

## **Kids Resources:**

### **PROVIDENCE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM**

100 SOUTH STREET  
PROVIDENCE, RI 02903  
(401) 273-5437  
<http://www.childrenmuseum.org>

*The mission of Providence Children's Museum is to inspire learning through active play and exploration.*

#### Museum Hours

##### *April - Labor Day*

Open daily, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and select Friday evenings until 8:00 PM.

##### *September - March*

Open Tuesday - Sunday and Monday, holidays, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and select Friday evenings until 8:00 PM.

#### Admission

- Admission is \$7.50 per person (free for children under the age of 12 months).
- The Museum accepts cash, check, Discover, Visa and MasterCard.
- Group visits and rates are available for groups of 10 or more children on weekdays.
- Providence Children's Museum members always visit free!
- The Museum admits 4 free reciprocal members from other museums with a valid membership card and ID.
- Visit for free on "MetLife Family Friday - Free at Five!" made possible with support from MetLife Foundation. Check the calendar for details.

### ***Daily Drop-in Programs***

Ages vary by program

There's a different hands-on activity happening every day at Providence Children's Museum!

Preschoolers will love exploring during Play and Learn and Preschool Friday programs. Kids ages 5 to 11 can drop into the FETCH! Lab, a hands-on activity station based on the PBS series "FETCH! with Ruff Ruffman™" to tackle creative math and science challenges.

## *Museum Adventure Classes*

Enhance your Museum Adventure with a 20-minute hands-on class led by a Museum educator. Museum Adventure classes take place within a two-hour Museum Adventure field trip. Teacher resource materials with pre- and post-activities are included. Each class aligns with local and national standards. Choose a topic that best suits your curriculum needs. *Museum Adventure classes are sponsored in part by Amica Insurance.*

- Tooth Sleuth (Grades K - 2)
- Geomazing (Grades 1 - 3)
- Worm World (Grades 1 - 3)
- Reservation information

Museum Adventure class fee: Museum Adventure field trip fee plus \$35 for up to 30 students (\$1.50 per additional student).

### **Tooth Sleuth**

Best suited for grades K - 2

Students become tooth detectives as they examine the skulls of a tiger, an alligator, a horse and a wombat. Using careful observation and keen sleuthing skills, students categorize teeth according to size, shape and function to identify herbivores, carnivores and omnivores.

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### **Geomazing**

Best suited for grades 1 - 3

Squares, triangles, and trapezoids take center stage as students explore the angles of geometry. With mirrors and pattern blocks, students observe, predict and experiment with the principles of symmetry. Check out the language of shapes in *Shape Space!*

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### **Worm World**

Best suited for grades 1 - 3

Worms are natural recyclers. While handling live earthworms, students use observation and inquiry to investigate questions such as: Where do worms live? How do they move? What happens when an earthworm eats a rotten leaf? Students gain an understanding of basic worm anatomy and the critical role worms play in maintaining a balanced environment

## **The TSETSE Gallery**

*In Rhode Island*

### **The TSETSE Gallery**

51 Empire Street

Providence, Rhode Island 09203

Tel: 401-453-3337

Contact:

- Therese Lavalley, Founder and President: [tsetse@tsetsegallery.org](mailto:tsetse@tsetsegallery.org)
- Sharon Thorpe, Regional Youth Director: [sharon@tsetsegallery.org](mailto:sharon@tsetsegallery.org)

*In Connecticut*

### **The TSETSE Gallery**

190 State Street

New London, CT 06320

Tel: 860-447-2447

Contact:

- Gayle Anderson, Director: [gayle@tsetsegallery.org](mailto:gayle@tsetsegallery.org)

**<http://www.tsetsegallery.org>**

The TSETSE Gallery's mission is to increase access to the arts, provide exposure for the young, as well as skilled artist, encourage young artistic talent, and promote individual and community development through art.

### ***The Children's Gallery***

In the Children's Gallery, we exhibit art works from children inclusively. This Gallery and its art programs aim to enhance a child's emotional stability, self-esteem, communication skills and assist them overall to become more emotionally grounded. We are a clinically documented program with results. Various school departments, psychologists, clinicians, group homes, state and National Police Associations have all enthusiastically endorsed our programs for children inclusively. Based on the past 12 months, approximately 470 children have been given the opportunity to participate in The TSETSE Children's Gallery art programs, which inspire healthy creative expression!

The TSETSE Gallery provides a variety of multi-disciplinary classes and camps, which include painting, drawing, sculpture, design, mixed media and much more! Children's spirits soar from the unforgettable experience of exhibiting in the Children's Gallery. Come join us for creativity, fun and new friendships! For more information about these programs, email Sharon Thorpe, Regional Youth Director, at:

[Sharon@tsetsegallery.org](mailto:Sharon@tsetsegallery.org)

## **Artistic Beginnings on Saturdays**

A wonderful Saturday art program for youth ages 7 - 15. Children explore a variety of multi-media projects, which include painting, drawing, sculpture, design and much more. Classes are open to the public.

## **Harmonious Art**

Children in State care explore their artistic expression by decorating furniture for their residences as well as creating tactile art pieces such as artistically designed telephones, 3-D mirrors and funky painted clothing. Collaborators work with the Gallery to determine appropriate class scheduling.

## **School Break Day Camps**

TSETSE Day Camps are weeklong programs filled with art education and creation in a "FUN" environment. The camp runs Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with different activities each week. By having a maximum class size is 7 students, ages 7 - 15 children are able to create individualized projects with individualized teaching assistance.

## **School Day & After-School Programs**

These successful programs are designed for children who have a variety of individual needs and challenges. These children are often overlooked for enrichment programs because of major challenges they present both motivationally and behaviorally. The children we serve flourish in these programs as we work to enhance their self-esteem and communication skills and guide them towards being more emotionally grounded. These programs are clinically documented to enhance the emotional stability of students with individual needs. Since 1995, the Gallery has partnered with a number of public and private schools in providing these programs. The Gallery is actively developing new collaborations with additional school departments to expand our outreach to include additional children. Classes are offered throughout the school year and are tailored to the school curriculum.

- *Children's Artwork*
- *Scholarship Opportunities*
- *Student of the Month*
- *Youth Advisory Board*

**Computer Whiz Kids Program..... 455-8087**

Verizon and the Providence Public Library have joined together to offer free, high-quality computer classes for children. Classes are held at every Providence branch library. There are three programs during the school year, as well as Computer Summer Camps.

[www.provlib.org](http://www.provlib.org)

**Kids Workshops at Home Depot..... 826-0600**

800 Universal Blvd

Warwick RI

Woodworking classes the first Saturday of every month from 10am-12:30pm for children ages 12 & under. Projects include birdhouses, letter boxes & step stools. Child must be accompanied by a parent.

**A Night at the Zoo ..... 785-3510**

Roger Williams Park Zoo

Providence, RI

Special overnights for child (minimum age is 7) and adult pair to experience night time magic at the zoo.

**Roger Williams Park**

Located off of Elm Ave  
Providence RI 02903

RI Parks Service: 401-785-9450  
Roger Williams Park Zoo: 401-785-3510  
[www.rogerwilliamsparkzoo.org/visit/parkattractions.cfm](http://www.rogerwilliamsparkzoo.org/visit/parkattractions.cfm)  
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The Roger Williams Park offers a variety of activities for parents and children. Located inside the park is the Roger Williams Park Zoo, a carousel, music venues, The Museum of Natural History and Planetarium, and beautiful grounds for picnics or walks.

**Save the Bay's Explore the Bay Programs..... 272-3540, ext 133**

[www.savebay.org/explorethebay](http://www.savebay.org/explorethebay)

See seals sunning themselves. Kayak quiet coves. Trawl for marine life.

Learn where ice cream really comes from. Meet Eelgrass Man. Visit the

Narragansett Bay Station and more.

**4-H Club ..... 874-2959**

[www.4-h.org](http://www.4-h.org).

Exciting programs ranging from sewing to woodworking to conservation and environment. Plus fund raisers, fairs, trips, workshops and camps. Something for everyone in your family.

**Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island ..... 861-8800**

401 Elmgrove Ave

Providence RI

## YMCA's

Sports, dance, gymnastics, music, games, arts & crafts, enrichment & specialty classes for every age group. Red Cross swim instruction including Parent-Tot swim. Soccer & basketball leagues. Family Pool Days monthly on Sunday afternoons. Children's birthday parties in gym, pool, or crafts studio. Theater presentations. Holiday celebrations include family dinners/craft activities, and hand-on holiday workshops.

Newport Armed Services YMCA -- 846-9622

Newport County YMCA -- 847-9200

Pawtucket YMCA -- 727-7900

Heritage Park YMCA -- 727-7050

MacColl Field YMCA -- 725-0773

Westwood YMCA -- 397-7779

Providence YMCA -- 456-0104

Bayside Branch -- 245-2444

Community Services/ In Town -- 456-0100

Cranston Branch -- 943-0444

East Side/ Mt Hope -- 521-0155

YMCA Camp Fuller -- 521-1470

Kent County -- 828-0130

Newman Branch -- 508-336-7103

South County Branch -- 783-3900

West Bay -- 295-6501

Smithfield YMCA -- 949-2480

Westerly-Pawtucket YMCA -- 596-2894

Woonsocket YMCA -- 769-0791

Contact your local YMCA for a listing of all of the activities for children (tots to teens) including swimming lessons and summer camps.

# Art

**The Accidental Artist.....848-2501**

516 Thames St.

Newport RI

Using bisque "blanks," children and adults can decorate mugs, plates and picture frames with colorful glazes that are then fired to create usable decorative arts. Group rates and afternoon specials are available.

**Art & Soul ..... 789-4993**

147A Orchard Ave.

Wakefield RI

Paint Your Own Pottery studio for all!

**Beadworks ..... 861-4540**

290 Thayer St.

Providence RI

Everything you need to make very cool bead jewelry. Lots of fun for everyone (especially on rainy days)!

**Bristol Community College.....508-678-2811 ext.2272,2269**

[www.bristol.mass.edu](http://www.bristol.mass.edu)

777 Elsbree St.

Fall River MA.

Kids College holds art and music programs for children in all grades. Recent offerings include "Fun with Musical Instruments" and "Kids College Chorus", "Cartooning and Creative Capers." Also Math & Science, Computers, Acting, etc.

**!CityArts! ..... 941-0795**

891 Broad St.

Providence RI

**Clayground ..... 884-4888**

5600 Post Rd.

East Greenwich RI

Create one of a kind, personally painted pottery. Birthday parties & classes.

**Court House Center for the Arts ..... 782-1018**

[www.courthousearts.org](http://www.courthousearts.org)

3501 Kingstown Road

West Kingston RI

Arts-After-School classes & Saturday Art-Not-TV workshops for children in grades 1-6, as well as afternoon Teen Classes for Jr. & Sr. high students. Monthly concerts, summer theatre, film and artisan shop.

**Museum of Primitive Art and Culture ..... 783-5711**

1058 Kingstown Road

Peace Dale RI

Features craft projects for children, from tribal chokers to sundials. Programs are FREE with a nominal materials fee.

**Newport Art Museum..... 848-8200**

76 Bellevue Ave.

Newport, RI

[www.newportartmuseum.com](http://www.newportartmuseum.com)

**Noah's Art ..... 433-0095**

East Providence, RI

Art instruction & private lessons for kids 9 and older.

**Oop! Contemporary Gift Gallery ..... 455-0844**

297 Thayer Street & Providence Place.

Good Clean Fun Days for children to win free stuff, 3 times a month.

**Plaster Palace ..... 826-2200**

289 Cowesett Ave.

Warwick, RI

Painting fun for the whole family. No appts needed. Also, cool classes like ... funky furniture painting, wire sculpturing, paper mache clocks, drawing, etc.

**The RISD Museum ..... 454-6545**

224 Benefit St.

Providence, RI

Family workshops for children ages 5-12 and their parents on alternating Sunday afternoons. Workshops relate art that is on exhibit in the museum to hands-on art techniques. FREE with museum admission. Also, Artful Thursdays, after-school classes that combine art appreciation with art creation for ages 4-12. Children ages 4-6 must be accompanied by a caregiver.

**R.I.S.D. Young Artist Programs..... 454-6500**

2 College St.

Providence, RI

[www.risd.edu](http://www.risd.edu)

Offers a variety of programs, from Artstart (ages 5-6), to Young Adult Workshops (ages 12-17). In the summer, the school also offers an intensive 3-week youth program & a pre-college residential program (offered to high school juniors and seniors for 6 weeks in the summer). These programs expose students to artists & their works, & help foster each student's creative, social & intellectual development. Includes drawing, painting, sculpture, ceramic, printmaking, etc. Satellite location at Tillinghast Farm, Barrington.

**Sweet Inspiration Sewing School ..... 841-8628**

Middletown.

Learn to use a sewing machine, make clothes for yourself, and gifts for friends.

**Tiverton Four Corners Center for Arts & Education..624-2600**

3852 Main Road

Tiverton.

**Weird Girl Creations .....247-1397**

185 Washington Rd

Barrington, RI

## **Dance & Drama**

**2nd Story Theatre ..... 247-4200**

28 Market St.

Warren, RI

[www.2ndStoryTheatre.com](http://www.2ndStoryTheatre.com)

Acting classes for students of all levels, grade 10 and up. Performances offered year round.

**All Childrens Theater Ensemble ..... 728-1222**

255 Main St.

Suite 201

Pawtucket, RI

[ACTinRI.org](http://ACTinRI.org)

**The Carriage House ..... 831-9479**

7 Duncan Ave.

Providence, RI

This community-based performance arts center holds skill-building dance and theatre classes for ages 12-18. Classes include improv comedy, ballet, hip-hop dance, Polynesian dance, video production and more.

**Festival Ballet Providence Center for Dance Education.. 353-1129**

825 Hope Street

Providence, RI

[www.festivalballet.com](http://www.festivalballet.com)

The Festival Ballet Providence Center for Dance Education offers a comprehensive dance curriculum for ages 3 to adults in its three state-of-the-art studios. An international faculty chaired by Artistic Director Mihailo Djuric provides excellent training for both the recreational and professional-track student. Over 70 classes a week are offered in the morning, afternoon and evening including Ballet, Pointe, Variations, Creative Movement, Pre-Ballet, Jazz, Pilates mat classes and the Festival Ballet Workout. The Center for Dance Education is also home to Festival Ballet Providence, the state's professional dance company.

**The Jewish Theatre Ensemble..... 861-8800, ext. 189**

401 Elmgrove Ave.

East Side of Providence, RI

This community-based theatre company at the JCC features full-scale productions for adults and children. (The JCC also offers a specialty day camp in drama as well as enrichment classes in the performing arts during the school year.

**Kaleidoscope Theater..... 942-3637**

65 Freedom Drive

Cranston, RI

[www.KaleidoscopeTheatre.com](http://www.KaleidoscopeTheatre.com)

**Looking Glass Theater Inc. .... 331-9080**

321 Wickenden St.

Providence, RI

[www.LookglassTouringtheater.com](http://www.LookglassTouringtheater.com)

An educational professional touring Co. Will go to schools throughout the area, promoting reading & addressing issues through humor, participation plays.

**Newport Children's Theater ..... 848-0266**

14 North Dr.

Middletown, RI

**North Smithfield Public Library**

20 Main Street P.O. Box 950

Slatersville Rhode Island 02876

Phone: 401-767-2780 Fax: 401-767-2782

[nsmlibrary@yahoo.com](mailto:nsmlibrary@yahoo.com)

**Rhode Island School of Design**

224 Benefit Street

Providence RI 02903

401-454-6500

[www.risd.edu/museum.cfm](http://www.risd.edu/museum.cfm)

The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10:00am-5:00pm. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$2 for youth (ages 5-18). The museum offers free-for-all Saturday and Sunday family workshops where families can explore art and culture. On Saturday October 28th the museum is offering the workshop "Wunderground" where patrons can make masks and watch a performance by the Mystic Paper Beasts.

For more things you can do with kids in Rhode Island, check out these resources:

- RI Tourism website: [www.visitrhodeisland.com](http://www.visitrhodeisland.com)
- RI State Parks: [www.riparks.com](http://www.riparks.com)

But remember, you can talk to kids anywhere, not just at these kinds of scheduled events or activities! You can talk to them in the car, while playing a board game, or after watching a movie or TV show. Or you could ask your kid to teach you something new, like how to use the computer or Internet, and talk to them then. By spending time with your child and enjoying different activities together, you will see how easy it is to talk to them.

