

Free Community Day

On Sunday, December 11th from 10:00AM – 6:00PM the Museum will be hosting FREE Community Day we will be offering FREE Admission to the Museum and all exhibits, FREE National Geographic Films and FREE Hot Cocoa. also our gift shop will be having a Christmas blow-out sale! Family friendly activities will be happening throughout the day including a Snowman Building Contest at 2:00pm, sleigh rides donated by Kirk Sutherland & Family, bonfire, meet and greet with your Grande Prairie Storm players and more. We will also be collecting food bank donations for the Salvation Army.

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Education Program Overhaul

Education programs at the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum have undergone an overhaul. There are now new field trip programs: Centra Counting, Toothy Tyrants, and Flying Creatures. These are 30 minute programs designed for grades 3-9. Learn about *Megalodon* the giant shark; cartilaginous fishes and shark backbone rings; and prehistoric flying creatures such as pterosaurs, *Archaeopteryx*, and *Microraptor*.

These programs are a way to enable children to employ their imaginations as well as their measuring and mathematical skills to understand the size and dimensions of these creatures from long ago. For high schoolers there is a new Palaeo program: Palaeo 20. It allows students to earn science credits while engaging with museum specialists and real fossils. This program is intended for students who have completed Palaeo 10 and want to learn more about palaeontology and Alberta's prehistoric past.

Keep your Saturdays open on November 19th and December 10th as we have lecture series speakers: palaeontologist David Evans as well as physicist Jason Donev giving interesting talks in the museum theatre.

Upcoming Events

- Nov 11th:** Remembrance Day – Museum open 12-6PM
- Nov 19th:** Lecture Series: 3PM – Dr. David Evans, Palaeontologist 'Wendiceratops and Canada's new dinosaur revolution'
- Dec 10th:** Lecture Series: 3PM – Dr. Jason Donev, Physicist 'Energy poverty and climate change: humanity's great challenge'
- Dec 11th:** FREE Community Day 10-6PM



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“Dinosaurs Take Flight: The Art of Archaeopteryx” is a new travelling exhibit that explores the world of *Archaeopteryx*, the first bird, on display at the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum until the end of December. The exhibit showcases what we know about the body of *Archaeopteryx*, with casts of eight of the 11 known specimens of the species on display. You'll also be able to see the animals that lived and died alongside *Archaeopteryx* in Germany around 150 million year ago.

The exhibit also highlights the work of several palaeo-artists with many original art pieces that reconstruct the world *Archaeopteryx*. Prominent palaeo-artists of today have contributed work to the exhibit, including Mark Hallett, William Stout, Julius Csotonyi, Luis Rey, Dennis Wilson, and Gary Staab. As palaeo-art is one of the main avenues of public communication in palaeontology, the exhibit does a great job of showing how palaeontological discoveries are made, from the collection of a fossil to producing palaeo-art for public engagement. Be sure to come visit “Dinosaur Take Flight”, included with admission to the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum, before it closes at the end of 2016. - Derek Larson, Assistant Curator



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