

Brooklyn Public Library-www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org, Cortelyou

1305 Cortelyou Road, (718) 693-7763

Fridays, 11:00 am

Babies & Books

Enjoy books, songs and rhymes with babies, birth to 18 months.

Brooklyn Public Library-www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org, Mill Basin

2385 Ralph Avenue, (718) 241-3973

Mondays, 1:00 pm

Babies & Books with First RIF

Enjoy books, songs and rhymes with babies, birth to 18 months. Also earn free books by reading! See your librarian for details.

Brooklyn Public Library-www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org, Sunset Park

5108 4th Avenue, (718) 567-2806

Tuesdays, 10:30 am

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Brooklyn Public Library-www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org, Borough Park

1265 43rd Street, (718) 437-4085

Mondays, 2:00 pm

Toddler Time with First RIF

Engage in interactive play and enjoy stories with toddlers, 18 to 36 months. Also earn free books by reading! See your librarian for details.

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Wednesdays, 10:30 am

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Fridays, 10:30 am

Preschool Story Time with First RIF

Enjoy classic books and songs with others, ages 3 to 5. Also earn free books by reading! See your librarian for details. Registration required.

MANHATTAN**Hudson River Park's Skate Park**

North of W. 30th Street

It's free and open every day until Labor Day.

[Big Apple Greeters, \(212\) 669-8159 or email information@bigapplegreeter.org.](mailto:information@bigapplegreeter.org)

Big Apple Greeters offers free, personalized tours of New York City led by a volunteer Greeter. There are over 400 active volunteer Greeters who are available to give you insider tips and helpful advice to make your visit to New York City the best that it can be. Tours are available to private groups of 2 - 6 people, generally a family or a small group of friends traveling together. Tours last from 2 - 4 hours and on top of getting a free tour of New York City, each member of the group will get a MetroCard "Fun Pass" which gives you unlimited access to New York City's subway and bus system for the day. If you're intimidated by the New York City subway, your Greeter will be happy to introduce you and teach you how to get around on the most extensive public transportation system in the United States. Demand for Greeters often exceeds the available resources, so make your reservation as far in advance as possible. Big Apple Greeters are not available to residents of NYC; it's a great treat for your out-of-town guests.

The Cloisters Museum and Gardens

99 Margaret Corbin Drive, Fort Tryon Park. 212-923-3700, www.metmuseum.org
Collection Highlights Tours

Offered Sundays and Tuesdays through Fridays at 3:00 p.m., these tours of the collection are free with Museum admission for individual visitors. No reservations are required.

Garden Tours (May through October)

Offered Tuesdays through Sundays at 1:00 p.m., these tours include horticultural, architectural, and historical information and are free with Museum admission for individual visitors. No reservations are required. See *The Medieval Garden Enclosed*, a blog dedicated to the gardens at The Cloisters, for all the latest news about garden events, programs, what's in bloom, and other special topics.

Gallery Talks

The Cloisters offers Gallery Talks and other programs for adults at noon and 2:00 p.m. every Saturday and on the first Sunday of each month, year-round. These talks are free with Museum admission and do not require reservations. Due to limited gallery space, groups of ten or more cannot be accommodated.

Family Gallery Workshops

Special gallery workshops for children ages four through twelve and their families are held at 1:00 p.m. on the first and third Saturdays and the first Sunday of each month. Spanish-language gallery workshops for children and their families are also available the last Saturday of each month. See the calendar for a list of upcoming family gallery workshops or upcoming Spanish-language gallery workshops.

Fee includes same-day admission to the Main Building and The Cloisters. There is no extra charge for entrance to special exhibitions. Suggested: Adults \$20, Seniors (65 and older) \$15, Students \$10*, Members Free, Children under 12 (accompanied by an adult) Free. *The Museum participates in several programs that include free admission for students. All New York City public school students, along with students from Bard Graduate Center, Barnard College, Columbia University, and the Institute of Fine Arts at New York University, may visit the Museum for free. Please check with your school administrator to see if your student I.D. allows free admission to the Museum.

The Seaport

Pier 17 (North side), 212.SEAPORT

Water Taxi Beach/The Seaport

Come and enjoy this 18,000 square foot venue, featuring the signature sandy beach where people can relax and take in the views of the East River and the Brooklyn Bridge. Food and beverage will be available for sale at a fish shack that will serve fish and chips, steamers, clams, and daily specials. Recreational activities include a 9-hole miniature golf course, ping-pong tables and skeeball. Free admission.

U.S. Customs House

One Bowling Green, 212-646-4064

12:00 noon

Wall Street Walking Tour

This 90-minute long stroll weaves together the history, events, architecture and people of Downtown - the birthplace of a nation, the financial capital of the world and the most dynamic neighborhood in the city. Free.

Grand Central Station Free Tour, 212-697-1245

Meet on 42nd Street in front of the Altria/ Whitney Museum across the street from Grand Central

12:30 pm, Fridays

Justin Ferate's free walking tour through Grand Central and the surrounding neighborhood. Domestic and international visitors, as well as local New Yorkers looking to learn about the neighborhood, will enjoy this walking tour. Primarily focused on history and architecture, Ferate does an excellent job setting the scene for the creation, evolution and eventual restoration of Grand Central Terminal. This weekly tour is sponsored by the Grand Central Partnership.

The Skyscraper Museum

39 Battery Place, 212-945-6324

12:00 noon, Wednesday through Sunday

Future City 20121: China Prophecy

A multi-media exhibition that examines Shanghai's evolving identity as a skyscraper metropolis. Adults \$5; students and seniors \$2.50.

Governor's Island

Governor's Island free ferries leave from the Battery Maritime Building, at the corner of South and Whitehall Streets, 212-440-2202

10:00 am

Experience seven miles of car-free biking, enjoy concerts, festivals and art exhibitions, picnic on acres of open green space, take a tour and much more. Free Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Ellis Island Immigration Museum

Please visit www.nps.gov for ferry schedule and costs, 212-363-3200

9:00 am

Exhibition - Lenape: Ellis Island's First Inhabitants

This exhibition tells the story of the Lenape Indians from prehistory through the 21st century. Free.

Bryant Park

Bryant Park: Upper Terrace, 42nd Street and 6th Avenue, (212) 768-4242

12:00 noon - 1:45 pm, Monday through Friday

Piano in Bryant Park

Ragtime, jazz, and more from the city's best pianists on the park's custommade piano in Bryant Park. Presented in partnership with Local 802 of the American Federation of Musicians, the Music Performance Fund, and Sam Ash Music Stores.

Bryant Park

Bryant Park Chess Area (40th Street and 5th Avenue), (212) 768-4242

3:00 pm-4:00 pm, Monday through Friday; 12:00 noon - 1:00 Saturdays

Chess Lessons

Accessibility, Cultural, Kids

Federal Reserve Bank

33 Liberty Street, 212-720-6130

10:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm, 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday

New York Tours

Tour the Fed's gold vault and learn about the Federal Reserve Bank's central banking

functions. Also on exhibit, "The History of Money" and "Fedworks." Advance reservations are required. Free.

Children's Museum of Manhattan-www.cmom.org

The Tisch Building, 212 West 83rd Street, (212) 721-1223

Amusement Park Science (all ages)

May 23 – September 10

Learn about the laws of physics as you play with fun, hands-on amusement park rides and games. Create your own roller coaster to explore and experiment with potential and kinetic energy. Experience momentum on a spinning platform. Build your own amusement park to see how fast (and high) your imagination will go!

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August 1 – September 13

Summer Snow? (all ages)

Don't miss CMOM's exhibition of snowmen by photographer Martha Madigan.

Visit www.cmom.org for corresponding programming.

Children's Museum of Manhattan-www.cmom.org

The Tisch Building, 212 West 83rd Street, (212) 721-1223

August 1 – September 13

Gods, Myths & Mortals: Discover Ancient Greece (ages 6 & older)

Zeus or Hera? Which Greek god are you most like? Immerse yourself in Ancient Greece surrounded by real ancient objects. Climb a giant Trojan Horse, escape the Cyclops and sing with the Sirens as you complete your epic journey to be an ancient Greek hero.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art-www.metmuseum.org

1000 Fifth Avenue (at 82nd Street), (212) 535-7710

Tuesday–Friday, July 7–August 7

11:00 am–12:00 pm

A.M. at the MMA: Space Adventures

Carson Family Hall, Uris Center for Education

A morning adventure in art through conversation and sketching for visitors ages five through twelve and their adult companions. Each day's theme focuses on space and art. Tuesdays are devoted to architecture; Wednesdays to furniture; Thursdays to painting; and Fridays to sculpture.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art-www.metmuseum.org

1000 Fifth Avenue (at 82nd Street), (212) 535-7710

Tuesday–Friday, July 7–August 14, 1:00–1:30 pm

Family Films

Bonnie J. Sacerdote Lecture Hall, Uris Center for Education. Enjoy four to five short films that are sure to entertain the whole family!

The Metropolitan Museum of Art-www.metmuseum.org

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Thursday, July 9, 16, 23, 30, August 6, 13 2:30–3:30 pm

Start with Art Plus at the Met

Carson Family Hall, Uris Center for Education

Kids ages three through seven and their adult companions have fun at the Met through storytelling, sketching, and other ways of exploring art! Start with Art Plus includes art making in a classroom.

Circus Yoga Sundays FREE in Central Park

Every Sunday late spring into the fall; May 3rd until it gets cold

3:00 – 6:00 PM

It's all things circus and yoga... flying partner yoga, partner acrobatics, thai massage, juggling, diabolo, spinning poi, and whatever else you bring to our circle! In the middle of Sheep Meadow (enter the park at Tavern on the Green at 67th Street on the west side of the park, enter Sheep Meadow from the SW corner and walk on a diagonal path towards the center until you find us.)

QUEENS

New York Hall of Science-www.nyscience.org

47-01 111th Street, (718) 699-0005

May 23 – August 30

Charlie & Kiwi's Evolutionary Adventure

Go on an evolutionary adventure and discover the link between dinosaurs and modern birds with the new bilingual English/Spanish exhibition Charlie and Kiwi's Evolutionary Adventure. Using a kid-friendly storyline, Charlie and Kiwi's Evolutionary Adventure follows a boy named Charlie as he works on a book report about kiwis, a flightless bird found in New Zealand. Visitors will learn with Charlie how kiwis evolved by unraveling puzzles, playing games, exploring computer interactives, and observing live birds. Free with museum admission.

New York Hall of Science-www.nyscience.org

47-01 111th Street, (718) 699-0005

Weekends, May 23 – August 16

2:00 & 3:00 pm

Charlie and Kiwi's Evolutionary Adventure: Live Science Theater

Charlie chooses the kiwi as his book report bird. But when the other students make fun of his choice, he uses a time machine to go back and figure out: is a kiwi really a bird? Free with museum admission.

New York Hall of Science-www.nyscience.org

47-01 111th Street, (718) 699-0005

Weekends, starting May 23

11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Activity Area: Summer Crafts

Fossil Prints, Kiwi Puppets, Cosmic Comets

Materials fee: \$2 - \$2.50; (\$1 - \$1.50 members)

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