

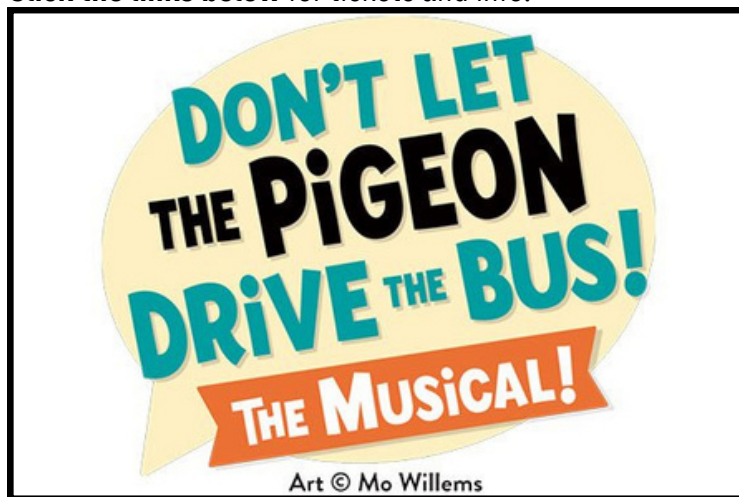
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SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR MUSEUM!

LICM continues to offer hands-on, interactive experiences that bring learning to life through the power of play.

Click the links below for tickets and info.



LIVE IN THE LICM THEATER

Back on stage after playing to sold-out crowds:

- [Don't Let Pigeon Drive the Bus!](#)
 - It's not easy being the Pigeon— you never get to do ANYTHING! This musical is sure to get everyone's wings flapping. (April 29, 2026 - June 14, 2026)
 - Sensory-friendly performances are also available
- [A Semiquincenten-EAGLE Birthday](#), an original LICM production. (June 27, 2026 - August 12, 2026)

OUTDOOR SENSORY GARDEN EXHIBIT

- [Our Backyard & H2O!](#), LICM's outdoor interactive space, invites exploration of natural elements, music, art, and water play. Let's get back outside! (H2O! opens on June 6, 2026)

SPECIAL EVENTS

- [Birthday Ball Drop](#) for the 250th Anniversary of the U.S. Join us for New Year's Eve-style family fun! (July 1)
- [Franklin's 50th Birthday!](#): Celebrate Franklin, LICM's Eastern Box Turtle, who is turning 50 at a Terrific Turtle Tribute. (July 17, 2026)

NEW TRAVELING EXHIBIT

- [Red, White & Blue Blocks](#): Build together with our GIANT lightweight Blue Blocks. (May 23, 2026 - Sept. 6, 2026)

PLAN YOUR VISIT! Check out our full [Calendar](#).

ENGINEERING WEEK & BIOBUS

Sponsored by [nationalgrid](#)



February Break Week was **Engineering Week** at LICM as we hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the **National Grid BioBus Mobile Lab**. During this exclusive members-only event, LICM visitors got the very first look at the new science lab.

Visitors explored the BioBus along with community scientists, who guided them in using high-powered microscopes to investigate samples like insects, soil, water, flowers, and more.

Inside the Museum, visitors were transported to Oz through the spectacular weeklong project, **"Emerald City – Build, Power, Invent Together"**. Each day, they contributed to the design of a growing city, using craft materials and simple circuits to spark creativity, teamwork, and hands-on exploration of art, engineering, and sustainability.

Pictured above: Andrew Quintero (Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of NYS Sen. Siela Bynoe), Latasha Wright (BioBus Scientific Officer), Erika Floreska, Robert Simmons III (VP, Social Impact & Community Engagement, National Grid), Yaryl Gonzalez (Public Affairs, National Grid).



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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Friends!

In a world of constant digital distractions, Long Island Children's Museum invites children and families to put down their devices and come together to explore, laugh, and discover side-by-side.

For more than 30 years, LICM has become much more than a place to play. It is a space where more than 300,000 yearly visitors come together to truly connect.

The Museum's focus is simple: **We center the well-being of children and families through play and meaningful, shared experiences.** Every exhibit, workshop, and performance is thoughtfully designed to spark conversation, collaboration, and connection across generations and cultures. And every day, our community is strengthened by LICM's mission.

This year, we are bringing that mission to life in NEW ways:

- Our free weekly *Mini Mingle* program offers caregivers and children a chance to connect and socialize.
- **Adults-Only Nostalgia Nights** invite grown-ups to reconnect with their own sense of play.
- A new series of *Free Family Nights* and workshops sponsored by **J.P. Morgan Chase** expanded our mission-focused programming for families.
- And our first **Pi Day Celebration** was just plain fun as visitors got a chance to "Pie the President"! (See photo.)

You can read more about all of these exciting programs and events in this issue!

At LICM, we know what is possible when children and families are given space to wonder, learn, and grow together.

Thank you for being part of the generous community that makes this all possible!

Esha S. Plesha



IMPACT SPOTLIGHT:

Our first-ever Adults-Only Nostalgia Night on May 6 was an unforgettable evening of laughter, throwbacks, and childhood memories reimagined for grown-ups!

Guests embraced their inner child as they explored Long Island Children's Museum after hours

—enjoying delicious food, music from a live DJ, giant games, hopscotch, and cornhole. Attendees created projects made of wood in our *Tool Box* exhibit and tested their skills at nostalgic favorites, including an actual **Donkey Kong** arcade game, while reconnecting with the exhibits they loved as kids. Some guests even crawled through *Climb-It@LICM!* Many in attendance also tasted **LICM honey made in the Museum's very own beehives** and were able to purchase their own jars from the Museum Store. **Check out some fun photos [HERE!](#)**

The night also gave 180 adults of all ages the chance to share memories of visiting the Museum with their own parents—and **now returning as adults themselves.** From heartfelt testimonial videos to lively social media moments and a packed dance floor, the energy throughout the evening was incredible. Thank you to everyone who attended, supported, and helped make our first Adults-Only Nostalgia Night such a memorable success.

Special thanks to **Liberty Coca-Cola, Oyster Bay Brewing Company,** and **Jones Beach Brewing Company** for their generous contributions.

Be sure to follow us on social media to be the first to know about the next Adults-Only Nostalgia Night!



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Unlock More with Membership!

Members enjoy many benefits, including unlimited free admission to exclusive Member-Only hours at the Museum, discounts on birthday parties, the LICM Theater, and the Museum Store, access to 200+ Children's Museums and Science Centers, and so much more! **Ask about our Grandparents Memberships and Corporate Access!**

Begin your membership today by visiting our website at licm.org/membership or in person at the Box Office. For any questions, please contact membership@licm.org.

A Museum membership pays for itself in just 3 VISITS and can be purchased with LICM Gift Cards.

Upcoming Member-Only Hours (9 am - 10 am)

JUNE: Sat., 6/6 & Sat., 6/20

JULY: Thu., 7/9 & Tue., 7/21

AUGUST: Sun., 8/2 & Mon., 8/24

CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

At LICM, the world comes together to play, explore, and celebrate.

Cultural Celebrations invite families to explore traditions, stories, and customs from around the globe through joyful, hands-on, multi-sensory experiences.

In partnership with community organizations, these vibrant events create moments of connection, curiosity, and shared celebration for all.

So far in 2026, thousands of visitors joined us as LICM celebrated **Lunar New Year** with special performances by Chinese Theater Works, **Purim** with performances by Metropolitan Klezmer, **Eid al-Adha**, and **Holi**. This is also LICM's second year celebrating **Carnival: A Celebration of Caribbean & Latin American Culture**.



On February 28, during LICM's Carnival festival, visitors enjoyed samba dancing, stilt walkers, steel drummers, and scrumptious food samples.

We are truly grateful for all of the [generous funders who made these celebrations possible.](#)

"INSIDE OUT" AFTER HOURS

On Friday, January 16, members enjoyed an exclusive after-hours experience at the Museum, getting a first look at **Emotions at Play with Pixar's Inside Out** before it opened to the public.

Families explored the entire Museum in a relaxed, members-only setting filled with hands-on activities, creativity, and discovery.

The evening offered a **special opportunity for connection** - caregivers shared how meaningful it was to have dedicated one-on-one time with their children in a fun, welcoming environment.

Many also appreciated the flexibility that membership provides, noting how often they're able to visit, enjoy new and changing exhibits, and take advantage of evening hours that are especially appealing for older children. Moments like these highlight the value of **creating space for families to learn, play, and make lasting memories together.**



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IT'S GALA TIME!

Save the Date for our **2026 Cupcakes & Cocktails Gala**, a special evening benefiting LICM's mission to celebrate curiosity, promote discovery, and facilitate learning through the power of play.

Join us on **Thursday, October 8**, for a luminous evening of celebration and impact at LICM! **Together, we'll illuminate the power of play** while supporting a meaningful cause and a trusted cornerstone of the Long Island community and beyond.

Tickets and sponsorships are available now. Visit LICM.org/Cupcakes2026 or email us at Cupcakes@licm.org.

Ways YOU can support what matters:

- Make a [one-time or recurring donation](#)
- Become an [LICM member](#) for member-only perks
- Make an [in-kind donation](#) of supplies, wood, and paint
- Reserve an award-winning [birthday party](#).
- Book a [private or corporate event](#) in a playful venue
- Schedule a [group museum visit](#) or [bring LICM to your organization](#)
- Attend an interactive performance in the [LICM Theater](#) or [name a theater seat](#) to leave a legacy
- [Volunteer](#), join a committee, or become a Trustee

Please visit licm.org/support-us for more impact stories and ways you can become involved, or contact us at Development@licm.org.



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DONOR SPOTLIGHT:



We thank the Guru Krupa Foundation for their support of our **Holi Festival** on April 12, 2026. More than 1,000 visitors enjoyed this cultural celebration of spring with traditional Indian folk music, dance, sweet treats, and clouds of colorful gulal powder made from flowers.



Erika Floreska with Mukund Padmanabhan (Founder and President of Guru Krupa Foundation Inc.) and Abha Roy (Cultural Advisor and Director of Srijan Dance Center).

AWARDS & ACCREDITATIONS



On April 28th, LICM was recognized as an "Arts & Culture" finalist at the 2026 Long Island Imagine Awards.



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