

PAMA has fun, interactive happenings for Family Day

Residents and their families are invited to spend a fun-filled day at the Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) this Family Day (Feb. 17).

Enjoy a free day of fascinating exhibitions, interactive activities and exciting workshops. Take advantage of some much-deserved family time with a full day of exploration, connections and creations at PAMA.

PAMA staff will be on hand throughout the day to provide information on the many exhibitions featured at the art gallery, museum and archives.

The True Patriot: The Next Generation of Canadian Superheroes exhibition, showcases the best in graphic novels, while George Walker's The Mysterious Death of Tom Thomson features a limited edition, hand-printing volume of 100 engravings, and Inked: Tattoos and the Stories They Tell explores the popularity of tattooing through a crowd-sourced exhibition.

Here's what's happening throughout Family Day:

? Superhero ?Selfies? activity from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Children can show off their superpowers by dressing up in superhero costumes provided by PAMA, and creating their own facemasks, arm bands, power rings and sound-effect cards during our hands-on activity. Families can capture their little masked crusaders in front of a decorated comic-style frame using their own cameras or smartphones.

? Full-grown, Full-blown Superheroes from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Spot life-sized costumed superheroes as they stroll through PAMA by day before they prepare to fight crime at night.

? Curate your own exhibition activity from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Be a curator for a day. Using images from the PAMA collection, select the pieces that you would put together in your very own ?museum exhibition.?

? Instructor-led drop-in family activities from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. These popular drop-in family activities will be available all day. Join educators as they lead everyone through great exhibition-based activities, including making pierced-tin lantern designs and creating comic character costumes.

? The World of Comics and Superheroes Workshop from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Inspired by PAMA's True Patriot: The Next Generation of Canadian Superheroes exhibition, Kevin Hickey from Stadium Comics will dive into the world of comics and superheroes. Explore the history of comics, collecting, learn some fun facts, and create your own cover for a comic.

? True Patriot book signing from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Meet some of the creators of True Patriot comic book anthology and get your copy signed. Comics are available for purchase at the PAMA store.

??Drop-in interactive henna demonstrations from 1 to 3:30 p.m. With inspiration from the exhibition Inked: Tattoos and the Stories They Tell, turn your hands into a work of art during the drop-in, interactive Henna/Mehndi demonstration with artist Sofia Mian.

? Jay Stephens Avro Arrow discussion from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Join comic book creator Jay Stephens as he takes visitors through his work based around the Avro Arrow, Canada's most famous aircraft.

PAMA is a place to explore and learn about Peel Region's culture and heritage, as well as use conversation, questions and stories to help make new and fascinating connections to the surrounding community. Throughout the year, PAMA offers a variety of workshops and programs for all ages, families and adults. With so many different programs to choose from, PAMA has something for everyone.

Operated by the Region of Peel, PAMA is at 9 Wellington St. E. in Brampton. Visit pama.peelregion.ca to learn more.