

WESTERN RESERVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

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CALLING ALL KIDS TO WESTERN RESERVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY *Grand Opening of new Kidzibits Family Education Center is July 8th*

History Center - 10825 East Boulevard - Cleveland, OH 44106
Museum Hours Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Admission \$8.50 adults; \$7.50 seniors (age 62+) \$5 children (age 3-17)
WRHS Members and children age 2 & under Free

CLEVELAND, OH -- The *Kidzibits Family Education Center* at Western Reserve Historical Society is expanding to include a hands-on activity area for children ages 6 to 9 – adding to the preschool area that the youngest WRHS visitors are already enjoying. To celebrate the grand opening of the new exhibit, WRHS is offering free admission to all children age 9 and under to the History Center in University Circle on Friday, July 8, 2011.

Time and Place Space is the second of three galleries that will comprise the *Kidzibits Family Education Center*. This space for children ages 6- to 9- years old delves into activities to discover how our clothes, cooking, travel and more have changed over time. Kids can cook over a fire, hearth, range, and microwave oven. They can explore traveling via horse, carriage, car, and plane. They can also feel the changes in fabrics from long ago to today. All activities encourage intergenerational conversations about the past and how it shapes the future.

“History is fun when offered to children in age-appropriate ways,” says WRHS Vice President for Education Janice Ziegler. “It’s something that you can be learning your whole life if given the opportunities. The *Kidzibits Family Education Center* offers our youngest learners a basic introduction to what life was like in the past, especially right here in our own community. It is the opportunity for youngsters and their adults to begin communicating about family memories, to share stories and pass along family heritage,” says Ziegler.

Entry to *Kidzibits* is included with regular admission to the WRHS History Center, located at 10825 East Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio 44106. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. For information call 216-721-5722 or visit www.wrhs.org.

Founded in 1867, Western Reserve Historical Society is one of the largest privately-supported nonprofit regional historical societies in the nation. WRHS preserves and uses its collections, historic sites and museums to inspire people to explore the history and culture of Northeast Ohio and place that regional experience within the larger context of state, national and global history.

WRHS receives public support with local tax dollars from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, to preserve and enrich our region’s artistic and cultural heritage.

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