

May-hem at National Museums Liverpool!

Plan a trip to your local museum this half term

Keep little ones busy this half term with a visit to your local museum! National Museums Liverpool has plenty of activities to keep the boredom at bay.

Create a poster made from Lego inspired by the Merseyside Maritime Museum's new exhibition, *Sail Away* (26, 27, 28 May). Then meet a pirate and discover what life on the high seas was like (29 May).

Head downstairs into *Seized! Border and Customs Uncovered* to make Customs cutter, these boats are the fastest on the sea (31 May).

At the International Slavery Museum, learn about African masks and make one using traditional designs (26, 27 May).

Kick back and listen to stories told with puppets and props at the Museum of Liverpool (24, 31 May). Or make Meccano models like the ones on display in the Museum (26, 27 May).

Up at William Brown Street, get creative and make spring crafts at the Walker Art Gallery, inspired by the paintings and objects on display (27, 28, 29 May).

At World Museum, learn about the largest, smallest, fastest and most dangerous animals in an afternoon all about animal record breakers (31 May, 1 June).

Out of town, create a colour by numbers landscape using the Lady Lever Art Gallery's exhibition, *Turner: travels, light and landscape* for inspiration (28 May).

At Sudley House, decorate a parrot inspired by the paintings on display (24 May).

<http://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/halfterm>

Venue Listings

Merseyside Maritime Museum

Free entry

Open daily 10am-5pm

Albert Dock, Liverpool

www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/maritime

Telephone 0151 478 4499

Polar, the *Titanic* Bear

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25, 28, 30 May 2014

1pm, 2pm and 3pm, each session lasts 30 minutes

Come and listen to the adventures of Polar the *Titanic* bear - based on a story originally written by *Titanic* survivor Daisy Corning Stone Spedden for her son, Douglas.

Drop in, no booking required.

Shanty performances

26, 27 May 2014

At intervals throughout the day

Join in with traditional shanties and songs of the sea in the Maritime's Shanty Festival!

Drop in, no booking required.

Building on the past

26, 27, 28 May 2014

1-4pm

Be inspired by the Merseyside Maritime Museum's new shipping posters exhibition, *Sail Away*, and help to create one made from Lego.

Drop in, no booking required.

Wartime at the Piermaster's House

27, 28, 30 May 2014

At intervals between 1-4pm

Travel back to the 1940s to find out what life in Liverpool was like during the Second World War.

Drop in, no booking required.

Shiver me timbers

29 May 2014

1:30pm, 2:30pm, 3:30pm, each performance lasts 30minutes

Meet a pirate and find out about a life on the high seas - was a swashbuckling life all it was cracked up to be?

Drop in, no booking required.

***Titanic* - the Quartermaster's Story**

31 May 2014

1:30pm, 2:30pm, 3:30pm, each performance lasts 30 minutes

Robert Hichins was at the wheel when *Titanic* hit the iceberg - hear his fascinating account of what really happened to him that night.

Drop in, no booking required.

Border Force National Museum (Seized! Border and Customs Uncovered)

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www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/maritime/collections/siezed/

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The bee's knees

27, 28 May 2014

1-4pm

Enjoy bee-themed crafts then find out about these fascinating creatures, the important role they play and how to help them thrive.

Drop in, no booking required.

Storytelling

30 May 2014

1pm, 2pm, 3pm, each session lasts 30minutes

Younger ones will enjoy these magical stories and can join in with actions and singing too.

Drop in, no booking required.

Customs cutters

31 May 2014

1-4pm

Customs cutters are the fastest boats on the sea. Make one to take home in this creative workshop.

Drop in, no booking required.

International Slavery Museum

Free Entry

Open daily 10am-5pm

Albert Dock

www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/ism

Telephone 0151 478 4499

African masks

26, 27 May 2014

1-4pm

Learn about African masks and make one inspired by the traditional African designs.

Drop in, no booking required.

Anansi the spider

24, 25, 26 May 2014

1-4pm

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Listen to tales about Anansi the trickster spider and make your own pom-pom spider to take home.

Drop in, no booking required.

Handling on gallery

30, 31 May 2014

1-4pm

Learn more about traditional West African culture with the International Slavery Museum's incredible handling collection.

Drop in, no booking required.

Mancala workshop

27, 28, 29 May 2014

1-4pm

Learn the fun tradition of Mancala and take part in a game yourself.

Drop in, no booking required.

Museum of Liverpool

Free Entry

Open Daily 10am-5pm

Pier Head, Liverpool

www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/mol/

Telephone 0151 478 4545

Time quest

24, 31 May 2014

1.30-2.30pm

Find out more about the objects on display, get to handle real stuff and find out about what goes on behind the scenes at the Museum.

Drop in, no booking required though spaces are limited.

Tales from the Tent

24, 31 May 2014

3-3.30pm

Little ones can enjoy exciting stories with puppets and props.

Drop in, no booking required.

Meccano comes home

26, 27 May 2014

2-4pm

Discover or rediscover Meccano in this hands-on workshop, where you can construct a Meccano creation inspired by the Museum's collections.

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Drop in, no booking required.

Half term crafternoon

28, 29 May 2014

2-4pm

Make fantastic creations inspired by the Museum's collections in these fun craft sessions.

Drop in, no booking required.

Walker Art Gallery

Free entry

Open daily 10am-5pm

William Brown Street, Liverpool

www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/walker/

Telephone 0151 478 4199

Spring has sprung

27, 28, 29 May 2014

1-4pm

Celebrate spring and take part in seasonal crafts inspired by the Walker's collections.

Drop in, no booking required.

World Museum

Free Entry

Open daily 10am-5pm

William Brown Street, Liverpool

www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/wml

Telephone 0151 478 4136

Bengali Scrolls

24, 25 May 2014

1-4pm

Find out more about the traditional way of storytelling in West Bengal in India using long scrolls known as patas (paintings) and make a scroll to take home.

Drop in, no booking required.

Animal record breakers

31 May, 1 June 2014

1-4pm

Find out about some of the largest, smallest, most dangerous animals.

Drop in, no booking required.

Sudley House

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Free Entry

Open daily from 10am-5pm

Mossley Hill Road, Liverpool

www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/sudley/

Telephone 0151 724 3245

Pretty Polly

24 May 2014

1-4pm

Be inspired by our parrot paintings by Henry Stacy Marks and decorate your own parrot to display at home.

Drop in, no booking required.

Lady Lever Art Gallery

Free Entry

Open daily 10am-5pm

Port Sunlight, Wirral

www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/ladylever

Telephone 0151 478 4136

Landfill - fun with colour

28 May 2014

1-4pm

Create a colour by numbers landscape inspired by the Lady Lever Art Gallery's Turner exhibition.

Drop in, no booking required.

Elephants everywhere!

29 May 2014

1-4pm

Explore the galleries and search out the elephants on display, then make your own using colourful craft materials.

Drop in, booking required.

About National Museums Liverpool

National Museums Liverpool comprises eight venues. Our collections are among the most important and varied in Europe and contain everything from Impressionist paintings and rare beetles to a lifejacket from the Titanic. We attract more than 3 million visitors every year. Our venues are the Museum of Liverpool, World Museum, the Walker Art Gallery, Merseyside Maritime Museum, International Slavery Museum, UK Border Force National Museum, Sudley House and the Lady Lever Art Gallery.

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