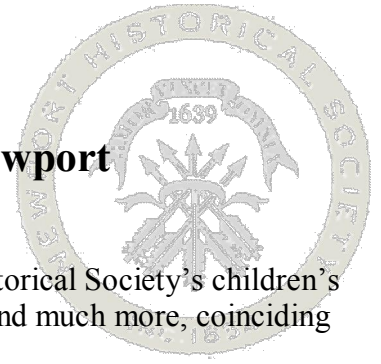


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Celebrate the Start of Spring with History Programs in Newport

The Newport Historical Society Offers Children's Spring Break Events



Newport, RI – (March 2010) – Celebrate the start of spring with the Newport Historical Society's children's spring break programs. Events include a colonial craft, story time, a history hunt, and much more, coinciding with the Rhode Island school vacation the week of April 19, 2010.

On Monday April 19th at 11am, visit the Museum & Shop at Brick Market, 127 Thames Street, for a hands-on Klutz Build-a-Book program. Children ages six and up can create their very own book that tells their history. The event costs \$12.95 plus tax, to purchase the craft kit, and \$10.36 for NHS members. Reservations requested. 401-841-8770

Wednesday April 21st from 11am to 2pm, test your knowledge of historic Newport on a history hunt in and around Washington Square. This 20-question family-friendly hunt tracks colonial Newport sites and trivia. Maps are \$3 per family and free for NHS members. Available at the Museum & Shop at Brick Market, 127 Thames Street. The first five submissions with correct answers win prizes (one prize per family).

Thursday April 22, children ages four and up can participate in story time at the Museum & Shop at Brick Market, 127 Thames Street, at 11am. Hear a costumed storyteller share historic stories. Kids can take home games that accompany the stories. This program is free; reservations requested. 401-841-8770

Two programs will be offered on Friday April 23rd.

- Tweens, teens and families can enjoy the Pirates & Scoundrels history walking tour. See where scoundrels lived, where pirates profited, and where criminals were put on trial and punished. Find out why this colony was sometimes known as "Rogue's Island". Departs at 11:30am from the Museum & Shop at Brick Market, 127 Thames Street, and lasts approximately 75 minutes. The tour costs \$12 per person, \$10 for NHS members. Reservations suggested as space is limited. 401-841-8770
- At 1pm, children can learn first hand about colonial clothing and fashion and create their very own colonial inspired craft to take home: a young lady's cap or a young gentleman's tricorne hat. The program costs \$3 per child, \$1 per child for NHS members and takes place at the Colony House at the head of Washington Square.

The Museum & Shop at Brick Market, open daily at 10am, offers exhibits about Newport's early history. Admission is by donation. The shop specializes in gifts and souvenirs inspired by the NHS collections. The museum is located at 127 Thames Street, Newport, RI at the foot of Washington Square. Questions about these programs can be directed to 401-841-8770 or visit www.NewportHistory.org.

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About the Newport Historical Society

Since 1854, the Newport Historical Society has collected and preserved the artifacts, photographs, documents, publications, and genealogical records that relate to the history of Newport County, to make these materials readily available for both research and enjoyment, and to act as a resource center for the education of the public about the history of Newport County, so that knowledge of the past may contribute to a fuller understanding of the present. For more information please visit www.newporthistory.org.

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