

The Big News

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FROM EDVENTURE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM



Chicka Chicka Boom Boom!

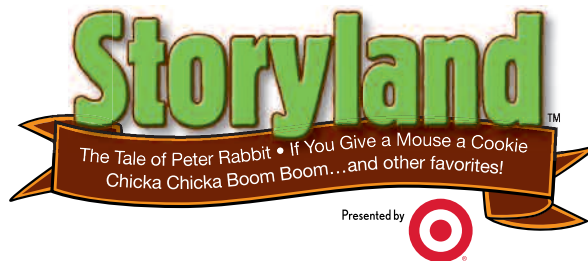
Storyland: A Trip Through Childhood Favorites™ Opens February 18

Take a journey through some of the best-loved children's books when you visit **Storyland**, a three-dimensional playland where books come alive. This colorful, interactive exhibit created by Minnesota Children's Museum, is designed to encourage a love of reading and enhance early literacy skills for children 0 to 8 years old. Storyland transforms seven award-winning picture books into interactive environments that allow children to learn while they play. **The Tale of Peter Rabbit** by Beatrix Potter; **The Snowy Day** by Ezra Jack Keats; **Where's Spot?** by Eric Hill; **If You Give a Mouse a Cookie** by Laura Numeroff; **Chicka Chicka Boom Boom** by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault; **Abuela** by Arthur Dorros; and **Tuesday** by David Wiesner are featured in this bi-lingual (English and Spanish) experience. Children explore Peter Rabbit's world as they build vocabulary and narrative skills while searching for Peter's lost belongings,

harvesting vegetables, and playing in his burrow. Babies and young toddlers join Spot on an exploration of sounds and images through busy wall interactives which also highlight for adults how literacy development begins at birth. And everyone will want to join Peter in **The Snowy Day** to build a snowperson, play with wintry sounds and words or engage in dramatic play.

Make the trip to Storyland! The entire family will enjoy exploring literacy skills and discovering the power of play in this imaginative, interactive experience.

Don't miss a special week-long celebration of **Storyland** on March 6-12. There will be activities, daily story time and appearances by costumed characters with a different book featured each day. Look for the daily schedule on our Facebook page and our website at edventure.org.



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Tales for Tots

Join us for **Tales for Tots**, a fun and educational series that features a read-to-me time followed by a character appearance that is sure to make stories come alive! Bring your toddler on February 23 at 11 a.m. for "The Tale of Peter Rabbit." Especially for young children ages 0-4 years. FREE with museum admission

Get FIT Together

The best way to get fit and spend more time together as a family is to put the two together! EdVenture's yearlong exercise program offers fitness and nutrition education for the entire family! FIT Together includes a one hour fitness and nutrition class on the first Saturday morning of each month. Free with paid admission! Free for members! **Join us for Kickboxing on February 4 at 10am.**

Game On!

Make Your Move! explores the origins of the world's best-loved games in an exhibit featuring oversized game pieces and play areas that give children a chance to explore the fun of strategic play in a new dimension. This returning exhibit features new additions and enhancements you don't want to miss!

10th Annual Girls Night Out

EdVenture Children's Museum and Coplon's presents **Girls Night Out** on March 1, 2012. Join us for an exciting night of fashion, music, food and fun as we bring the season's hottest new fashions to the runway for the tenth year. New York fashion designer, Chris Benz, will be showcasing his spring collection in this high-energy fashion show being held at 701 Whaley Street. Girls Night Out has become a signature fundraiser for the museum and a premier fashion event for the Midlands. The evening includes music from DJ Chris Wenner, a special performance by Unbound Dance Company, delicious hors d'oeuvres and cocktails from local favorites. Tickets are available for purchase online at www.edventure.org or by phone at 803-400-1162. Ticket prices per person are \$50 general admission, \$65 reserved seating and \$125 VIP runway seating (with opportunity to mingle with Chris Benz at VIP cocktail reception). Limited availability! Purchase your tickets today! All proceeds benefit EdVenture's educational outreach programs.

GIRLS Night OUT!



EDDIE's Mid-Winter Break Camp is Near!

If your school is having a mid-winter break, come spend it with us at EdVenture! Turn your break into a fun, educational experience with unique activities and challenges that will keep your mind and body moving. From arts & crafts to museum explorations, EDDIE's Mid-Winter Break Camp is the place to be! This special week of programming is designed for 4K - 2nd grade students and 3rd - 5th grade.

Space is limited - register now!

Dates: Monday, February 20th - Friday, February 24th

Time: Drop-off 8am. Pick-up 6pm

Cost: \$115 for all 5 days

Registration and payment in full are required to attend EDDIE's Mid-Winter Break Camp. Visit www.edventure.org for more information or call 803-400-1151.



Linkology™ Human Body Card Game

Think and Link! Put your knowledge to the test with this exciting science game by Learning Resources®! This fast and easy card game helps students make "links" between important life science and human body concepts as they link pictures with corresponding facts. Be the first to link all of your cards and win! Contents include a deck of 100 self-checking cards featuring a mix of photos, realistic medical illustrations and words. **(Ages 2+) \$9.99**

EdCetera is stocked with toys, games, puzzles and kits! Visit the Vista's only educational toy store today!



Pick of the Month

For unique, educational activity toys (that are a lot of fun, too) shop at EdCetera. Gift wrapping is free!

Mission at Work

Super Connector Search Contest Connects EdVenture to Southeast Middle School

Timewarner Cable launched its **Super Connector Search contest** in October, asking its customers to share how they've connected young people to the wonders of science, technology, engineering and math. EdVenture's very own, Allison Kirby, was the winner for TWC's South Carolina area. TWC will donate \$5,000 to Kirby's chosen non-profit, EdVenture Children's Museum.

EdVenture is using the grant to support the Future Leaders program at Southeast Middle School in Hopkins, SC. This after school program meets once a week, offering 6th grade students an opportunity to explore science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) through interactive, hands-on activities, led by EdVenture's educators.

Future Leaders is just one way EdVenture is making the after school hours full of promise for Midlands youth, encouraging collaborative learning, teamwork, leadership skills and workforce development.

For more information about Future Leaders, please contact EdVenture's Youth Programs Manager, Rodney Wolfenbarger at 803- 400-1138.



New Year's Eve at Noon!

If you weren't here to see the ball drop, confetti fly, and children count down...you missed a good time! EdVenture's annual celebration brought many smiles and laughs into the New Year.



Fun sunglasses brought big grins.



The ball drop is always a crowd favorite.



Confetti fell from the sky as the clock struck noon.



It looks like 2012 is going to be a bright year!



Have Your Cake, and Eat it Too!

Looking for a fantastic place to have your child's birthday party? What better place to make an event memorable than EdVenture! This fantastic 2-hour party includes activities for 15 children, free adult admission, PLUS all day museum exploration for party guests!

For more information, please contact Theresa Dozier at 803.400.1151 or visit www.edventure.org for details.

BIG FUN!

MONTHLY HAPPENINGS AND EVENTS AT EDVENTURE

FEB 2012



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



- **Birthday Parties:** \$175/members, \$195/non-members
- **A Fun Place for All Occasions!** Whether it's a wedding reception, business meeting or cocktail party, we can make the magic happen!

Bank of America's Museums on Us Weekend

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| 1-4pm Aha Factory All Day Make Your Move! | CLOSED | 10am Toddler Tuesday 1-4pm Aha Factory All Day Make Your Move! | 1-4pm Aha Factory All Day Make Your Move! | 1-4pm Aha Factory All Day Make Your Move! | 1-4pm Aha Factory All Day Make Your Move! | 10am-1pm Dental Health Fair 10am & 2pm Mo & Friends 11am & 2pm Lab Experiments 11am-1pm Tooth Fairy! 1-4pm Aha Factory All Day Make Your Move! |
| 1-4pm Aha Factory All Day Make Your Move! | CLOSED | VALENTINE'S DAY 10am Toddler Tuesday 1-4pm Aha Factory All Day Make Your Move! 5-8pm Family Night! | 1-4pm Aha Factory All Day Make Your Move! | 1-4pm Aha Factory All Day Make Your Move! | 1-4pm Aha Factory All Day Make Your Move! | Storyland OPENS! 10-11am Heart Dissections by USC Medical Students 11am-3pm Dental Screenings 11am & 2pm Lab Experiments 1-4pm Aha Factory |
| 1-4pm Aha Factory All Day Make Your Move! All Day Storyland | PRESIDENT'S DAY WE ARE OPEN! 1-4pm Aha Factory All Day Make Your Move! All Day Storyland | 10am Toddler Tuesday 1-4pm Aha Factory All Day Make Your Move! All Day Storyland | 1-4pm Aha Factory All Day Make Your Move! All Day Storyland | 11am Tales for Tots: "Tale of Peter Rabbit" 1-4pm Aha Factory All Day Make Your Move! All Day Storyland | 1-4pm Aha Factory All Day Make Your Move! All Day Storyland | 1-4pm Aha Factory 10am & 2pm "The Case of the Lub Dub" 11am & 2pm Lab Experiments All Day Make Your Move! All Day Storyland |
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Explore & play

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Take Heart and Smile Month

This month, we have many fun activities to teach children about heart health and dental health! We will have a visit from the tooth fairy, a dental health fair, dental screenings, heart dissections, dental health experiments, and Body Detective theatrics! You can even make your very own toothpaste! Please see our BIG FUN calendar for dates and times. Sponsored by the SC Dental Association.

Make Your Move!

Now through June

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Bank of America's "Museums on Us" Weekend

Feb 4-5, All Day

If you are a Bank of America cardholder, enjoy free admission to EdVenture on the first full weekend of every month! Just present your card at EdVenture's Welcome Center. Valid only for the Bank of America cardholder, regular admission applies to additional guests.

Family Night at EdVenture!

Sponsored by Palmetto Health

Feb 14 ~ 5-8pm

Join us every second Tuesday of the month from 5-8pm for \$1 admission! Follow us on Facebook for special Family Night events and surprises!

Toddler Tuesdays

Feb 7, 14, 21, 28 ~ 10am

Every Tuesday at 10am, you and your toddler are invited to drop in to EdVenture Children's Museum for arts & crafts, music, movement and stories. For families with children aged 12-24 months. Free with paid admission!

Storyland

Feb 18-May 6

Take a magical trip to **Storyland!** This new traveling exhibit transforms seven beloved and award-winning picture books – **The Tale of Peter Rabbit** by Beatrix Potter; **The Snowy Day** by Ezra Jack Keats; **Where's Spot?** by Eric Hill; **If You Give a Mouse a Cookie** by Laura Numeroff; **Chicka Chicka Boom Boom** by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault; **Abuela** by Arthur Dorros; and **Tuesday** by David Wiesner into three-dimensional play and bi-lingual (English and Spanish) learning environments.

Storyland Celebration Week Coming March 6-12:

Abuela: March 6, 10am-12pm

Where's Spot?: March 7, 10am-12pm

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom: March 8, 10am-12pm

The Snowy Day: March 9, 10am-12pm

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie: March 10, 10am-12pm

The Tale of Peter Rabbit!: March 11, 10am-12pm

Tales for Tots

Feb 23 ~ 11am and Feb 26 ~ 1pm

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Building Blocks for EdVenture and You


This year will be a very special year for our youngest visitors and their families. We are making a big commitment to enhance the EdVenture experience for children ages 3 and younger with new exhibits, programming and community initiatives.

On February 18th, we open the national tour of **Storyland**, a major new exhibit featuring an interactive environment based on our favorite children's books. My personal favorite, **The Tale of Peter Rabbit**, will be there and I hope yours will be too! With this exhibit, we will be launching a new "Read-To-Me" program - a monthly read aloud story time with special guests from the community coming in to share one of their favorite books and emphasizing the importance of reading. **Storyland** is being presented through the generous support of the Central Carolina Community Foundation and Target. Both organizations are committed to early literacy and are longtime partners in EdVenture's educational mission.

While you are enjoying this great new exhibit, we will close two exhibit galleries - **My Backyard** and **Building Boom** - to install brand new exhibits AND refurbish some of your favorites (like the SS Shrimpy!) These exhibits will reopen the last week of April as we celebrate the Week of the Young Child with special programming designed to capture the innate curiosity of early learners.

With input from our members, community representatives and early childhood experts, the EdVenture team has been working for two years on program design, exhibit design, development and construction. Our ability to enhance the EdVenture experience for our youngest visitors and their families would not be possible without the support of our donors. We are grateful to the Nordic Family Foundation, The Institute for Museum and Library Services and Richland County.

We look forward to sharing our new exhibits and programs with you, and together, building a community of young learners who will shape our future.



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The BIG Picture

The mission is to destroy the enemy fleet! Can you sink your opponent's battleships before he sinks yours? EdVenturers battle it out in **Make Your Move!**