



NANAIMO MUSEUM

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New Family Summer Activities at Nanaimo Museum

Nanaimo – Keep children entertained during summer vacation with family drop-in programs at the Nanaimo Museum. *Sea Salt & River Rocks* and *Poetry & Protests* are offered weekly for children in July and August. The activities are designed for children aged 5-12 to participate in along with their parents, grandparents or caregivers

Both programs are new this summer. "*Sea Salt & River Rocks* is a new program with activities to get kids thinking about which animals live where, making a turtle craft, and even go "fishing,"" says Steph Kveton, Program Coordinator at the museum. "Since Nanaimo is right between an ocean and rivers, it's about where the kids live too." The *Sea Salt & River Rocks* program takes place on Fridays in July and August (excluding July 20) from 1:30-3:30.

The feature exhibit, *A Call for Justice: Japanese Canadian Redress 1977-1988*, inspired *Poetry & Protests*. "Younger children can make a Sakura cherry blossom tree craft, and kids and youth up to 15 years can compose a haiku poem and create a protest sign about the change they'd like to see in the world," says Kveton. "These activities are a hands-on way of looking at a difficult subject in Canadian history while keeping a hopeful outlook to the future." The *Poetry & Protests* program takes places every Wednesday in July and August from 1:30-3:30.

The programs are included in museum admission and registration is not required. The activities are offered on an ongoing basis during the program times and take approximately one hour for children to complete. These programs are designed for families and caregivers must supervise children at all times during activities. Day camps may book group-friendly versions of the programs by contacting Steph at program@nanaimomuseum.ca

The Nanaimo Museum is open 10am-5pm daily until Labour Day weekend. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1.75 for seniors and \$0.75 for children. For more information please call 250 753-1821 or visit www.nanaimomuseum.ca. The museum is located in the Vancouver Island Conference Centre.

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