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EXPLORE T/M WITH LITTLE ADVENTURES THIS SUMMER

Guided tours and hands-on workshops Wednesdays and Saturdays

May 2, 2016 (KANSAS CITY, MO) – Get out of the heat and discover something new at The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures! Little Adventures begins June 8 and continues every Wednesday and Saturday through August 10. From 1-3:30pm, explore the museum collection through gallery talks and guided tours, then visit the hands-on workshop to make your own toy or miniature. From paper dolls to ships, each week features a new theme. Little Adventures is included with museum admission and recommended for ages seven and up. Museum members enjoy all ten weeks for free!

WHAT Little Adventures Summer Program Series

WHERE The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures
5235 Oak Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64112

WHEN Wednesdays and Saturdays
June 8 – August 10
Guided tours and gallery talks at 1:00PM and 2:00PM
Come-and-go, hands-on workshop 1:00PM – 3:30PM

COST \$5 for general public
Free for members
Free for UMKC faculty, staff, and students

LET'S PLAY HOUSE: AMAZING DOLLHOUSES

JUNE 8 | JUNE 11

Explore the museum's dollhouses big (the nine-foot-tall Coleman dollhouse!) and small, including the dollhouse of Kansas Citian Nettie Wells. Make a dollhouse bed that's just right for Nettie's doll Gracie.

MINIATURE MASTERPIECES

JUNE 15 | JUNE 18

Fancy yourself a tiny Vincent van Gogh? Check out the museum's fine-scale miniature painting collection with works created using brushes that have only one hair! Then



channel your inner Leonardo da Vinci to paint your own miniature masterpiece on canvas and finish it with a frame of your choice.

STUFFED ANIMALS

JUNE 22 | JUNE 25

They're soft and cuddly, and you can never have too many of them. Visit the museum's favorite plush toys and make a stuffed elephant to add to your collection.

PAPER DOLLS

JUNE 29 | JULY 2

Popular and inexpensive toys for centuries, paper dolls have much to tell us about the past—just don't cut off the tabs! Visit the temporary exhibit *Stereotypes to Civil Rights* to explore how images shape our perceptions and the world around us, then make your own paper doll.

TOYS GO TO WAR

JULY 6 | JULY 9

When the world went to war, toys often followed suit from tin soldiers to G.I. Joe. Head into battle with the museum's wartime toys and make your own parachute trooper.

MINIATURE SHIPS AHOY!

JULY 13 | JULY 16

Set sail on a tour of T/m's nautical collection, and then gather your mateys to create a tiny ship to navigate the miniature seas.

OPTICAL TOYS

JULY 20 | JULY 23

Before there were movies, there were optical toys! Trace the history of these wonderful whirling inventions before putting your own creation in motion with a 3D optical toy.

MINIATURE ROOM SETTINGS

JULY 27 | JULY 30

Journey across the world and through time on a tour of T/m's miniature rooms. Make sure to take notes on your travels for your own miniature room setting in a tiny tin.

ROCKING ROCOCO

AUGUST 3 | AUGUST 6

In the 18th century, Rococo style was all the rage. Check out the museum's newest miniature addition, the *Rooms of Versailles*, and get fancy making a miniature desk fit for a king.

SURPRISE PROGRAM

AUGUST 10 | AUGUST 13

We wish we could tell you what this one is about, but the museum's education interns are keeping the topic on lockdown. But we do know that it will be fun, so come enjoy it with us!

ABOUT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF TOYS AND MINIATURES

The National Museum of Toy and Miniatures educates, inspires, and delights adults and children through the museum's collection and preservation of toys and miniatures. Located on the University

of Missouri - Kansas City campus, the museum exhibits the world's largest collection of fine-scale miniatures and one of the nation's largest collections of antique toys. The museum reopened on August 1, 2015, after a year-and-a-half, \$8 million renovation. For more information, call (816) 235-8000 or visit www.toyandminiaturemuseum.org.

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