

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.



# LU TZ CELEBRATE JANUARY



LU TZ  
CHILDREN'S  
MUSEUM

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



*Wear your favorite PJs  
to the Museum!*

*Kids in pajamas  
receive \$2 off admission  
10am-12pm*

*Bring your favorite  
stuffed animal  
for popcorn &  
Frosty the Snowman party!*

**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!**



# LU TZ CELEBRATE FEBRUARY

**February 3, 2026 • 10am-12pm**

## **Groundhog Day 2.0**



**LU TZ 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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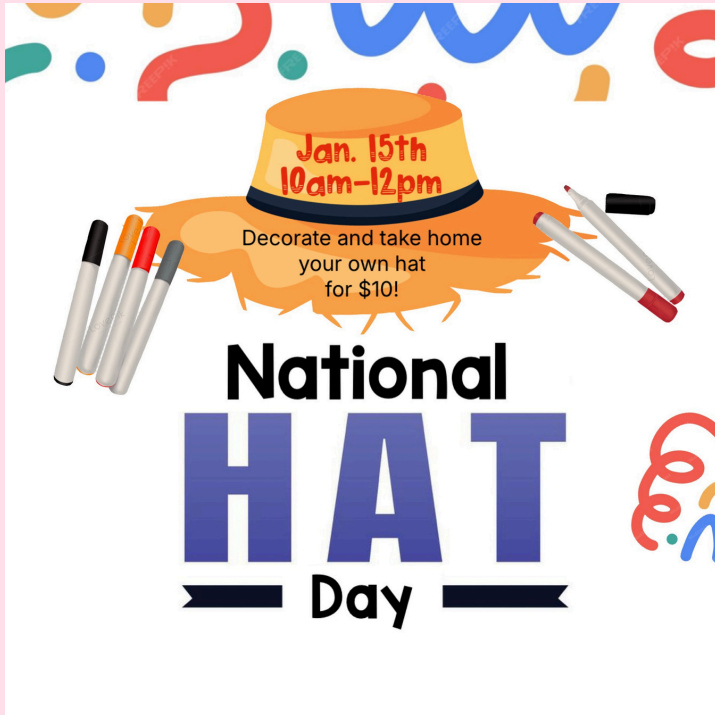
**Free with membership or  
\$15 per class**

**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**

The graphic features a yellow top hat with a black band, surrounded by several markers. The background is white with colorful confetti and streamers.



**Bubble Wrap  
Fun!** *COME PLAY!*

**Jan. 29th. 10am-12pm**

**LUTZ  
CHILDREN'S  
MUSEUM**

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The graphic shows a close-up of hands popping bubble wrap. The text is in a playful, bubbly font.



**Feb. 14th  
1pm-4pm**

**Activities  
Crafts  
Games**

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The image shows a brown bear mascot wearing a yellow shirt with a blue handprint, holding a red heart. In the foreground, there are various craft supplies like scissors, glue, and colorful beads on a table. The background shows a window with a view of a brick building.



**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!

**POKÉMON**

**DAY**

The graphic features the Pokémon logo in its iconic yellow and blue colors. Below it is a Pikachu character peeking over a blue banner that says "DAY". To the left of the banner are three Pokéballs. A small Eevee character is in the bottom left corner.



# COMING UP

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



*Pediatric  
Dental Hygienist  
& Author of  
The Sparkly Smiles Series*

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!**

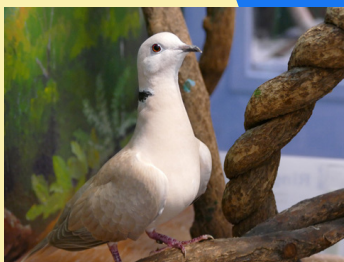
## **Animal Meet and Greets**



**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!**



## 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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**SNOWFLAKE**

**WINTER**

**COLD**

**JANUARY**

**SNOWMEN**

**ICE**

**JACKET**

**SCARF**

**MITTENS**

**HOT-CHOCOLATE**

**HIBERNATE**



**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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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 12 or older, apply online at  
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