

NOTHING TO DO? NO WAY. SAVE THIS SECTION, PICK AN ACTIVITY, HAVE A BLAST.

Free Time

YOUR GUIDE TO ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES, FRIENDS, FUN

CHEAP THRILLS

SAMPLE ART, FOOD

ART GALLERY GALA, sample wine, cheeses and desserts from Sweet Intentions, view art from Franklin artists, 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 26, Café Au Clay, 1960 Northwood Plaza, Franklin, \$5, 738-5200, cafeauclay@hotmail.com

PARTY FOR KIDS

CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF THE PIG, for kindergartners through fifth-graders, 4 p.m. Feb. 19, Franklin library, 401 State St., 738-2833

FREE FILMS

"OPEN SEASON," for all ages, 4 p.m. Feb. 16, Franklin library, 401 State St., Franklin, 738-2833

"THE GUARDIAN," 6:30 p.m. Feb. 19, Franklin library, 401 State St., 738-2833

LOSE WEIGHT NOW

WEIGHT LOSS, lose nine pounds in nine days and learn the five secrets to permanent weight loss, 11 a.m. to noon Feb. 16, White River library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood, free, registration by Feb. 15 required, 289-6363

Web Extra

Find details about lots more events and activities at www.thejournalnet.com.

Want your event in Free Time?

Send all the details, plus photos if you have them, to freetime@thejournalnet.com. Include a daytime phone number in case we have questions.

All submissions will appear on our Web site, www.thejournalnet.com, but send your info at least three weeks in advance for the best chance of getting it in print.

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF INDIANAPOLIS

Free outing for families

The Children's Museum of Indianapolis offers new exhibits in 2007 and free admission days to make a day out with the kids enjoyable and affordable.

To celebrate Presidents Day, the museum will offer free admission from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 19.

Free admission also is available from 4 to 8 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at the museum, 3000 N. Meridian St.

On all other days, admission is \$12 for adults, \$11 for senior citizens ages 60 and older and \$7 for children ages 2 to 17.

The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday and is normally closed on Mondays.

Call 334-3322 or visit www.childrensmuseum.org for more information.

Bucky the teenage tyrannosaurus Rex is part of the Dinosphere exhibit at the Children's Museum of Indianapolis.



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CHILDREN'S MUSEUM EXHIBITS

Adventures with Clifford the Big Red Dog, board the Birdwell Island ferry and journey to the world of Clifford, exhibit offers numerous immersive "paws-on" adventures, through April 22

National Geographic MAPS: Tools for Adventure, be introduced to well-known land, sea, air and space explorers such as Zahi Hawass, Phil Masters, Amelia Earhart and Nainoa Thompson, artifacts and interactive experiences, learn how maps are tools for adventure

Fireworks of Glass, largest permanent sculpture of blown glass, by Dale Chihuly, 43-foot-tall tower rises above a glass ceiling, families create their own sculptures with colorful plastic shapes or sit on a revolving platform to look up at the glass ceiling

Dinosphere: Now You're in THEIR World, real dinosaur fossils, dinosaur dig, paleontol-

ogy lab, question lab, dinosaur art gallery

All Aboard!, takes visitors back to the "Age of Steam," full size and toy trains, 35-foot-long, 55-ton steam engine designed by and named after Reuben Wells in 1868, landscapes and station décor, visitors are transported to 1890s Madison

What If ...?, explore an underwater coral reef, a dinosaur discovery area and an Egyptian tomb, interactive exhibits

Passport to the World, explore how people around the world celebrate, communicate, create and imagine, 50,000-piece folk art and toy collection

Playscape, gallery designed for children ages 5 and younger, roll up your sleeves and splash and pour at the water table, bury your hands in sand at the sand dome, pretend to be a turtle in the fantasy forest or plant flowers in the garden with the

scarecrow, build with blocks in the construction site and create a picture to take home

ScienceWorks, dedicated to the natural and physical sciences, explore the inner workings of nature, the structure of human creations and hands-on activities

Biotech Learning Center, focuses on educating students and their families on the science of plant biotechnology, classroom space dedicated to teaching upper elementary and middle school youth and their families about the history of biotechnology, the science behind it and how foods and plants will be affected by this growing science, hands-on demonstrations and activities

Carousel Wishes and Dreams, carousel, maze of mirrors, playhouse alley, games and puzzles arcade, activities to bring families together to talk, laugh and play

GIRL POWER

Leadership conference encourages women

Women can empower themselves with leadership skills by attending the Women and Leadership conference from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 3 on the Franklin College campus.

The speaker will be Franklin Mayor Brenda Jones-Matthews.



JONES-MATTHEWS

Sessions include "Gender Issues Among College Women," "Today's Woman and Leadership," "Two Strikes: Being of Color and Being a Woman," and "Breaking the Glass Ceiling: What Roles Can Men Play?"

Registration is required by Feb. 16 by contacting Franklin College Student Activities Office, 738-8080.

The cost is \$5 and includes lunch and materials. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Girls Inc. of Franklin.

READ UP

Book groups abound

Is the weather making you want to stay inside with a good book? Join a group that shares your hobby:

BOOK DISCUSSION, "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe," by C.S. Lewis, for adults, 1 p.m. Feb. 28, White River library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood, 885-1330

BOOK DISCUSSION, "Ireland," by Frank Delaney, 1 p.m. March 28, White River library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood, 885-1330

BOOKLOVERS, 10 to 11:30 a.m. every third Thursday, Greenwood library, 310 S. Meridian St., 881-1953

For more groups, visit thejournalnet.com and click on "Calendar."

3 WEEKS OUT: FEB. 18 — MARCH 10

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
18 VISIT MALLOW RUN WINERY , wine sales and tasting, noon to 6 p.m. daily, 6964 W. Whiteland Road, Bargersville, 422-1556	19 MOVIE MATINEE , for all ages, 2 p.m. Feb. 19, White River library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood, 885-1330	20 DISASTER PREPAREDNESS , speaker Emily Williamson, 8:30 p.m. Feb. 20, Greenwood VFW Post 5864, 333 S. Washington St., 888-2488	21 PEE WEE POTTERY , 5 to 6 p.m. Feb. 21 and 28, Franklin Parks and Recreation, 396 Branigin Blvd., \$10 city resident, \$11 non-city resident, 346-1192	22 GEOLOGY OF INDIANA , 1:30 to 3 p.m. Feb. 22, OASIS South, The Centre, 1675 W. Smith Valley Road, Suite B3, Greenwood, 888-8577	23 BOOK SALE , 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 23, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 24, 1 to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 25, Franklin library, 401 State St., Franklin, 738-2833	24 SAFE SITTER COURSE , 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 24, Baxter YMCA, 7900 Shelby St., Indianapolis, \$55 public, \$45 members, 881-9347
25 COUNTRY FOLK ART SHOW , 5 to 9 p.m. Feb. 23, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 25, Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, \$5, countryfolkart.com	26 SUPER SCIENCE , for Grades 1 through 5, 4 p.m. Feb. 26, Franklin library, 401 State St., 738-2833	27 YOUR PERSONAL HEALTH INFORMATION , for adults, 7 p.m. Feb. 27, White River library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood, 885-1330	28 PETE YORN , 8:30 p.m. Feb. 28, Music Mill, 3720 E. 82nd St., Indianapolis, \$22 advance, \$25 day of show, 841-1850, www.musicmillvenue.com	1 ENGLISH CHAT , English conversation practice, for adult English learners, 2 p.m. March 1, White River library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood, 885-1330	2 THE CAT IN THE HAT 50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION , for all ages, 2:36 p.m. March 2, White River library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood, 885-1330	3 CHOCOLATE BOUTIQUE spiritual retreat, 8:30 a.m. March 3, Mount Pleasant Christian Church, 381 N. Bluff Road, Greenwood, \$35, includes lunch, chocolate, gifts, 881-6727
4 OUR TOWN PLAYERS , auditions for "Dangerous Obsession," 7 to 9 p.m. March 4 and 5, Franklin recreation center, 396 Branigin Blvd., play April 20 to 29, 371-1694	5 BOOT CAMP full-body workout, 5:20 to 6:20 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday from March 5 to 28, Center Grove High School, 2717 S. Morgantown Road, Greenwood, \$37, 730-5181	6 THE WHO , with The Tragically Hip, 7:30 p.m. March 6, Conesco Fieldhouse, 125 S. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, \$53.50 to \$129, livenation.com	7 LISTENING ADVENTURE , "Aliens for Breakfast," for kindergarten and older, 4:30 p.m. March 7, Clark Pleasant library, New Whiteland, 535-6206	8 BEGINNING EBAY: HOW TO BUY , for teens and adults, 10 a.m. March 8, White River library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood, 885-1330	9 "MARY POPPINS," 2 and 7:30 p.m. March 9, 7:30 p.m. March 10, Artcraft Theatre, 57 N. Main St., Franklin, \$5 for adults, \$4 for students and seniors, \$3 for children, 736-6823	10 ETHOS ART SHOW , 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 10, Franklin Parks and Recreation, 396 Branigin Blvd., entry forms due by March 5, 346-1198