:00 P.M.

Call 311 for more information.

Chase Plaza

Nassau Street between Liberty and Pine, Manhattan (212) 219-3910

The 26th Annual Downtown Dance Festival

12:00 Noon

Battery Dance Company presents a wide range of styles and companies from New York and around the world for the city's longest running free dance festival. Raindate: Friday, August 24.

Free

The Lower Manhattan Cultural Council and River to River

Steps of the US Custom House at Bowling Green, Manhattan (212) 219-9401

Sitelines: Accounting for Customs Andreyra Ouamba (Senegal) and Reggie Wilson (USA)

12:30 P.M.

How do people innovate within and against traditions? For displaced and exiled communities, the questions of preservation, continuity, memory and loss have a particularly poignant urgency. In the African diaspora, remembered and stolen pasts and troubled and hopeful presents are mediated by invention and innovation. Ouamba and Wilson wrestle with these questions in this choreographic exploration of perceived innovation. With the Fist & Heel Performance Group. Free

South Street Seaport

Pier 17, Manhattan (212) SEAPORT

Seaport Music: Camera Obscura

7:00 P.M.

Free

Saturday, August 25**Staten Island Children's Museum**

1000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island (718) 273-2060, www.statenislandkids.org

Bug Hunt

12:00 Noon, 1:00 P.M., 2:00 P.M., and 3:00 P.M.

Make a journal, then join in the search for bugs around the Museum.

Central Park - Hans Christian Andersen Storytelling Center

West of Conservatory Water, 74th Street near Fifth Avenue

Birth of Ganesh told by David Elyha - origin India

11:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

Storytelling is held rain or shine. The stories are appropriate for children five years and up. Children are asked to sit with parents or guardians. The program is organized by the Hans Christian Andersen Storytelling Center in cooperation with the Central Park Conservancy and the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation.

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Wave Hill

West 249th Street and Independence Ave., Bronx (718) 549-3200 www.wavehill.org

Family Art Project: The World from Above/Vistas a vuelo de pájaro

1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Make art from an aerial perspective. See some of the photos that guest artist Mary Edna Fraser takes from airplanes, together with examples of textile artwork she makes from bird's-eye views. Pour water down a model watershed, flow downhill as part of a human "river" and, with help from Mary Edna, create your own monotype prints of land and water seen from the air.

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Garden Walk: Climbers, Twiners and Creepers

2:00 P.M.

Perkins Visitor Center. Throughout Wave Hill there are fences, pergolas, tripods and walls displaying an amazing variety of climbing plants. Horticultural Interpreter Charles Day explores colorful clematis, exotic kiwi plants and the vine-covered shady bowers that provide welcome respite on hot afternoons.

Summer Street Fairs and Festivals

Bleeker Street between 6th and 7th Avenues

Our Lady of Pompei Church fFest

Most festivals run from 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Every warm weather week-end brings fairs that offer opportunities to explore new neighborhoods., sample food and browse for bargains. Some fairs feature live entertainment.

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Third Avenue from 14th to 23rd Streets

Albano Republican Club/Gramercy Park Republican Club

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Flushing Meadows Corona Park

Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Queens (718) 699-4833

Arthur Ashe Kid's Day

Come out for this special daylong festival for kids! Activities including tennis clinics, interactive games and musical entertainment, to honor tennis legend Arthur Ashe.

Rubin Museum of Art

150 West 17th Street, Manhattan (212) 620-5000, www.rmanyc.org

Family Workshop: Sand Mandalas

Play with sand and geometry! Help create a collaborative artwork with a magnificent palace at the center and get ready to brush the sand away at the end. Bring your Family to explore intriguing paintings, sculptures, objects, and ideas in our special exhibitions! Use your creativity and imagination to learn about Himalayan art. Family Workshops invites children ages five to nine and their adult friends to participate in gallery trails, art conversations, and sketching, followed by art-making projects, interactive storytelling, and performances. Program meets in the Studio or in the Theater. Art materials are provided. Free with Museum admission and to Cool Culture members. Museum admission is waived for children under twelve. A \$5 contribution per family is welcome. Call (212) 620-5000 ext. 344 to register. Pre-registered families who arrive after the start of the program may be placed on the waiting list.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art

1000 Fifth Avenue, Manhattan, (212) 570-3961, www.metmuseum.org

Hello Met

11:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

Families new to the museum (youngsters ages 5-12 and accompanying adults) receive a warm

and stimulating introduction to its encyclopedic collection through discussion and sketching of its masterpieces. Free with museum admission. Uris Center for Education, ground floor.

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Brooklyn Children's Museum

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Hot Cultures: Mexican Cool

1:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.

Learn how to keep cool south of the border. Encounter the lush colors and patterns of Mexican and Central American clothing. Fashion your own garment in the traditional style to take home. Ages 5+, \$5 (admission free for members and children under 1 year.)

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Folk Patterns: Kente Cloth

3:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

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South Street Seaport Museum

12 Fulton Street, Manhattan (212) 748-8568, www.southstreetseaportmuseum.org

Chew on This!

1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

New York's very first chewing gum factory was down by the Seaport! Come learn about the history of chewing gum, Adams NY Gum #1 and make a pack of chewing gum from scratch! Tall ship Peking at Pier 16.

The Lower Manhattan Cultural Council and River to River

Battery Maritime Building, 10 South Street, Slip 7, Manhattan (212) 440-2202

www.govisland.com

Governor's Island

10:00 A.M.

Tour the Historic District, picnic on the Parade Grounds, walk the promenade, and take in extraordinary views of the Statue of Liberty and NY Harbor. Free

Wall Street Walking Tour

Meet at the front steps of the US Custom House, Manhattan (212) 606-4064
12:00 Noon

Don't miss this free 90-minute guided walking tour weaving together the history, events, architecture and people of Lower Manhattan. Free

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In The Pocket Music lands on Governors Island

1:00 P.M.

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X-ploers Club: New Zealand's Little Hero

2:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Enjoy a fantastic tale about the mythic origins of New Zealand's kiwi bird. See a lovely wood and brass sculpture of this wingless treasure. Sculpt your own kiwi figurine out of clay.

Ages 8+, \$5 (admission free for members and children under 1 year.)

Wyckoff Farmhouse Museum

5816 Clarendon Road, Brooklyn (718) 629-5400, www.wyckoffassociation.org

Wyckoff Farmers Market, Planting Techniques

1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Increase Production and Decrease Pest Problems, Planting Techniques/Methods, Healthy Plant Growth, Managing Spring and Summer Pests, Vegetable Disease and Record-keeping.