

COOL CULTURE eFamilyTime

Cool Culture® provides 50,000 underserved families with free, unlimited access to 90 cultural institutions – so that parents can provide their children with educational experience that will help them succeed in school and life.

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Cool Tools for Free Family Fun



Start Here! *The Parent Starter Kit*. Image by Cool Culture.

Calling all Cool Culture families! Are you ready to have lots of fun on awesome, art-filled adventures? Read on to get tips and tools for exploring the City's museums for free with your [Cool Culture Family Pass](#).

"You want the best for your children—and I am delighted to welcome parents to use the Cool Culture Family Pass for experiences that will benefit them." says Cool Culture Executive Director Candice Anderson.

"At no cost to you, Cool Culture gives you and your family access to New York City's best art museums, botanical gardens, and science centers.

Studies have shown that children who are exposed to art do better in school, and by taking advantage of all that New York has to offer, I'm confident you'll be helping develop a curiosity and love of learning in your child that will last a lifetime."

Getting Started

When you pick up your Cool Culture Family Pass from your child's education program, make sure you also receive your [Parent Starter Kit](#).

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Did you know? Cultural trips are a fun teaching tool! Ask your child to describe what they see during a trip to a [museum, garden or zoo](#). It builds their ability to express themselves—so important to success in school!



Hunt for cultural treasures! Don't forget to [download](#) and print out these fun and educational cards for your next visit to a museum. Learn more on our [website](#)!

Want to be featured on Cool Culture's blog? Then enter our contest!

Go to [The Jewish Museum](#) to see [The Snowy Day and the Art of Ezra Jack Keats](#)—then, snap a photo of your family in front of the museum and submit it to blog@coolculture.org.

Winners will be featured on www.coolculture.org/blog.

This little booklet can be a **BIG help!** It's filled with lots of important info - from how to use the Family Pass to advice on planning museum trips. And with a special subway map to help you find your way, it's great to take on the go!

Another handy tool is the Cool Culture website, www.coolculture.org. Here, you can get more [trip tips](#), find out about [upcoming family events](#), [download fun activities](#), and more!

Ready, Set... Explore!

Now that you know what's cool, you can begin to explore over [90 cultural institutions in New York City](#) - for free!

Your Family Pass gets you - and up to four family members - free entry into Cool Culture partner museums located throughout all five boroughs.

"We love the card! There is so much to experience with it - so many cool places to go," says Cool Culture dad Mike Kurylo. His advice? Pack your Family Pass, some snacks, diapers, and toys - and then head to whichever cultural spot looks fun to you.

"Don't be scared - just do it! You'll be surprised at what your kids like and what they learn from the museums."

With so much to discover, don't delay. **Pick up your Family Pass and [Parent Starter Kit](#)** - and go on a Cool Culture adventure with your family!

By Erin Cassin

Just a Reminder!

Remember, the [Family Pass](#) is good for general admission for up to 5 individuals any time the cultural institution is open!

Don't forget to bring your ID. Have fun exploring NYC's arts and culture!

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NOVEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

Fall in love with these great events!

EVENTS CALENDAR KEY:

FP = Free with Cool Culture Family Pass

FREE = Free to all, Cool Culture Family Pass not necessary

Saturday, November 5

MEDIEVAL ARTS CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP, 10:00am - 12:00pm

In this signature workshop, children carve a block of limestone, create medieval illuminated letters, design gargoyles, weave, and more! Meet at Visitor Center.

[CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SAINT JOHN THE DIVINE](#), Manhattan. Ages 4+ FP

Saturday & Sunday, November 5-6

CRAFTS AND TASKS FROM THE PAST, 2:30 - 3:30pm

Bring history to life! Using your hands and your skills, make arts and crafts the old-fashioned way and play games that were popular 150 years ago.

[LEFFERTS HISTORIC HOUSE](#), Brooklyn. All Ages FP

Saturday, November 12

HONEY BEE SHADOW PUPPETS, 10:00am - 1:00pm

Come together to hear from guest storyteller, Rama Mandel. With the inspiration from Wave Hill's woodland fairytales, create wands and a magical dwelling with natural elements.

[WAVE HILL](#), Bronx. All Ages FREE

Sunday, November 13

EZRA JACK KEATS FAMILY DAY, 12:00 - 4:00pm

Celebrate the author of *The Snowy Day*, *Whistle for Willie* and other storybook favorites in this fun-filled afternoon! Join in on live music, storybook readings, art making and special gallery hunts.

[THE JEWISH MUSEUM](#), Manhattan. Ages 4+ FP

Sunday, November 13

ART FOR TOTS: CIRCLES AND SQUARES, 10:30am - 11:45am

Draw and paint shapes and objects with your little ones at this Art for Tots program. You will also learn strategies in exploring art materials with your children. Advanced registration is required. [Click here](#) to register.

[THE NOGUCHI MUSEUM](#), Queens. Ages 2-4 FREE

Wednesday, November 16

STORYTIME IN NOLEN LIBRARY, 10:30 - 11:00 am

Come and hear art tales in the library's special corner for kids! Then go and find the art on a treasure hunt in the galleries. For families with children

[THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF THE ARTS](#), Manhattan. Ages 3-7 FP

Saturday, November 19

CHILDREN'S BOOK FAIR, 12:00 - 4:00pm

Join this great fair, featuring storybooks, picture books, and graphic novels. Enjoy author readings with over 30 Brooklyn authors and illustrators, and a fun game for children. Located in the Martha A. and Robert S. Rubin Pavilion, 1st Floor

[THE BROOKLYN MUSEUM](#), Brooklyn. All Ages FREE

Saturday- Sunday, November 26-27

MILES OF TILES, 1:30pm

Create with your child by using colorful glass tiles to craft a beautiful mosaic like the artwork you find in the subway. You can use this as a beautiful home decoration and reminder of your family fun.

[THE NEW YORK TRANSIT MUSEUM](#), Manhattan. Ages 4+ FREE

LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER EVENTS
Bundle up and enjoy these last 2011 adventures!

Sunday, December 4

WINTER FAMILY DAY CELEBRATION, 2:00 - 5:00pm

Travel back to the days of Charles Dickens and Revolutionary France with art workshops, strolling characters, a costume photo shoot, festive dancing, and more.

[THE MORGAN LIBRARY & MUSEUM](#), Manhattan. Ages 4+ FP

Saturday, December 10

FAMILY AFFAIR HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES, 1:00 - 4:00pm

Celebrate the holidays through art-making activities, food, and tours of current exhibitions including Muntadas. The hands-on activities are developed with teaching artists, performances, guided tours, screenings, and other surprises.

[BRONX MUSEUM OF THE ARTS](#), Bronx. Ages 12 & Under FREE

Saturday, December 10

Winter Holiday Family Fun Day

Enjoy a holiday-themed performance in JCAL's theater as well as art projects like decoration and gift-making, holiday games, sing-a-longs, caroling plus lots of treats to celebrate. [Visit JCAL's website](#) for the events schedule closer to the date.

[JAMAICA CENTER FOR ARTS AND LEARNING](#), Queens. All ages FREE

GREAT ONGOING PROGRAMS
Family fun anytime, all the time!

Ongoing throughout the year

START WITH ART AT THE MET

Sketch, explore, listen to stories, and discover the meaning of art! Meet at Carson Family Hall, Uris Center for Education, ground floor. Visit www.metmuseum.org for dates and times.

[THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART](#), Manhattan. Ages 3-7 FP

Every Sunday

FREE DROP-IN ART WORKSHOPS, 1:30-4:30pm

Come for fun activities that will get you talking about the art on view! These programs are accessible to all families, including those whose children have special needs and those for whom English is a new language.

[QUEENS MUSEUM OF ART](#), Queens. Ages 5-12 FREE

Every third Saturday of the Month,

SUPER SABADO! 11:00am - 8:30pm

Open the door to the vibrancy and diversity of Latino Culture. Drop-in for free concerts, gallery tours, art-making workshops and more!

[EL MUSEO DEL BARRIO](#), Manhattan. All Ages FREE

Every Sunday

TARGET FREE SUNDAYS, 12:00 - 4:00pm

Come for free programs and events ranging from family workshops to theater performances. You can explore how art and visual communication can ignite the imagination, engage the mind and reflect our human experience - past, present and future!

[THE STUDIO MUSEUM IN HARLEM](#), Manhattan. All Ages FREE

Every Sunday

FAMILY SUNDAYS AT THE JEWISH MUSEUM, 1:00 - 4:00pm

Choose from a variety of family-fun events including their Storybooks & Art session, and their Drop-In Art Workshop to engage in painting, sculpting, drawing or crafting. Every second Sunday from 12:00-3:00pm, they also have an Archaeological Digging Zone, where kids can dress up and explore unusual treasures!

[THE JEWISH MUSEUM](#), Manhattan. All Ages FREE

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