



# VIRGINIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*The Story of Virginia*

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## **Free Museum Admission + Free Family Activities = Perfect Summer Afternoon** **Virginia Historical Society Offering Family-Friendly Activities in August**

Richmond, VA—With its entertaining and educational exhibitions and powerfully cool air conditioning, a visit to the Virginia Historical Society (VHS) is the perfect family activity for a hot summer afternoon. But, the VHS is making a trip to the museum even more exciting with the introduction of August Afternoons.

Beginning Tuesday, August 3, and continuing until Tuesday, August 31, the VHS is offering the opportunity for families to participate in interactive activities while they visit the museum. August Afternoons take place from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays and consist of coloring projects, photography and artifact analysis, and exhibition scavenger hunts.

“The scavenger hunt and children’s crafts and games that we had at the VHS Free Family Day Open House on Saturday, July 17, were such a huge success that we decided to continue to offer family-friendly activities on a regular basis,” said Paul Levensgood, VHS President and CEO. “August Afternoons will consist of changing activities for children to do with their parents so that all museum visitors are active, engaged, and involved with the Virginia history that they see all around them here at the VHS.”

The children’s activities will take place in the VHS Carole M. and Marcus M. Weinstein Classroom and the scavenger hunts in *The Story of Virginia* and *Virginians at Work* exhibitions. In addition to museum admission being free, all August Afternoon children’s activities are provided at no cost.

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For more than 182 years, the **Virginia Historical Society** (VHS) has been connecting people to America’s past through the unparalleled story of Virginia. The VHS—a history museum and research library—features award-winning exhibitions that are entertaining and educational for visitors of all ages. The Society is the only museum with all of Virginia’s history under one roof—all centuries, all regions, and all topics are covered. Although designated the Official State Historical Society, the VHS is a privately funded non-profit organization that relies on contributions from individuals, corporations, and foundations to sustain its operations. The VHS is located at 428 North Boulevard in Richmond’s Museum District. Admission is free. Museum hours are Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m.–5 p.m. Library hours are Monday–Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m. For more information, call (804) 358-4901, visit [www.vahistorical.org](http://www.vahistorical.org), or find the VHS on Facebook and Twitter.

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