



LUZ UP !?!



WE PUT LEARNING IN THE HANDS OF CHILDREN

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ALL ABOARD THE TURTLE TROLLEY!

Some of our turtles are packing their shells and hopping aboard the Turtle Trolley to brand-new digs!

You may have noticed that the trolley in the gallery is currently under construction. Our turtles are thrilled to announce that work is underway on an exciting new habitat, made possible through the generous financial support and hard work of Enzo Breither & Family, Al Gosselin, Vince & Nicole Sidwell, and William Foreman.

The upgraded turtle habitat will feature an Olympic-sized turtle pond perfect for soaking and swimming, along with two separate land areas. The land areas will feature different substrates perfect for digging, burrowing, and all the other important turtle business. There will also be a walking bridge connecting the two spaces. Climbing terrain and strategically placed rocks will provide easy access to the pond and plenty of opportunities for exploration.

The turtles are eagerly watching the progress and can't wait to stretch their legs, splash in their new pond, and enjoy all the comforts of their upgraded home. Soon, their old tanks will be retired, making way for a much larger and more enriching space designed just for them.

Stay tuned for updates as construction continues!

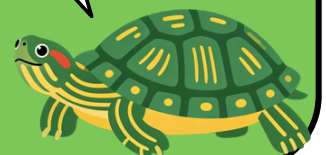
BEFORE



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WOW!



JULY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
LUTZ CHILDREN'S MUSEUM			1	2	3	4  Museum Closed for the Holiday
5 Museum Closed	6	7 Animal Encounters Guinea Pigs	8 Sensory Adventures Bubble Bonanza	9 Music Magic	10 Author Storytime Frogs Have Feelings Too Amanda Fee	11
12	13	14 Animal Encounters Red Tegu	15 Sensory Adventures Dig in the Dirt	16 Museum Closed in AM Open from 1-4	17 Author Storytime Sassy the Green Tree Boa Nancy Hopkins	18
19	20	21 Animal Encounters Fancy Rats	22 Sensory Adventures Water Wonderland	23 Music Magic	24 Author Storytime The Ellie in the Room Janaya Hernandez	25
26 Aunts and Uncles' Day \$2 off adult admission for aunts and uncles	27	28 Animal Encounters Box Turtles	29 Sensory Adventures Play-Doh Playfulness	30 Museum Closed in AM Open from 1-4	31 Author Storytime Benny the Bully Goat Heida Rocha	

Animal Encounters

10:00AM - 12:00PM

Meet animal ambassadors, make crafts, and learn about them.

Sensory Adventures

10:00AM - 12:00PM

Exploration and creativity using various methods and materials. Please dress for mess!

Music Magic

10:00AM - 11:00AM


Join us Thursdays for singing, instrument play, and dancing!

Local Author Storytime

10:30AM - 11:30AM

Authors will read from their books, activities, and books for sale and signing.

AUGUST 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
LUTZ CHILDREN'S MUSEUM						1
2 Coloring Book Day. All Day in Multi-Purpose Room	3	4 Animal Encounters Giant Flemish Rabbits	5 Sensory Adventures Kinetic Sand	6 Music Magic	7 Author Storytime The Lucky Husky Bethany O'Brien	8
9	10	11 Animal Encounters Ball Python Snake	12 Sensory Adventures Unusual Painting	13 Music Magic	14 Author Storytime Shelley Goes to Summer Camp Brittney Traudt	15
16 Joke Day. Tell us a joke and get \$2 off admission	17	18 Animal Encounters Syrian Hamster	19 Sensory Adventures Dive into the Rainbow	20 Music Magic	21 Author Storytime Mighty, Tiny Antony S. Villeda Schaedler	22
23/30	24/31	25 Animal Encounters Crested Gecko	26 Sensory Adventures Guess That Scent	27 Music Magic*	28 Author Storytime* Dilly Duck Holly DiBella-McCarthy	29 Lutz Family Fest 

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Lutz Explore Nature Summer Camp 2026

Lutz Nature Camp is an adventure every day!
Bring back the magic of a classic summer—muddy sneakers,
nature trails, crafts, games, and endless outdoor play.



- Explore the 52 acres of Oak Grove Nature Preserve
- Meet ambassador animals
- Hands-on STEAM activities
- Nature scavenger hunts
- Plus plenty more adventures along the way!

Camper Ages: 5 to 10 years old
Dates: Weekly from July 6th - August 21st
Time: Drop off 8:30 AM, pick up 3:00 PM
Cost: Members \$340/week, Non-members \$395/week

Spaces go quickly, so register now!

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ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

Tuesdays, 10am-12pm
Encounters at 10:30am

Come learn all about the animals at our museum!
Hear about their rescue stories and backgrounds,
what they like to eat, how they like to play,
and the ways we provide for each animal's specific needs.

We will also read stories, and
make crafts and enrichment for the animals.



*animals subject to change

Sensory Adventures

Wednesdays, 10am-12pm

Join us in the field or in the multi-purpose room (weather dependent) for a sensory experience!

Each Wednesday we will explore and create using different methods and materials. A great way to engage all of our senses while we learn through play.

Please come dressed for mess!
FREE with museum admission!



Music Magic

Thursdays, 10am-11am

Music Magic is a playful class where little ones explore music through songs, movement, rhythm games, and instrument play.



Sing, dance, play instruments, and have fun!

Children build listening skills, coordination, creativity, and confidence while making music together.



For ages 2-5
FREE
with museum admission!



ANIMAL MEET & GREETES

Learn about one of our animal ambassadors and discover their story during a fun, hands-on animal encounter led by our museum staff!

Tuesday-Friday at
10am and 2pm

Saturday-Sunday at
1pm and 3pm



Storytime with the Author
Friday, July 10th
10:30am-11:30am

Author Amanda Fee will read from her two children's books! Children will also enjoy coloring & activity pages.



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Storytime with the Author
Friday, July 17th
10:30am-11:30am

Author Nancy Hopkins will read from her books!



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Storytime with the Author
Friday, July 24th
10:30am-11:30am

Author Janaya Hernandez will read from her books!



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Storytime with the Author
Friday, July 31st
10:30am-11:30am

Author Heidi Rocha will read her book, Benny the Bully Goat! Children will also enjoy a craft or activity!



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Storytime with the Author
Friday, August 7th
10:30am-11:30am

Author Bethany O'Brien will read from her books!



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Storytime with the Author
Friday, August 14th
10:30am-11:30am

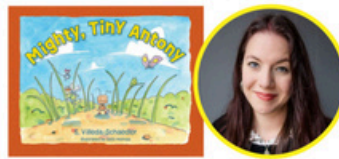
Author Brittney Traudt will read from her books!



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Storytime with the Author
Friday, August 21st
10:30am-11:30am

Author Stephanie Villeda-Schaepler will read from her book!



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Storytime with the Author
Friday, August 28th
10:30am-11:30am

Author Holly DiBella-McCarthy will read from her books!



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FAMILY FEST!



August 29, 2026
 9:00am-5:00pm

Free Parking

Free Admission

- Food Trucks
- Live Music
- Vendors
- Animal Encounters
- Bounce Houses
- Games and Activities
- Children's Crafts
- A Full Day of Fun

John J. Mitchell Fairgrounds
 90 Brookfield Street
 South Windsor, CT



SUMMER WORD SEARCH

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Summer
Shell
August

Vacation
Sunny
Lemonade

Sunglasses
Beach
Swim

Camp
July
Popsicle

