

November

6 Friday

An Evening at the Movies. *My Sister's Keeper*. An important, beautiful and moving true story you will never forget! 7 p.m. Ottawa Family Cinema. Cost: \$3 - \$7. Notre Dame Auditorium, 710 Broadview Ave., Ottawa. Info: (613) 722-8218 or info@familycinema.org

Rockcliffe Book Fair. One of Ottawa's best used book sales is in its 48th year, with thousands of used books, videos, Dads, CDs and games for sale. There are activities for the children and a fantastic café. Proceeds help fund literacy programs at Rockcliffe Park Public School and other beacon schools throughout Ottawa. Continues Nov. 7 and 8. Rockcliffe Park Public School, 370 Springfield Rd. Info: www.rockcliffebookfair.com

7 Saturday

Chelsea Cooperative Nursery School Bids for Kids Benefit Auction. Includes local talent and more than 200 items for auction, with proceeds going to the school. 7 p.m. Free admission. A list of items is at: www.chelseacoop.ca/auction. Camp Fortune Lodge, Chelsea. Info: Sue Toller: suetoller@hotmail.com

An Afternoon at the Movies. *UP*. Back by popular demand! Your last chance to see Disney/Pixar's family hit. 2 p.m. Ottawa Family Cinema. Cost: \$3 - \$7. Notre Dame Auditorium, 710 Broadview Ave., Ottawa. Info: (613) 722-8218 or info@familycinema.org

8 Sunday

Remembrance Day Commemoration. Visitors will learn about the Second World War with special guests and veterans. Canada Aviation Museum, Canada Aviation Museum, 11 Aviation Parkway. Info: (613) 993-2010 or www.aviation.technomuses.ca

13 Friday

Wheels, Wings and Waves – A LEGO Contest. Children ages 12 or under, eager to show their creations, will enjoy this event. 10:30 a.m. Canada Aviation Museum, 11 Aviation Parkway. Info and registration: (613) 993-8109 or visit: www.aviation.technomuses.ca

Little Women presented by Orpheus. Based on Louisa May Alcott's classic 1869 semi-autobiographical novel, it focuses on the four March sisters – feisty, tomboyish, aspiring author Jo, romantic Meg, pretentious Amy, and kind-hearted Beth - and their beloved Marmee, at home in Concord, Massachusetts while the family patriarch is away serving as a Union Army chaplain during the Civil War. Intercut with the vignettes in which their lives unfold are several recreations of the melodramatic short stories Jo writes in her attic studio. 8 p.m., Centrepointe Theatre. Info: www.orpheustheatre.ca, www.centrepointetheatre.com or 613-580-2700

14 Saturday

Gold Medal Fun. Get ready for the 2010 Olympics with some fun stories, puzzles and a craft. 10:15 a.m. Registration required. Ottawa Public Library, Beaverbrook Branch, 2500 Campeau Dr. Info: (613) 592-2712

An Afternoon at the Movies. *Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs.* A great new animated family comedy. 2 p.m. Ottawa Family Cinema. Cost: \$3 - \$7. Notre Dame Auditorium, 710 Broadview Ave., Ottawa. Info: (613) 722-8218 or info@familycinema.org

16 Monday

Homework Club. Tutoring and homework help after school. Info: 613-741-6025. Ages 7-18. Info: 613-741-6025. 7-18 ans. 6 p.m. Ottawa Public Library, Blackburn Hamlet Branch, 199 Glen Park. Info: (613) 824-6926

19 Thursday

Good Times at the Library. Have a great time and enjoy stories, a craft and a movie. Ages 3 to 6. Registration. 1:30 p.m. Ottawa Public Library, Centennial Branch, 3870 Richmond Rd. Info: (613) 828-5142

20 Friday

Family Astronomy and Space Workshop. K'Nex Space Station: Make it and Take it Apart Curious about space and astronomy? These hands-on workshops feature a new craft activity each month that encourages exploration of science and astronomy, complemented by either a guided tour of the heavens in the inflatable planetarium, a visit to the Canada in Space exhibition or a visit to the observatory. Canada Science and Technology Museum, 1867 St. Laurent Blvd. Info: (613) 991-3035 or www.sciencetech.technomuses.ca

An Evening at the Movies. *Couples Retreat.* Hilarious new mature comedy all couples should see. 7 p.m. Ottawa Family Cinema. Cost: \$3 - \$7. Notre Dame Auditorium, 710 Broadview Ave., Ottawa. Info: (613) 722-8218 or info@familycinema.org

21 Saturday

Ottawa Authors Book Fair. More than 50 local authors will be on hand to discuss their work and promote their books ranging from fiction and non-fiction, to children's stories, biographies and self-help books. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Clark Hall at the RA Centre on Riverside Drive near Billings Bridge Shopping Centre. Free admission and parking. Continues on Nov. 22. Info: (613) 831-2505 or www.oiw.ca

An Afternoon at the Movies. *Disney's Ponyo.* Beautiful new animated tale you and your kids will love. 2 p.m. Ottawa Family Cinema. Cost: \$3 - \$7. Notre Dame Auditorium, 710 Broadview Ave., Ottawa. Info: (613) 722-8218 or info@familycinema.org

P.A.W.S. To Read (Session 2). Share a story with a four-legged friend. Dogs are great listeners! Reading therapy with canine pals can help your child build confidence in their reading skills. Bring a book along. Ages 6 to 10. Registration. 10:15 a.m. Ottawa Public Library, Ruth E. Dickinson Branch, 100 Malvern. Info: (613) 580-2796

A Mousy Time for Babes and Tots. Have squeaky fun with songs, tickles and 'tails'. Ages 0 to three years. Registration. 10:30 a.m. Ottawa Public Library, Greenboro Branch, 363 Lorry Greenberg Dr., Info: (613) 580-2957

Kanata Junior Chess Club. Players must know the basic rules of the game. Different ages and abilities play one another. There will be chess ladders and tournaments. Register in person at Hazeldean Branch. Ages seven to 15. 2 p.m. Ottawa Public Library, Hazeldean Branch, 50 Castlefrank, Info: (613) 836-1900

22 Sunday

Jacob Two-Two Meets the Hooded Fang. A dramatic reading by Andrea Martin from the classic story by Mordecai Richler for children six and up. 2 p.m., NAC Theatre, tickets \$20, children \$13. Info: www.nac-cna.ca, www.ticketmaster.ca or 613-755-1111

25 Wednesday

Game On. Challenge your friends to get gaming. Compete on the Wii for bragging rights. Ages 10 to 14. Registration. 4 p.m. Ottawa Public Library, Elmvale Acres Branch, 1910 St. Laurent Blvd. Info: (613) 738-0619

27 Friday

The Universe — Yours to Discover: The Moon in Mythology. Join the Museum for the International Year of Astronomy in 2009. Explore fascinating topics and then view the night sky through Canada's largest refracting telescope, use binoculars and small telescopes (weather permitting) or enjoy a guided tour of the heavens in the inflatable planetarium. 7:30 p.m. Canada Science and Technology Museum, 1867 St. Laurent Blvd. Info: (613) 991-3035 or www.sciencetech.technomuses.ca

28 Saturday Festive Fun. Enjoy holiday stories and music. Make a seasonal craft. Family program. Registration. 10:15 a.m. Ottawa Public Library, Beaverbrook Branch, 2500 Campeau Dr. Info: (613) 592-2712

Mad About Music. Embark on a musical journey and have fun with stories, activities and a craft. Ages 6-8. Registration. 10:30 a.m. Ottawa Public Library, Greenboro Branch, 363 Lorry Greenberg Dr., Info: (613) 580-2957

December

13 Sunday

A Holiday Helping of Music Soup. Juno Award winning Jen Gould will perform her best-loved tunes for children two to six. The Arts Court Theatre stage, 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., 2 Daly Ave., Ottawa. Before and after each show children and their adult accompaniment are invited to visit the Winter Wonderland in the Arts Court

Studio for cookies, coco and flurry of festive games. \$15 plus a can of soup (donations given to the Ottawa Food Bank). Info: www.artscourt.ca and www.jengouldmusic.com

15 Tuesday

Handel's Messiah. NAC Orchestra, Southam Hall, 7 p.m. Info: www.nac-cna.ca, www.ticketmaster.ca or 613-755-1111

18 Friday

A Leahy Family Christmas with the NAC Orchestra. NAC, Southam Hall, 7 p.m. Info: www.nac-cna.ca , www.ticketmaster.ca or 613-755-1111

ONGOING

UNTIL NOVEMBER 29

Sea Exhibition. A montage of colourful and exotic fish, coral and other sea creatures set to the playful score of the Nutcracker Suite. Weekends: 9:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Canadian Museum of Nature, 240 McLeod St. Info: www.nature.ca

December 2 - 6

The Nutcracker by the Royal Winnipeg Ballet. NAC, 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday Matinees. Info: www.nac-cna.ca, www.ticketmaster.ca or 613-755-1111

December 8 – 26

A Christmas Carol. NAC Theatre. Info: www.nac-cna.ca, www.ticketmaster.ca or 613-755-1111

Hotel Heliconia, a High-definition nature movie. Free with Museum admission! The remarkable heliconia is a tropical jungle plant with some of the most beautiful flowers on Earth. Both a rain forest hotel and supermarket, it provides a home and food for many fascinating creatures, all of which seem to be using the plant for their own gain but who is pulling the strings? Weekends: 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Thursdays: 6 p.m. Fridays: 3 p.m. Canadian Museum of Nature, 240 McLeod St. Info: www.nature.ca

UNTIL JANUARY 3, 2010

Canada's Waterscapes - Yours to Enjoy, Explore and Protect. Explore some of Canada's beautiful waterscapes. Discover the amazing diversity of life that depends on our aquatic ecosystems. Follow an imaginary Whooping Crane's 'diary,' listen to frog calls, and even create your own ocean sounds! From the Great Lakes to our seashores, we are a nation connected by water. Visit Canada's Waterscapes and find out how you can help protect our most precious resource. Canadian Museum of Nature, 240 McLeod St. Info: www.nature.ca

UNTIL JANUARY 2010

Wheels, Wings and Waves — A LEGO® History of Transportation. The exhibition showcases a history of air, land and water transportation, featuring LEGO replica models, ranging from the Titanic to the Ford Model T to steam trains and spacecraft, all created by Master Builders. A LEGO discovery area invites visitors young and old to imagine and build new forms of transportation, and then test them on an interactive race ramp. Canada Science and Technology Museum, 1867 St. Laurent Blvd. Info: (613) 991-3044 or www.sciencetech.technomuses.ca

Just For You and Your Preschooler. On Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., we offer adventures for preschool visitors and their accompanying adults, designed to help young children explore our exhibits. For ages five and under. Canadian Children's Museum, 100 Laurier St., Gatineau. Info: (819) 776-7001

Artissimo. On Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., budding artists three and up who are accompanied by an adult will look at art and make art. Experience the works that fill the Gallery, let your creativity run riot at the Artissimo kiosk in the Great Hall, and then display your creation at the Artissimo Gallery. National Gallery of Canada, Sussex Drive, Ottawa. Info: (613) 998-8888

Family Fundays. On the third Sunday of each month experience artist-led workshops, plays, musical performances, creative projects, interactive gallery visits, games and much more. Have fun, make memories and discover your hidden talents. For children ages 3 and up accompanied by an adult. Drop-in activities run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. No registration required. Cost: included with Gallery admission. National Gallery of Canada, Sussex Drive, Ottawa. Info: (613) 998-8888

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