

Press Release

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Monthly Museum Program Welcomes Children with Autism, Special Needs

(Naperville, IL) – The third Thursday of every month at DuPage Children's Museum is a special time for families of children with autism spectrum disorder, visual impairments and/or mobility impairments.

Third Thursdays are a perfect time for families with children who have special needs to explore interactive exhibits that offer ways for children to work on language development, social skills and purposeful play. Although the Museum is open to the public every Thursday until 8 p.m., it is often less crowded during the early evening hours of 5 – 7 p.m. That makes Third Thursdays a good time for children with special needs to explore the activities in a meaningful way.

Specially trained staff will be available to assist with art activities, and resource tables will be set up to provide information on issues and services relating to autism, visual impairments and/or mobility impairments. The Explorer Store, located in the Museum, offers great toys for children with special needs.

Third Thursday programs are free for DCM members or free with admission.

DuPage Children's Museum helps develop curiosity, creativity, thinking and problem solving in young children via interactive exhibits and programs that make learning fun for children and adults playing together.

The Museum is located at 301 N. Washington Street in Naperville, Illinois, a quick walk from the Naperville Metra train station. Parking is free, and the building is wheelchair accessible.

DuPage Children's Museum is a top Chicago area cultural attraction *where learning comes in to play™*! For information about hours, museum admission, and membership packages, visit www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org or call (630) 637-8000.

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