

# LUTZ UP !?!

WE PUT LEARNING IN THE HANDS OF CHILDREN

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## CHAT WITH CHUCKLES

As conducted by Chuckles the Groundhog, Meteorologist, Celebrity, and Official CT State Groundhog.

Good day, museum friends! I'm Chuckles, your friendly forecasting groundhog. Today, I'm joined by one of the newest ambassador animals. Would you like to introduce yourself?



Hello, Chuckles and hello to all our visitors. I'm Echo, an Eastern Screech Owl, and I'm so happy to be here!



We're thrilled to have you! I hear you came to us by way of some pretty amazing people. Can you tell us a little about your journey?

Of course. I was transferred here from the wonderful team at Horizon Wings Raptor Rehabilitation in Ashford, Connecticut. They took excellent care of me after I was injured and helped me get ready for my new life here at the Lutz Children's Museum.

They really are fantastic folks over at Horizon Wings. Now, I hear you've got quite a story behind those beautiful feathers.

## Chat with Chuckles cont.

I do. I have a permanent wing injury, likely from being hit by a car. Because of that, I'm considered non-releasable and can't return to the wild. But the good news is—I'm adjusting beautifully here and learning all about my new surroundings.

That's what we like to hear! Around here, we believe every animal has an important role, whether in the wild or helping people learn. What do you hope visitors will learn from meeting you?

I hope they learn how important it is to protect wildlife and be mindful of how our actions—especially things like driving—can affect animals. I'd love for them to discover that even small owls like me play a big role in nature.

Wise words! One last question—have you settled into museum life yet?

I have. I'm getting comfortable, observing my surroundings (that's what owls do best), and enjoying all the care I receive. I think this will be a very good home.

Well, on behalf of the entire museum—and one very enthusiastic groundhog—welcome! We're so lucky to have you as our newest resident.

Thank you, Chuckles. I'm happy to be here.

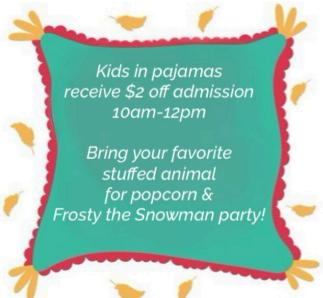


# LUTZ CELEBRATE JANUARY



*Pajama Party Day*  
1/6/26 10am-12pm

Wear your favorite PJs  
to the Museum!



**Jan. 13th, 10am-12pm**



*National  
Sticker Day*

We will make a sticker book  
and sticker creations too!

**JAN. 20TH, 10AM-12PM**

**NATIONAL  
DJ DAY  
CELEBRATION**

Join us to  
sing and  
dance!



**Jan. 27th, 10am-12pm**

COME BUILD PUZZLES WITH US!



**Puzzle Day**

**COMING UP SOON!**

# LUTZ CELEBRATE FEBRUARY

**February 3, 2026 • 10am-12pm**

## **Groundhog Day 2.0**



**LUTZ extend the Celebration for  
just one more day!**

**Come enjoy  
crafts & stories  
about our famous groundhog.**

Bring in a copy of your favorite photo  
to use in a fun umbrella craft!



Feb. 24th  
10am-12pm



**COMING UP SOON!**

# Groundhog Day

February 2, 2026 • 6:30-8:00am

Come meet **Chuckles**, Connecticut's official groundhog, as he reveals his prognostication for spring's arrival.



Coffee and light breakfast food will be available.

Admission is free to everyone.

*A Long Winter? OR An Early Spring?*

*Online advance reservation is required:*

[www.lutzmuseum.org](http://www.lutzmuseum.org)  
Museum open with regular admission 9am-12pm.

Lutz Children's Museum

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Thank you to Travelin' Tom's  
Coffee Truck for sponsoring this  
year's Groundhog Day event!



# HOMESCHOOL EXPLORERS

6 WEEK SERIES CLASS

AGES 4 - 8 YEARS OLD WITH A CAREGIVER.  
SECOND AND FOURTH FRIDAY IN  
FEBRUARY, MARCH, AND APRIL

1:30-2:30 PM



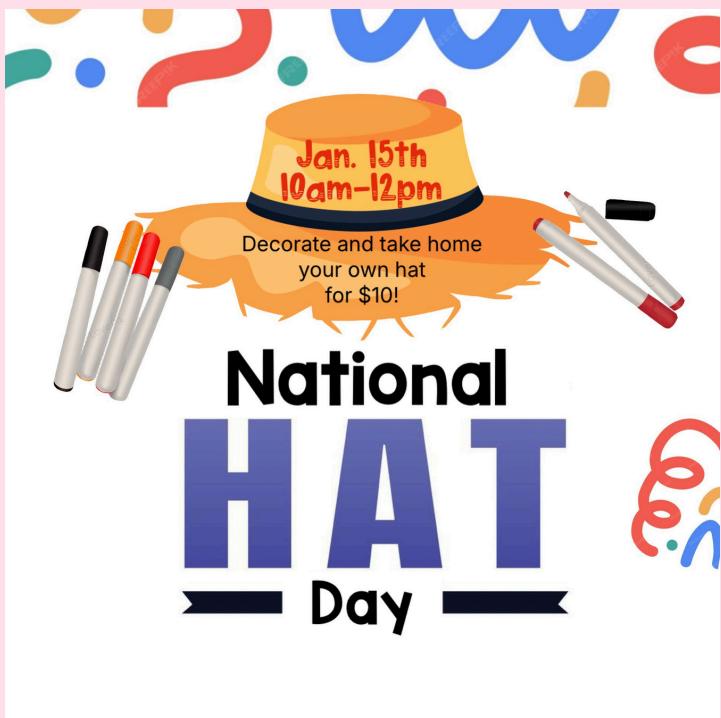
Through science, literacy, art, and animal  
meet and greets, we will explore the cold and  
blustery winter weather and how the animals  
are surviving.



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Free with membership or  
\$15 per class  
Please call to register  
860-643-0949

# COMING UP



Jan. 15th  
10am-12pm

Decorate and take home  
your own hat  
for \$10!

National  
**HAT**  
Day

LUTZ CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

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This poster for National Hat Day features a yellow top hat with the event date and time. Below the hat is a drawing of a sun with a wavy orange and yellow pattern. Several markers are shown nearby. The text "Decorate and take home your own hat for \$10!" is written in a speech bubble. The main title "National HAT Day" is in large, bold, blue letters. The Lutz Children's Museum logo and address are at the bottom.



## Bubble Wrap Fun!

COME PLAY!

Jan. 29th, 10am-12pm



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This poster for Bubble Wrap Fun features a large blue banner with the text "Bubble Wrap Fun!" and "COME PLAY!". Below the banner is a photo of a hand playing with a sheet of bubble wrap. The Lutz Children's Museum logo and address are at the bottom.



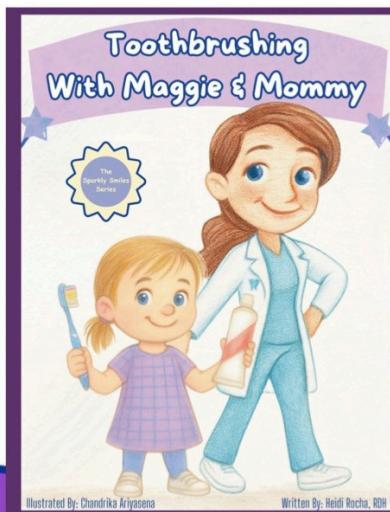
**Feb. 27th, 9am-12pm & 1pm-4pm**

Wear something Pokémon and receive \$2 off admission!  
The museum is a Pokéstop and Gym -  
come catch 'em all!



# COMING UP

**Story-time with the Author  
Feb. 17th, 10:30am-11:30am**



Author Heidi Rocha  
will read  
**Toothbrushing  
With Maggie & Mommy!**

Also enjoy a  
toothbrushing demo with Chuckles,  
and a craft!

LUTZ CHILDREN'S MUSEUM PRESENTS

The first annual  
**Stars Hollow Snow Festival**

An event for all ages featuring themed  
displays, adorable animals, crafts, and more!



Saturday, February 21, 2026 from 5pm-8pm

Free to attend, donations greatly appreciated.



Make sure to stop by and meet the Stars Hollow Quail and their friends!

# VOLUNTEER AT THE LUTZ CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Calling all high school and college students, retirees, young professionals and corporate/non-profit groups!

The Museum needs volunteers to help clean and reset our exhibits, assist our staff with animal care, and work on projects and special events! Whether you have a few hours a week or a month, your time and skills can make a difference in the lives of children and our animals.

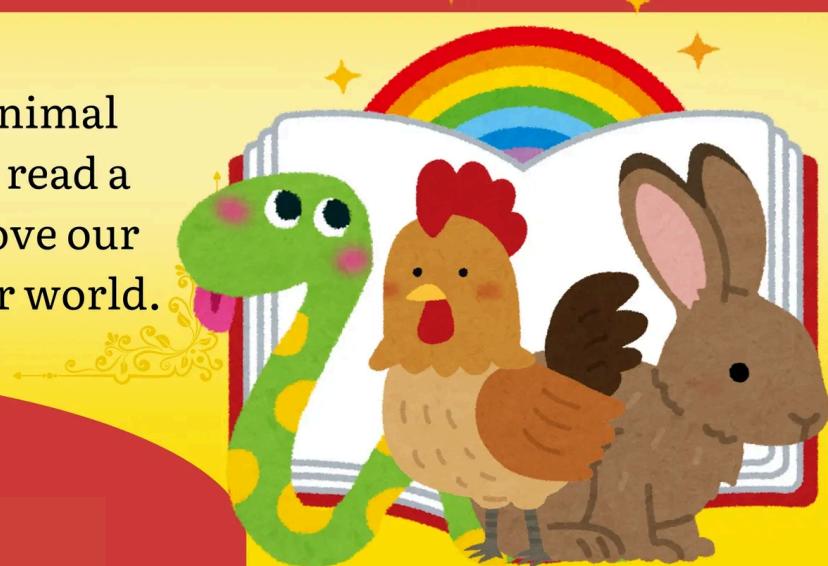
If you're 15 or older, apply online at [lutzmuseum.org](http://lutzmuseum.org)



## Nature Tails Story Time

Come meet one of our wonderful animal ambassadors and get cozy while we read a book about our animals! We will move our bodies, create a craft, and explore our world.

All ages with caregiver  
Free with admission  
Every Friday 10:00am





Our animal friends are all ears!

**Sign-up to read to our animal ambassadors.**  
Call our front desk to sign-up for a reading time!



Reading to our animals is fun and beneficial! It calms our animal ambassadors and makes them feel loved, while readers boost their fluency and confidence. A win-win for all!

## Animal Meet and Greets



We welcome visitors to join us every  
Tuesday - Friday at 10:00 am and  
again at 2:00 pm.  
Saturday & Sunday at  
1:00 pm and 3:00 pm.

This is an educational close encounter  
with one of our animal ambassadors.



## Buy a calendar and support our mission!

Stop by the museum to purchase a calendar today! They feature our animal ambassadors and make perfect presents!



## Fun Days at the Lutz!

☆☆☆ Come enjoy themed crafts, readings, and activities every Thursday at 11:00am-12:00pm!



Ages 2-6  
Free with admission

## Meet and Greet Special Guest

We're excited to share that Riverside Reptiles Education Center's young American alligator, Spike, is now a permanent resident of the Lutz Children's Museum. It's an honor to be Spike's forever home.

Spike will now be added to our weekday Meet & Greet rotation. Stop by for a chance to meet her!



## Rehearsal Space and Private Rentals

Need extra space for your club/group? We offer rehearsal space on our stage and can host regular club/meetings in our community room.

Contact Clare J. Mazur at (860) 643-0949 or [cmazur@lutzmuseum.org](mailto:cmazur@lutzmuseum.org) for more details.

# WINTER WORD SEARCH

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COLD

JACKET

HIBERNATE

JANUARY

SCARF

# COLOR IN WINTER CHUCKLES!





# Birthday Parties

Celebrate your birthday at the Lutz Children's Museum!



Saturdays and Sundays  
9:45am-11:45am or 4:30pm-  
6:30pm  
(Afternoon time Saturdays only)



## What's Included:

- Party room
- Choice of party activity (30 min)
- Admission for 15 kids PLUS the birthday child (MAX limit 25 kids)
- Chaperones attend FREE
- Invitations to send your guests

## Cost:

Members: \$325

Non-Members: \$375



## Additional Options:

Additional guests +\$15/per child

Extra animal presentation +\$30

Chuckles mascot meet-and-greet +\$30

Extra hour in party room +\$100



For best availability book at least 3 months in advance. For more information or to reserve your party call us at (860) 643-0949 or email [frontdesk@lutzmuseum.org](mailto:frontdesk@lutzmuseum.org)

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