

FAMILY DAYS AT HISTORY MUSEUM BRING BILINGUAL CULTURAL EXPERIENCES TO KIDS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

CHARLOTTE, N.C., Mar. 22, 2023 – Starting April 15, kids and their caregivers can join the Charlotte Museum of History and Criss Cross Mangosauce for a series of bilingual programs that explore Latin American culture, song, dance and storytelling.

“At our Family Days series, young learners can practice speaking (and singing!) in English and Spanish, and they can broaden their appreciation of different cultures, while engaging in activities the entire family can enjoy,” said Mea Agazio, K-12 education specialist at the Charlotte Museum of History.

The 2023 Family Days series will offer five Saturday morning programs between April and December.

Children’s Day Celebration: Día del Niño: Una Celebración - Saturday, April 15, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
This event celebrates the importance of children around the world and their impact on our communities, both present and future. Children can make an “I Am Uniquely Me” poster as part of the program.

La Libertad: A Juneteenth Celebration - Saturday, June 17, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved Black Americans and is often referred to as America’s Second Independence Day. Join Criss Cross Mangosauce as they explore various themes related to Juneteenth, including fairness, equality, perseverance and freedom. Families can walk through the 1774 Alexander Homesite guided by “A Walk with Jenny,” a digital guidebook that takes young learners through a day in the life of a young enslaved girl who lived and worked on the homesite during the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

Los Deportes: Let’s Get Moving! - Saturday, Aug. 19, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Explore the many popular sports and famous athletes throughout Latin America during this program, which provides space for young learners to explore different forms of movement from cultures all over the world.

Día de los Muertos - Saturday, Oct. 21, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Learn about the many traditions that make up the Fall season, including el Día de los Muertos. Children can paint their own sugar skulls as part of this program.

¡Celebra!: A Bilingual Family Holiday Concert - Saturday, Dec. 2, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
This interactive bilingual concert celebrates culture and music with a powerful message of hope, reconciliation and peace. Teaching artists and musicians will share stories and bring alive popular holiday songs, or "villancicos," taking the audience on a festive adventure around the world.

Criss Cross Mangosauce is a Charlotte-based edutainment company that fosters children’s love for languages, cultures and the arts. Their team offers bilingual programs in English and Spanish, plus

products and resources for libraries, schools and families interested in raising bilingual and globally minded children.

How to Go

Tickets for Family Day events at the history museum are free for all museum members and for children under five, \$3 for kids 6-17 and \$5 for adults. Information and tickets at charlottemuseum.org/events.

The Charlotte Museum of History exists to save and share the Charlotte region's history, helping create a better understanding of the past and inspiring dialogue about the future. The museum is the steward of the [1774 Hezekiah Alexander Rock House and homesite](#), which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is the oldest home in Mecklenburg County. The museum is the future home of the [historic Siloam School](#). Visit charlottemuseum.org and follow the museum on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#). The museum is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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