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Brooklyn Children's Museum Announces Fall 2026 Season

— Rooftop roller skating, a new BMX science exhibition, cultural celebrations, and family programs run September through December —



Fall 2026 events at Brooklyn Children's Museum (Photo credit: Winston Williams)

(Brooklyn, NY) – Brooklyn Children's Museum today announced its fall 2026 season, featuring the return of roller skating to the Museum's rooftop, the opening of Riders Ready: The Science of BMX, and a schedule of cultural celebrations and family programs from September through December.

Fall season highlights include cultural festivals, high-energy fun, civic engagement, arts and science activities, and engaging collaborations with a diverse array of community partners.

“Brooklyn Children’s Museum gives children and caregivers the freedom to learn through play, discovery, and community,” said **Atiba T. Edwards, President and CEO of Brooklyn Children’s Museum**. “As children head back to school this fall, BCM offers a joyful complement to the classroom: a place where they can follow their curiosity and discover how much of the world is within reach right here in Brooklyn. We are proud to make these experiences accessible to every family.”

Fall programming highlights:

- [**Gabby's Dollhouse MEOWseum Discovery Days \(September 11 – 13\)**](#)
 - Step into the colorful world of *Gabby's Dollhouse* for meet-and-greet sessions with costumed characters, dancing on the rooftop to DJ Catnip’s playlist, and hands-on activities inspired by Gabby and her kitty friends. Advance tickets are strongly recommended.
- [**Brooklyn Circus \(September 19\)**](#)
 - Step right up for circus thrills where kids join the act! Watch in awe as ABCirque's talented performers juggle, flip, and soar through the air. After the show, kids can join the fun by swinging in aerial hammocks, juggling, balancing on a giant wheel, and more.
- [**Empire Skate of Mind \(September 26\)**](#)
 - This fall, Brooklyn’s getting its roller rink back. *Empire Skate of Mind* brings roller skating to BCM’s rooftop terrace—strap on your skates and join us for music, all-ages fun, and a nod to the legendary Empire Roller Rink that made skating history right here in our neighborhood.
- [**Celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day \(October 11 – 12\)**](#)
 - Join Native artists sharing their living traditions in this two-day celebration of Indigenous cultures! Visitors can take part in Haudenosaunee social dances, create their own beadwork and pottery, learn traditional mush making, and shop at a Native artisan marketplace.
- [**Antiracist Family Day \(October 15\)**](#)
 - Explore antiracist practices through fun, age-appropriate activities that celebrate different identities and inspire activism! Join us for bilingual music and storytimes, local author book signings, and protest art workshops inspired by liberation movements.
 - Free for Community Access Thursdays, which takes place every Thursday from 2:00–5:00 p.m.

- **Riders Ready: The Science of BMX Exhibit Opening (October 17)**
 - Get ready to grab a helmet and hit the track! This new exhibition explores the excitement and science behind BMX. Through hands-on activities, visitors will learn about bike setup and track design, how helmets work, and the principles of speed, energy, balance and friction.
- **[Election Day at BCM \(October 29\)](#)**
 - Cast your vote and see democracy in action as kids decide which animal candidate wins BCM's mock election!
 - Free for Community Access Thursdays.
- **[Halloween at BCM \(October 31\)](#)**
 - Spooky meets cute as Halloween and anime collide in a celebration of candy, costumes, and Japanese culture. Trick-or-treat around the Museum, strut your costume on our runway, meet creepy crawly animals, and enjoy storytimes with professional cosplayers.
- **[Celebrate Día de los Muertos \(November 7\)](#)**
 - Honor your ancestors and celebrate their memories through the traditions of Día de los Muertos! Experience Mexican folkloric dance, create Guatemalan giant kites, enjoy bilingual puppet shows, and share memories at our community ofrenda.
- **[Celebrate Diwali \(November 12\)](#)**
 - Celebrate Diwali, the festival of lights, with The Culture Tree! Discover the story of Diwali through puppet storytelling, make mithai (Indian sweets), and create your own diya lamps in our ColorLab art studio.
- **[Celebrate Kwanzaa \(December 26 – 30\)](#)**
 - NYC's largest Kwanzaa festival returns for its 19th year—a week-long celebration of African heritage and culture. Join daily candle lightings, watch performances, and take part in dance, drumming, and art workshops inspired by Kwanzaa's seven principles.

Additional programs will include:

- **Meet the Muse: Kameelah Janan Rasheed visits ColorLab (November 12)**
- **Healing With Play (November 21)**

Follow BCM's website for additional news, information, and tickets as they become available:
<https://www.brooklynkids.org/>

About Brooklyn Children's Museum

Inspired by the energy and diversity of our borough, Brooklyn Children's Museum (BCM)

creates experiences that ignite curiosity, celebrate identity and cultivate joyful learning. Founded in 1899 as the world's first children's museum, BCM is New York City's largest cultural institution designed especially for families. Proudly based in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, BCM serves 300,000 children and caregivers annually with exhibits and programs grounded in visual arts, music and performance, natural science, and world cultures. For more information, visit brooklynkids.org.

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